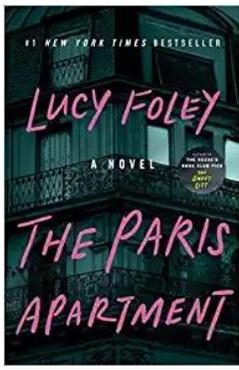


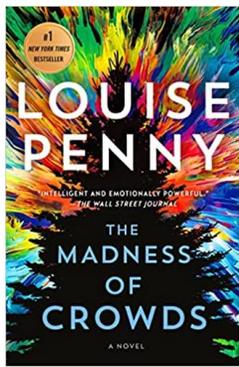
Pickleball Fundamentals

Why I enjoyed reading this book: After playing pickleball for the first time about a year ago I can understand why it is one of the fastest growing sports in America. You get all the fun parts of tennis (outdoor movement, fun with friends, competition, etc.) but without the not-so-fun parts (tennis elbow, big advantages to those who can hit the ball hard, etc.) No one in my family is going to be a professional Pickleball player but we all have fun playing the game.



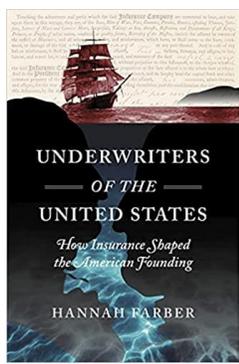
The Paris Apartment

Why I enjoyed reading this book: If there was a book version of a popcorn movie than this is it. Short chapters and a fast pace makes this book easy to read and enjoy. The author is a New York Times best-selling author and this murder mystery is a great way to spend the afternoon by the beach or pool.



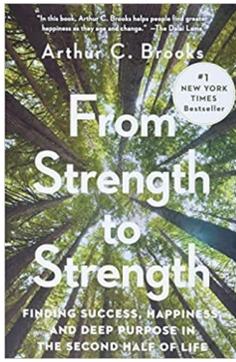
The Madness of Crowds

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Set in a small Canadian town slowly reopening after the COVID lockdown the story reads like a modern day "Murder on the Orient Express". One victim, a closed environment, a list of suspects all with motivation, and a limited amount of time the investigators have to solve the problem. A little slow at first, but hard to put down towards the end.



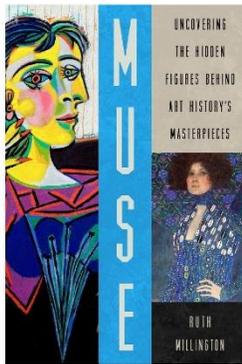
Underwriters of the United States: How Insurance Shaped the American Founding

Why I enjoyed reading this book: We all have heard the stories of Washington, Paul Revere, Hamilton, etc. but before reading this book I had never read the stories of how the insurance industry helped fund the Revolutionary and the early years of the country. Best of all, the author is able to tell these stories and facts in an easy-to-read edu-taining style.



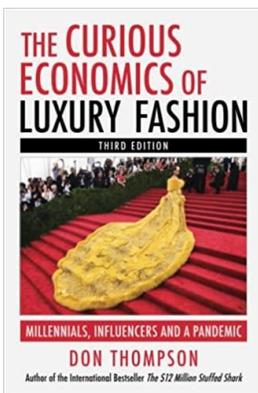
From Strength to Strength: Finding Happiness in Second Half.

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Generally speaking, people tend to slow down on multiple levels in the second half of their life: career advancements slow, physical energy slow, fewer new friendships are made, etc. The question becomes “How do we not have our happiness slow down as well?” This book is not perfect (I think there are a few too many cliches) but there is enough meat to make the meal worthwhile.



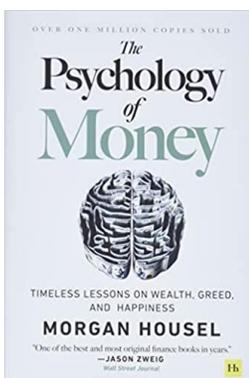
Muse: Uncovering the Hidden Figures Behind Art History's Masterpieces

Why I enjoyed reading this book: When reading this book, I felt as if I was making my way through an art museum with a guide walking me from one masterpiece to the next providing behind the scenes commentary of how each piece came to be. You don't have to be an art expert to appreciate the stories and pictures in this book.



The Curious Economics of Luxury Fashion: Millennials, Influencers, and a Pandemic

Why I enjoyed reading this book: You don't need to have a subscription to Cosmo to appreciate this book. We all spend money on clothes, but why do we value some brands so much more than other brands that look similar? How is the internet changing the luxury fashion world? How come there seems to be more outlet stores than there are of the traditional stores of that brand name (Example more Nordstrom Rack stores than Nordstrom stores)? These are just some of the questions answered in this book.



The Psychology of Money: Timeless Lessons on Wealth, Greed, and Happiness

Why I enjoyed reading this book: Morgan Housel is one of my favorite authors because he does a great job of shifting the world of finance from the academic lecture hall to the everyday world of the dinner table. The book is a collection of 19 short stories. This makes it a) easy to put down and pick back up again later b) offers a variety of real-world situations and examples.