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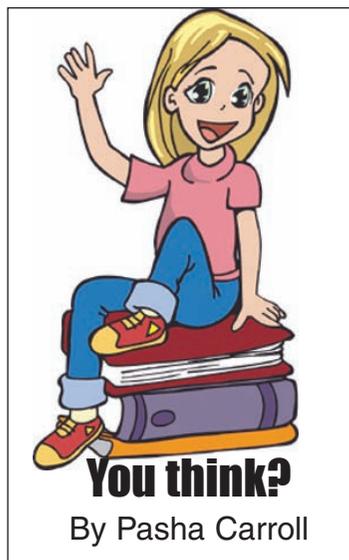
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Arts & Entertainment

Books as best friends, therapists, teachers, cohorts and criminals



Stockpiled neatly in an alphabetical line. Titles towering, stacked over one another. Each book promises a different fantasy fulfilled. A best friend at the beach, exotic thoughts in bed, pages to take your mind off life.

Books are words strewn together to create an endless wealth of knowledge.

Opening the doors to a library or to a bookstore can open you to a host of subject matter.

One can teach you to cook like Nigella Lawson.

Another can show you the path of enlightenment through T'ai chi.

One can teach you to be free sexually.

One can teach you how to tame a wild horse.

And one can teach you how to check your anger at the door.

And yet another can help break your addictions, even to love.

Some books pull you into other lives.

Lives you'd never dare lead.



A book can take you on a voyage across the ocean. Or through enchanted woods to a land created in the imagination.

Photo filled pages can show you places you never dreamed of seeing. The pages illustrate a sea as accessible as the Mediterranean, a continent as close as Asia.

In bright luster they show the coast of Nice, the canals in Venice or snow-capped glaciers in the Arctic.

They can take you into a dark world of hatred and loneliness. They can bring you into the mind of a killer, a rapist a bigamist.

A war waged against innocent bystanders.

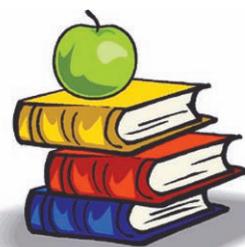
Books before they became movies.

Books of poetry filled with silly, romantic, moving language.

Books can pull you closer to your child, your lover, your mother.

Some of my favorites are ones I will read a trillion times, until my eyes fail.

Then, I hope someone will read me those words I crave, even in my darkness.



Some titles I live by ...

The quintessential children's book ... Robert N. Munsch "Love You Forever."

This one is treasured by most mothers I know, including my own.

There are books to guide you growing up ... *Judy Blume, "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret."*

A classic for girls reaching the brink of being young women.

A book to teach how much fun poetry can be ... *Shel Silverstein, "Where the Sidewalk Ends."*

The perfect book to read with a child.

There are some that teach you to truly love ... *John Steinbeck, "Of Mice and Men."*

I know everyone had to read it in high school. Well reread it as an adult, the meaning may even be more startling.

There are books that will teach you the true horrors of war ... *John Hersey, "Hiroshima."*

From the eyes of survivors of the first atomic bomb.

There are books that will scare you, for you know it is out there ... *Wally Lamb, "I Know This Much is True."*

Don't be intimidated because it's thick, I promise every detail is vital.

There is a sacred moment for everyone blessed enough to know how to read.

'You think' is a weekly rumination that plagues Pasha Carroll's brain. If you have something to say, call her directly (850) 267-4555.