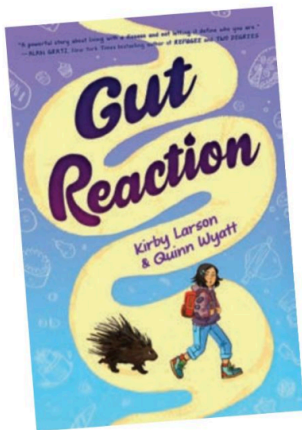


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IN HONOR OF NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVER'S MONTH, LIBRARIANS AT THE MANDEL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF WEST PALM BEACH SHARE THEIR MOST ANTICIPATED RELEASES

BY MARY MURRAY



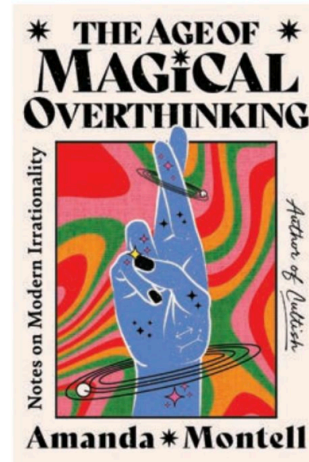
JILLIAN M. MOUTON,

Children's Librarian

Pick: *Gut Reaction* by Kirby Larson and Quinn Wyatt

Pub Date: March 5

"I'm so happy to see stories about invisible illness and disability on the rise in young adult fiction. *Gut Reaction* promises to be a sweet, funny, and emotionally sincere exploration inspired by Quinn's personal journey. The book shares how chronic illness and grief can change our lives—mixed with the giddy drama of a baking competition."



LUCKAS ARIAS TORFS,

Technology Librarian

Pick: *The Age of Magical Overthinking: Notes on Modern Irrationality* by Amanda Montell

Pub Date: April 9

"Montell's newest book explores the role celebrities and social media have in shaping mindsets and trends and how that affects us in real life. I started reading some of her other works and I'm sold. She knows how to capture your attention and provide details without going over your head."



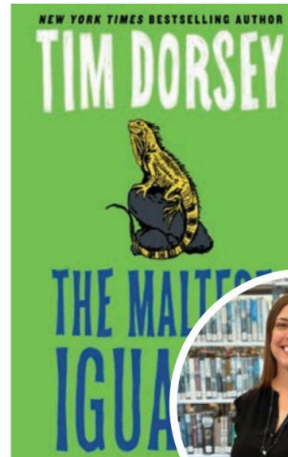
CAMILA RODRIGUEZ-DURBIN,

Children's Librarian

Pick: *Emergency Quarters* by Carlos Matias, with illustrations by Gracey Zhang

Pub Date: May 28

"[*Emergency Quarters*] features a Dominican American boy trying not to spend his few quarters on treats in case he needs them for an emergency. Since it is based off a story first published in *The New York Times* Metropolitan Diary 'Best of the Year,' I'm excited to see how it will translate into a picture book."



LISA HATHAWAY, Library Director

Pick: *The Maltese Iguana: A Novel* by Tim Dorsey

Pub Date: Paperback available in February

"I must suggest a paperback version debut by Florida author Tim Dorsey, who recently passed away. His Florida fiction is so fun, and he was such a strong supporter of libraries, including visiting the Mandel Public Library several times. *The Maltese Iguana* ... pays tribute to a talented author who could tell a twisted tale that always left you smiling and wanting more."



BETHANY HANKIN,

Adult Services Librarian

Pick: *One of Us Knows* by Alyssa Cole

Pub Date: April 16

"*New York Times* best-selling romance author Alyssa Cole's 2020 debut thriller, *When No One is Watching*, was a solid five-star read for me. I'm now counting down to her follow-up, *One of Us Knows*, an intense thriller that is getting rave reviews. I'm ready to immerse myself in the world of Kenetria, the new caretaker of a historic estate who finds herself trapped on an island with a murderer—and the ghosts of her past."



KAYLIN WRIGHT, Associate Teen Librarian

Pick: *A Darker Mischief* by Derek Milman

Pub Date: July 2

"I'm so eager to hear what our teens think about Cal, a queer teen from Mississippi who has been accepted into a prestigious boarding school. There, he finds himself swept into a whole new world filled with luxury, prestige, and a secret society for which he must dangerously decide how far he will go in the initiation process."

