SEASON'S READINGS

From the Staff of Drexel Library at Saint Joseph's University

Ene Andrilli:  Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the “Saint of Calcutta,” edited by Fr. Brian Klodiejchuk, M.C.
An exceptional journey into the spiritual life of a saint of our times who surrendered to God's Will in all things with no consolation of her own.

Michael Brooks:  An American Story by Debra J. Dickerson
An insightful and frank biography of an American woman pursuing her slice of the American dream.

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Art of War by Sun Tzu
A useful philosophical study on war and understanding the military (or military-like) mind.

Naomi Cohen: Climbing the Mango Trees by Madhur Jaffrey
An intriguing and evocative memoir of growing up in India in the 1930s and 1940s; includes family recipes.

Digging to America by Anne Tyler
A novel that addresses themes of adoption and ethnicity, affectingly revealing the thoughts and feelings of its various characters.

Marian Courtney: Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv
Viewing regular and unstructured interaction with the natural world as essential to well being, the author explores positive benefits and negative consequences of the ever-increasing lack.

Christopher Dixon: England's Mistress: The Infamous Life of Emma Hamilton by Kate Williams
Emma is best known for her scandalous affair with England's most celebrated naval hero, Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson.

Brothers in Battle, Best of Friends by William "Wild Bill" Guarnere, Edward "Babe" Heffron with Robyn Post
Two South Philadelphia members of the "Band of Brothers" relate their World War II experiences in the 101st Airborne.

Margie Guinan: For One More Day by Mitch Alborn
This book touches on important things in life. A lot of emotion.

Anthony Kamara: Your Best Life Now and Become a Better You by Joel Osteen
Ellie Knickman  The Intrepid Quaker: One Man's Quest for Peace by Stephen G. Cary  Steve Cary's life, from prisons to schools to Nobel laureates, told with humor, focus, insight, and always love. Includes selected speeches.

Linda Kubala  The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd  A coming-of-age story of a white teenage girl from the rural South in the turbulent 1960s. Her search to uncover the mystery of her mother's death leads her to recognize the value of life.

Mary Martinson  At Hell's Gate: A Soldier's Journey from War to Peace by Claude Anshin Thomas  The author shares his experiences of the Vietnam War, its crippling aftereffects, and the slow healing process that leads him to become a Buddhist monk and world peace activist.

Evelyn Minick  The Glass Castle: a Memoir by Jeannette Walls  A story of siblings surviving neglectful and eccentric parents, all told with great humor and compassion.

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Evelyn Minick  Lost in Translation by Eva Hoffman  The brilliant daughter of Holocaust survivors loses her sense of place and belonging when she emigrates from Poland to Vancouver. A fascinating and moving memoir that defines the experience of exile.

Marjorie Rathbone  Run by Ann Patchett  An intricate novel about family, parental love, and loss.

Cynthia Slater  The World Without Us by Alan Weisman  A speculative tour of post-human Earth - how long do man-built things last once we're gone?

Where's My Jetpack?: A Guide to the Amazing Science Fiction Future that Never Arrived by Daniel H. Wilson  A look at a future that didn't happen, or hasn't happened yet. The author is a robotics expert (his previous book is How to Survive a Robot Uprising).

Martha Van Auken  Innocent in Death by J.D. Robb