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Welcome to the June 2022 issue of RTC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER

In this issue: Recommended Reads: Twist of Fate and Two other Novelettes, Eleanor and Park, The Circle of Karma.

## Recommended Reads from the RTC community

### Twist of Fate and Two other Novelettes by Basu Dev Acharja

Ever wondered how a love story springs up in the high schools? Well, Twist of Fate, a novel by Basu Dev Acharja is a compelling story that begins with the love story of two individuals who vividly seem to fall in love, until one fateful day when, done with their degrees, they have an accidental change in course of their love life, triggered by the girl's parents.

It is a story of Khenrab and Pelmo who walk into an unexpected journey of love. Khenrab is a commoner from humble family background, exceptionally good at academics, and at the same time a well-mannered person who develops infatuation towards Pelmo and gradually fell in love.

Everything seems to work for them even after they complete their degree. After several years, they are blessed with a beautiful daughter who we know as Dasel, a girl with a fair countenance, whose hair is most of the time tugged up in a ponytail.

Through that course an unexpected twist comes swaying their life to make it worse. Sonam, who once was a high school boyfriend of Pelmo, happens to live in the same town as they did, and to our utter shock Pelmo already started meeting him, even to the extent of having physical relationship.



Sonam had also been chosen by Pelmo's parents chose for her as her future husband when she was a child. Therefore, there was no denying that her parents want her to be with him as they were wealthy family and so they wanted a relationship of in-law with wealthy family as well.

As we move on to read page after page, we just know everything comes to an abrupt end after Khenrab meets with an accident while driving drunk. A cruel twist of fate!

This book is not only interesting because of the common high school love stories, but this also teaches us the lesson of life, of why we should make a wise decision when we choose our life partners, and how we should be able to handle our emotions, retaining our faithfulness in any kind of relationship we develop in life.

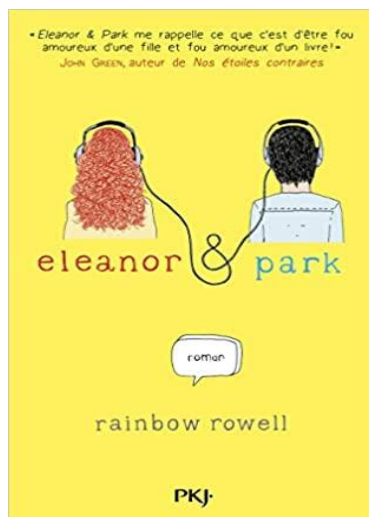
Therefore, I highly recommend this book to every reader, an inevitable fate we all believe in. This book is available in print and at the same time, as e-book in Amazon.

**Thank You**  
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## Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell.

Genre: Fiction, Romance

This is a quirky romance novel of two high school students, Eleanor and Park, who find love and comfort in each other on a rowdy school bus. Eleanor is the new girl in town with a unique sense of style whereas Park a normal high school boy who offers a seat to Eleanor. Soon after, they start to share everything and get close. The two fall in love like how we do the first time we are young and they show us how easy it is to lose everything just as fast as it came. This beautifully written novel by Rainbow Rowell tugs your heart and sometimes it's hard to believe that these two are not living and breathing somewhere in the world. The novel, set in the 1980s, showcases pop culture and brings a remembrance of youth.



The interesting thing here is that Eleanor and Park is not a typical romance novel: character has their own unique personality and style which brings out the uniqueness of the novel. I was enamored with the narrators and their diverse points of view. Rowell did an excellent job of switching back and forth between the two to keep things moving. I thought the small scenes regarding what the two were thinking while they were together were cute. This is definitely a must-read novel if one wants a walk down memory lane. It teaches us how easy it is for us to judge others when we don't know their circumstances.

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## [The Circle of Karma](#) by Kunzang Choden.

Genre: Fiction (novel)

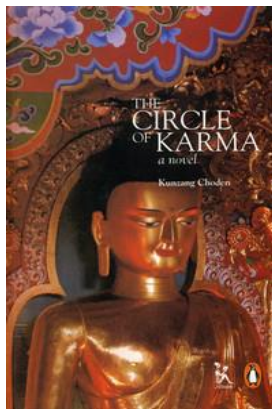
Brief synopsis: This is a story of a woman named Tsomo who is born in the remote part of Bhutan called Wangleng. Tsomo is a normal girl who helps her parents and her siblings. Her mother dies while giving birth and she decides to leave for Trongsa to pray for her departed soul. There, she meets Wangchen and they fall in love. After returning to her home, she realizes that she is pregnant and soon Wangchen comes to her and marries her, after leaving his previous wife. But, Tsomo has a miscarriage and she loses her child, and furthermore becomes deformed. Meanwhile, Wangchen and her younger sister Kesang start to live together. Heartbroken by this, Tsomo leaves for Thimphu and works at a construction site along with her new friend Dechen Choki.

Thus, begins a life-long journey of Tsomo from Thimphu to Kalimpong, from Kalimpong to Dehradun where she stays with her new lazy husband, and from Dehradun to Old Delhi. But, her marriage ends again when her new husband Lhatu cheats her with another young woman from Phuentsholing. During such moments, her friends from Kalimpong help her and her new spiritual teacher named Rinpoche ordains her as a nun, and when the teacher dies, she returns to Thimphu and lives a holy life at the Memorial Chorten. Her end is left ambiguous at the end as the narrator who is a friend of Tsomo never discloses whether she died or not.

Recommendation: I would recommend this story to everyone as this story is suitable for people of all ages and walks of life as the book deals with universal themes of life, death, and the inherent growth of a person. Moreover, for Bhutanese, it can act as an interesting study about the growth of roads for vehicles and other historical landmarks.

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## **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 [gyanupradhan@rtc.bt](mailto:gyanupradhan@rtc.bt) or come by the library and see the library staff.

Thanks!!

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