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Welcome to the NOVEMBER 2019 issue of *RTC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER*

In this issue: Recommended Reads: *For One More Day*, *Normal People*, *When Breath Becomes Air*, *I Too Had a Love Story*.

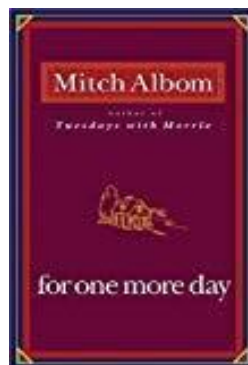
Recommended Reads from the RTC community

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

Charley Benetto is a broken man. His life is filled with regrets and destroyed by alcohol. He hits rock bottom when he is not called to attend his daughter's wedding. He tries to kill himself. He gets into an accident and reaches his small hometown. He finds his old house and his mother in the house who has died several years ago. Charley's regrets and wishes for his mother's guidance.

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“Normal People” By Sally Rooney

When Sally Rooney’s first book (“Conversations with Friends”) came out in 2017 to rave reviews, I thought it sounded exactly like the kind of book that would annoy me—the account of an affair that a young precocious poet (the kind who talk about Marxism while smoking) has an affair with an older married man. Rooney was variously described as “the voice of her generation”, “Salinger for the snapchat generation” and perhaps most annoyingly of all (because I love Jane Austen) “Jane Austen for Millennials.” You could almost sense an anxious marketing team hovering behind these clever phrases. But then I happened to catch Rooney talking about her more recent book, “Normal People” on a podcast. She was charismatic and spoke casually but articulately about how Marxism influenced her handling of class in the book and of the experiences of her young protagonists. Then she did a charming reading of a passage from the book, getting the cadences of her (at the time) teen boy protagonist so perfectly right that I decided I had to go out and buy the book immediately. I am not exaggerating when I say that I think it’s one of the best decisions I have made this year. “Normal people” is the story of an on-and off- and on again romance between two young people from the same small Irish town. It’s so heartbreakingly familiar to read all the ways in which these two misunderstand each other or just fail to communicate and so often their fault-lines are about class and privilege. It’s an intimate book in the sense that it’s such a close, almost granular of view of this relationship and these two young people and while that should make for a pretty dull premise, Rooney’s ear for dialogue, spare and direct but so natural and so crackling with life and insight, propels the novel forward. She doesn’t do much description and the plot is rather lean and has few surprises, but the dialogue is so lively and clever that it will make you eager await her next book, just like me.

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When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

The book is a memoir by a young neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi, who faced terminal cancer. It is composed of two parts, before and after he was diagnosed with cancer. It shows the challenges he experienced on facing death and the relationship between doctor and patient. One day he was doctor treating dying patient and next he was the one who was struggling to live when he was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer at the age of 36.

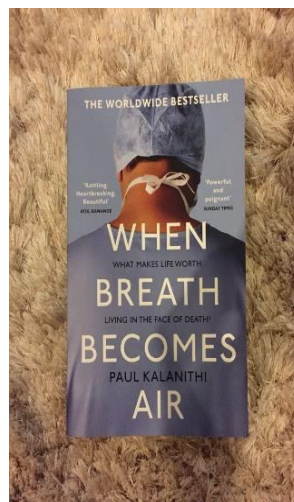
The author tries to find the answers to what makes life worth living in face of death. What does it mean to have a child and nurture a new one when his own life fades away? What do you do when the future that you imagined no longer moves you toward your life goals ?

“You can’t ever reach perfection, but you can believe in an asymptote toward which you are ceaselessly striving.” - Paul Kalanithi.

“Even if I’m dying, until I actually die, I am still living” - Paul Kalanithi.

“I can't go on. I'll go on.” - Paul Kalanithi.

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I TOO HAD A LOVE STORY BY RAVINDER SINGH

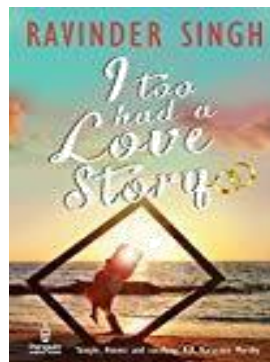
Not all the love stories are meant to have a perfect ending. The book tells us the story of how two strangers with different goals and dreams in life met on a matrimonial site and how their love bloomed, until fate put it to its ultimate test. The everyday chats and calls bring them closer enough to each other to make them fall in love.

This book is the simple yet capturing story of Ravinder and Khushi. The story is about the boy named Ravinder Singh and Khushi who have never seen each other, but love has made them one. They finally meet after months of first meeting on the Internet and talking on the telephone. The two decide to get engaged after convincing their parents. Being very much in love, it is difficult for the two to stay away from each other. Both of them wait eagerly to get engaged and start a new life together however, destiny has other plans. Just 3 days before their engagement, an untoward incident occurs. Of course, I am not going to reveal here what exactly happens or it will spoil your entire excitement of reading the book. But the incident has a huge impact on Ravin's life and he is completely devastated.

The writer has summed up the essence of his story in the most appealing terms. Not everyone in this world has the fate to cherish the fullest form of love. Some are born, just to experience the abbreviation version of it. For those whom love is the most beautiful feeling above human definitions and parameters, this book will make for an ever cherished experience.

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Thanks!!

YOU MUST TELL YOURSELF, "NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS, OR HOW HARD IT GETS, I AM GOING TO MAKE IT..." -Les Brown.