

RTC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the March 2018 issue of RTC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER
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Recommended Reads from the RTC community

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

A thought-provoking story, filled with philosophies and witty dialogue. The story follows the life of Dorian Gray, an incredibly handsome and boyish man of affluence in Victorian-era England. Throughout the book, Gray encounters a plethora of opinionated characters that form the landscape of Gray's various epiphanies and trajectories of growth.

But Wilde's ideas, or his characters' ideas, rest within long-winded almost theatric soapboxes, which tended to tire my focus and make me wish the chapter would end already.

The book is heady and conceptual, often turning into a platform for social commentary instead of a crafted story about interesting characters.

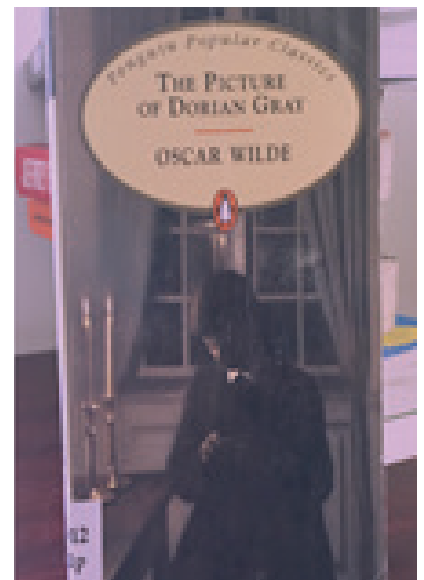
Wilde's story is one of magical-realism, a tale that blends the lines between reality and fiction. The main conflict is between Gray's attachment to his beauty and the magical portrait that stops his aging. The struggle is engaging and relatable. It's easy to be engrossed by the various ideas characters have of what beauty is, what it means to be respected in a community, and what it means to have value in oneself.

The book is good and the characters finely crafted. Dorian Gray and Lord Henry are great philosophic centers to spin your head around for the entirety of the book. I would recommend reading it, with only 188 pages in the library copy, it does more than most books.

Troy Leslie Wilkinson, Former exchange Student from Colorado State University

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Also, check out Troy's personal blog "A Further Shore: Promoting engagement and altruism one word at a time" at <https://afurthershore.blog/>



Quotes:

“The artist is the creator of beautiful things.
To reveal art and conceal the artist is art's aim.”

“Those who find ugly meanings in beautiful things are corrupt without being charming. This is a fault.

Those who find beautiful meanings in beautiful things are the cultivated. For these there is hope.

They are the elect to whom beautiful things mean only Beauty.”

Source: Goodreads



Death Note by Tsugumi Ohba

Light Yagami, an elite high school student is bored with his everyday life and feels the world is rotten and needs to be cleansed of all criminals and people who don't deserve to live in order to create a better world. One day he comes across a notebook entitled Death Note that falls out of the sky, just like that and he starts to write down names of people whom he wants dead as the notebook grants him that wish. He thinks of himself as god of the new world until someone similar to him but good, plans on bringing him to justice.

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QUOTES FROM DEATH NOTE

“This world is rotten, and those who are making it rot deserve to die. Someone has to do it, so why not me?” - *Light Yagami*

“The real evil is the power to kill people. Someone who finds himself with that power is cursed. No matter how you use it, anything obtained by killing people can never bring true happiness.” - *Soichiro Yagami*

“When you die, I'll be the one writing your name in my Death Note.” - *Ryuk*

“I am justice!” - *Light Yagami and L Lawliet*

“We've eased each other's boredom for quite a while... It's been quite fun.” - *Ryuk*

“Yagami-san, if I die in the next few days, your son is Kira.” - *L Lawliet*

“Kira is childish and he hates losing... I am also childish and I hate to lose. That's how I know.” - *L Lawliet*

“If Kira gets caught, he is evil. If Kira rules the world, he is justice.” - *Light Yagami*

“Hear this: I'm not only Kira, but I'm also God of the new world!” - *Light Yagami*

“If you can't win the game, if you can't solve the puzzle, then you're nothing but a loser.” - *Nate River*

“He who strikes first wins.” - *L Lawliet*

“Having finally made his dream reality, he was overwhelmed both by the magnitude of his achievement and by the joy and happiness that it brought him.” - *Light Yagami*

“You're just a murderer, Light Yagami. And this notebook is the deadliest weapon of mass murder in the history of mankind.” - *Nate River*

“Don't worry, Commander Rester, making assumptions is part of any investigation. If we're wrong, all it'll cost is an apology.” - *Nate River*

“The human whose name is written in this note shall die.” - *First rule of the Death Note*

“In all things, one cannot win with defense alone. To win, you must attack.” - *Light Yagami*

“An eye for an eye my friend” - *L Lawliet*

Source: MyAnimeList

The best of times by Penny Vicenzi

Looking for a novel, you don't want to leave it in the middle? Here's one of Penny Vecenzi's finest novels "The best of times", Where she unfolds the mystery about an accident on a major motorway outside of London, and vividly captures how the actions of one person can affect many in the blink of eye. The story about lost faith in relation, and diverse human behaviour.

Kintu Wangmo, BA Dev Economics

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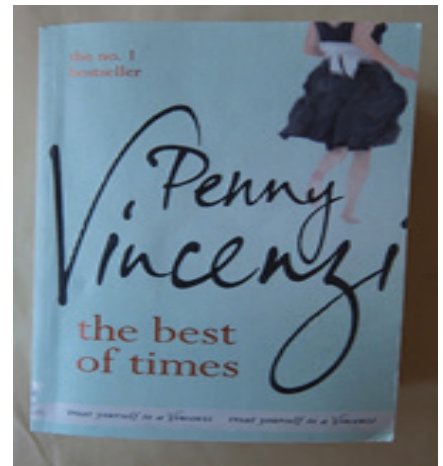
Excerpts from THE BEST OF TIMES

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. . .

On an ordinary London afternoon, a truck swerves across five lanes of traffic and creates a tangle of chaos and confusion. As loved ones wait to hear news and the hospital prepares to receive the injured, a dozen lives hang in the balance. A doctor is torn between helping the injured and hiding his young mistress; a bridegroom hopes to get to the church on time; a widow waiting to reunite with a lost love ponders whether she'll ever see him again; and the mysterious hitchhiker, the only person who knows what really happened, is nowhere to be found.

Filled with suspense, romance, and more twists than a country highway, *The Best of Times* proves once again why Penny Vincenzi is the queen of happy endings.

Source: Penguin Random House



Praise for the Best of Times

“But if you only want one book to occupy you this summer – try Penny Vincenzi’s latest, *The Best of Times*. Enthralling and heart-breaking.”

“This gripping story from one of our best-selling authors never flags.”

“Nothing could be worse than a motorway pile-up, but nothing could be better than Vincenzi’s gripping and heartfelt blockbuster about the life-changing consequences for everyone involved in one.”

Are you thinking of starting a blog??? Check out these bloggers to get some ideas on blogging and read their amazing blogs! Our very own Bhutanese Bloggers.

Kezang Choden

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My name is Kezang. You could say I'm a student.

I love reading. Not exactly a nerd in the truest sense, but I do like maintaining good grades and I'm a serious case of homebody, but I'm also pretty social. Not sure where I fit in. I guess I don't like labels. Huge fan of gender-bender. (must read: *Boy meets Boy* by David Levithan)

I'm obsessed with gay-love. It might sound weird to some of you, but to me, two guys kissing is as normal as a loaf of white bread.

People who introduce new music to me are precious.

Read more at: <http://kezangchoden.blogspot.in/p/blog-page.html>

Passu Dairy

My life is all about toilets now. It used to be about blogging once but it took me too far into being the change I was seeking that I could never really come back to full time blogging. If blogging and toilet were two friends I had, 'blogging' would be happy to know that I left him for 'toilet', which is what he wanted. On the contrary, 'toilet' is a jealous guy, he won't let me go back to blogging. He wants all my time and attention for himself.

-Toilet for my mother (Passang Dorji, Passu Dairy)

Passu Dairy is out in the book form now!!!

Read more at: www.passudiary.com/

Dorji Wangchuk

Disappointments are ...

...a part of the package for those who dare to dream. They come, at times, without any warning – as a bolt from the blues. That is fate. Other times as betrayals, rejections and human wickedness. That is destiny.

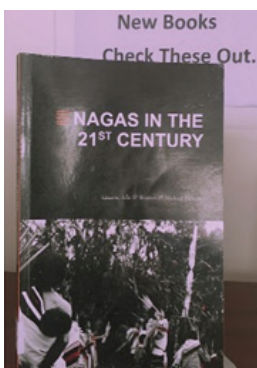
Read more at: <http://dorjiwangchuk.blogspot.com/>

Peldenwrites

Did you ever climb a hill?

Hill? A slope appears inside your mind hearing this word 'hill'. It can be either a steep slope or a gentle slope. Did the images enter? Did you see yourself climbing up the hill with springs in your boots and a walking stick in your right hand? I can see myself with a black Nike hat. My boots are bouncy. I am walking uphill.

Read more at: <http://peldenwrites.blogspot.com/>



New book by RTC Faculty

“Nagas in the 21st Century”

Edited by Dr Jelle J.P Wouters (and Michael Heneise), this book was released on December 2nd, 2017. It has a range of exciting contributions, incl two chapters by Dr Jelle J.P Wouters “Nagas in the 21st century” and “Who is Naga village? The Naga ‘village republic’ through the ages”.

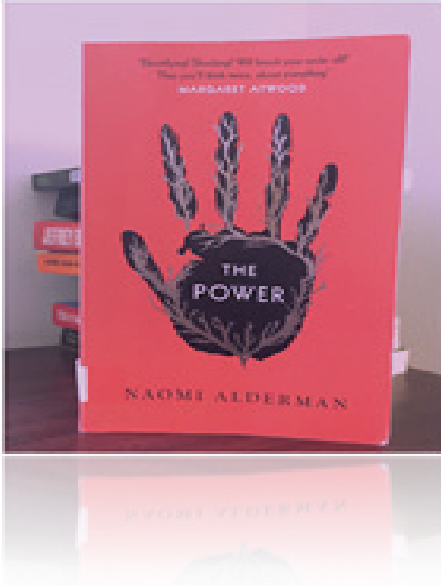
A copy of this book is available in the library.

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News from Dr. Jelle JP Wouters Facebook page

Another book, “Exploring democracy in Nagaland: tribes, traditions & tensions”, is to be released shortly. Edited with Zhoto Tunyi, and with plenty of new ethnography. Stay Tuned!!!

Dr Jelle J.P. Wouters was recently awarded the title of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Anthropology from the North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. The title of his thesis: “State, Development, and Democracy in Nagaland, Northeast India”.



News from the Reading Club:

Reading club will be reading “The power” by Naomi Alderman. E-copy of this book is available from Calibre Library (RTC Library Computers). Enjoy reading and join us to talk, discuss and give out your thoughts on this book on 29th March, Thursday at 3:30 pm in the executive center.

Wanted! Book reviews from Faculty, Staff, and Students

If you have read a good book and would like to contribute a review to the Library Newsletter, we would love to receive one from you. Tell us a little about the book and why you liked it in 250-500 words. If interested, send your review to tashichoden@rtc.bt or come by the library and see the library staff.

Thanks!!