



## What We're Reading!

Week one of social distancing and staying home started strong. I caught up on all my shows, cleaned my room, and spent some quality time bonding with my roommates (while maintaining the 6ft safe distance of course.) I even crossed a few items off my work to-do list that I'd been trying to get to for months. It's amazing all of the things you can finally accomplish when your normal routine is disrupted, and you have limited options for procrastination.

If you're like me, you're looking for ways to keep yourself busy during this social isolation. What better way to pass the time than by reading a great book! I've compiled a list of our staff's favorite reads including books they love to read with their kids! *\*Book descriptions found on amazon.com\**

### **Books for Adults:**

#### **Beastie Boys Book by Michael Diamond & Adam Horovitz**

*With a style as distinctive and eclectic as a Beastie Boys album, Beastie Boys Book upends the typical music memoir. Alongside the band narrative, you will find rare photos, original illustrations, a cookbook by chef Roy Choi, a graphic novel, a map of Beastie Boys' New York, mixtape playlists, pieces by guest contributors, and many more surprises.*

#### **Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert**

*Readers of all ages and walks of life have drawn inspiration and empowerment from Elizabeth Gilbert's books for years. Now, this beloved author digs deep into her generative process to share her wisdom and unique perspective about creativity. With profound empathy and radiant generosity, she offers potent insights into the mysterious nature of inspiration. She asks us to embrace our curiosity and let go of needless suffering.*

#### **Bossy Pants by Tina Fey**

*Before Liz Lemon, before "Weekend Update", before "Sarah Palin", Tina Fey was just a young girl with a dream: a recurring stress dream that she was being chased through a local airport by her middle-school gym teacher. She also had a dream that one day she would be a comedian on TV. She has seen both of those dreams come true. At last, Tina Fey's story can be told. From her youthful days as a vicious nerd to her tour of duty on Saturday Night Live; from her passionately halfhearted pursuit of physical beauty to her life as a mother eating things off the floor; from her one-sided college romance to her nearly fatal honeymoon - from the beginning of this paragraph to this final sentence.*

#### **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman**

*Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what*



she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office.

### **Energy Bus by Jon Gordon**

*In the mode of other best-selling business fables, The Energy Bus takes listeners on an enlightening and inspiring ride that reveals 10 secrets for approaching life and work with the kind of positive, forward-thinking that leads to true accomplishment - at work and home. Everyone faces challenges. And every person, organization, company, and team will have to overcome negativity and adversity to define themselves and create their success.*

### **Every Day I Fight by Stuart Scott**

*Shortly before he passed away, on January 4, 2015, Stuart Scott completed work on this memoir. It was both a labor of love and a love letter to life itself. Not only did Stuart relate his personal story - his childhood in North Carolina, his supportive family, his athletic escapades, his on-the-job training as a fledgling sportscaster, his being hired and eventual triumphs at ESPN - but he shared his intimate struggles to keep his story going.*

### **Find Your Yellow Tux: How to Be Successful by Standing Out by Jesse Cole**

*Stop standing still. Start standing out. Whether in school, factories, or corporate offices, people are in a mad rush to the middle, going about their business and fitting in. The problem is, while you may feel as if you're doing your own thing, you're not—you're doing what's expected of you. To stand out, take whatever you think is normal, and do the exact opposite. In Find Your Yellow Tux, Jesse Cole, an in-demand speaker and baseball ringleader, shares how you can achieve amazing things by doing the unexpected.*

### **Little fires everywhere by Celeste NG**

*From the bestselling author of Everything I Never Told You, a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives Little Fires Everywhere explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood—and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.*

### **(Parents Only) Stop doing that \$#!%: End-Self Sabotage and Demand Your Life Back by Gary John Bishop**

*Bishop explains how our destructive cycles come down to the way we're wired. We can't save money. We land in the same type of toxic relationship. We're stuck in a rut at work. Analyzing why we act the way we do, including what our common grenades are that blow up our lives, Bishop then shows how we can interrupt the cycle and stop self-sabotaging our lives.*

### **Books for Children:**

#### **Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell**

*This is how it all began - in 1963, Norman Bridwell published his very first Clifford book, and kids*



have loved Clifford ever since. He's an adorable dog whose well-meaning bumbblings have great kid appeal. Clifford is Emily Elizabeth's, and everyone's, favorite big red dog!

### **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems**

*When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place—a pigeon! But you've never met one like this before.*

### **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed**

*Their teeth are brushed, their pajamas are on, and as soon as they say good night to Mama, the five little monkeys start to jump on their bed! But trouble awaits as, one by one, they fall off and bump their heads! The uproarious rhyme is brought to life in this family favorite. With its mischievous illustrations and surprising twist, this contemporary classic is a sturdy and beautiful book to give as a gift or add to a home library.*

### **Stick Man by Julia Donaldson**

*Stick Man lives in the family tree. With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three. But one day, Stick Man is carried off by a mischievous dog who wants to play fetch! Things go from bad to worse as Stick Man is carried farther and farther away from home. Lonely and lost, Stick Man wants nothing more than to be home with his family for Christmas. And when he helps Santa Claus out of a bind, he finds the perfect ticket home!*

### **Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson**

*The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch's hat, then her bow, and then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?*

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