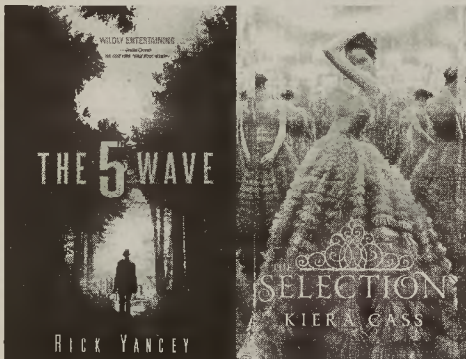


Arts & Entertainment

Books for Break

Mariah Ambrose, Contributing Writer

Jane Austen once said, "I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book!" For those of you who are lovers of books and reading, like myself, finding the time during the semester to sit down and read one is difficult. Luckily spring break is on its way, and along with it some time to read. Below are three novels with short descriptions that I personally love. I hope you enjoy them just as much as I did, and enjoy your Spring Break!



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The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

Genres: Young Adult, Science Fiction, Apocalyptic, Dystopia

The beings that only look human have already brought on the first four waves. Now the last wave remains and Cassie Walker believes that she must stay alone to survive. That is, until she meets Evan Walker. He may be her only chance to save her brother. Cassie must choose to trust or run - to defy or surrender - to give up or get up.

Ripper by Stefan Petrucha

Genres: Mystery, Historical Fiction, Young Adult, Thriller

Carver Young. This is the character that Ripper revolves around - a smart and curious orphan who dreams of becoming a detective. Carver is given his opportunity after the world famous Detective Hawking adopts him as an apprentice. However, Carver soon finds himself directly in the middle of an investigation into a vicious serial killer who has put New York City into sheer panic. This murder-mystery challenges what you thought you knew about the world's most famous serial killer in the most curious and non-stop way possible.

The Selection by Kiera Cass

Genres: Young Adult, Dystopia, Romance, Fiction

The most accurate short description of this book is to tell you to put together the novel The Hunger Games and the TV show The Bachelor. Based in the future under a monarchist United States, now known as Illéa, a caste system has been formed. Thirty-five girls have an opportunity to escape their castes by entering the Selection. Glittering gowns, priceless jewels, and a chance to compete for the heart of the Prince waits for those who are chosen. However, for America Singer it means leaving her secret love Aspen, fighting for a crown she doesn't want, and living in a palace that is constantly threatened by rebel attacks.

Art in Bloom

Sarah Cullen, Staff Writer

While the snow falls and the cold winter winds blow in, it is hard to imagine spring and its flowers are anywhere near us. While they may be far from our front lawns, the North Carolina Museum of Art is bringing them into the museum. Starting Thursday, Mar. 19, the museum will have its inaugural festival of art and flowers. With floral designers from across North Carolina and throughout the world, the West building will become a haven of springtime amidst all of the cold weather. The floral masterpieces will be interpreting several masterworks from the permanent collection with 45 beautiful and bountiful flower displays.

The exhibition will last only four days, from Mar. 19-22 and will consist of not only the beautiful floral exhibits, but also public docent-led tours throughout the flowers, receptions, and special talks with renowned florists such as Shane Connolly, the Royal Florist who was the mastermind behind the beautiful Princess Kate's wedding floral displays at her wedding to Prince William in 2011. There will also be a walk in the park guided tour that will lead visitors through the Museum Park and pond if warmer weather permits.

During the four day special exhibition, the West building that houses the permanent collection for the North Carolina Museum of Art will be closed to the public without a ticket to the Art in Bloom exhibition (the East building which houses the temporary and rotating collection and the Museum Park will remain open). This amazing event is free for children 6 and under, and only costs \$15 for all other patrons (\$10 if you are a NCMA member) and the tickets can be bought through the phone by calling (919) 839-NCMA. So, do not let these gloomy winter days keep you blue, come out and remember the beauty of spring at this wonderful floral festival at the art museum down the street from our wonderful Meredith College.



via NCMA

Player Spotlight: Lacrosse Player Jessica Sampson

Shantel Jordan, Staff Writer

MCGs, meet this week's Player Spotlight: Jessica Sampson. She's a freshman attack on the Meredith College Lacrosse team. I caught up with Jessica to take a look at her lacrosse career and to get to know her a bit better.

She has been playing lacrosse since her sophomore year at Heritage High School, where she was a midfielder. Since beginning her college lacrosse career, she has changed up positions and now plays attack for the Avenging Angels. She first knew she wanted to play for Meredith when she was in high school and the coaches came to help out with one of her practices.

Jessica contributes most of her knowledge in lacrosse to her current coaches because of all the hard work they put into the team. Before games, she likes to listen to her own music and get in the zone - reggae, R&B and rap to be exact.

She says that her biggest fans this far have been her father and her brother, who have always been there and support her in life. Lacrosse has been a great way for her to meet new people and to learn the importance of discipline. She says that her biggest strength is being a versatile player and she likes to challenge herself when she's on the field.

Putting in nearly 12 hours a week in practice certainly teaches these young ladies how to work hard both on and off the field. It's all about time management and being able to juggle schoolwork and athletics, but at Meredith College anything is possible. Lacrosse season is in full swing from now until April, so come out and support your fellow Angels as they hope to make another run for the NCAA Tournament. Meredith College Lacrosse - Going Strong.