

Library New Additions--Fall 2024

The Second Mrs. Astor

~by Shana Abe

Through Madeleine Force, we see a young woman fall in love and marry John Jacob (Jack) Astor, America's wealthiest man, twenty-nine years her senior. A society scandal follows and on their extended honeymoon in Egypt, the newlyweds finally find a measure of peace from photographers and journalists. The couple plans to return home in the spring of 1912, aboard an opulent new ocean liner. When the ship hits an iceberg close to midnight on April 14th, there is no immediate panic. The swift, state-of-the-art RMS Titanic seems unsinkable. As Jack helps Madeleine into a lifeboat, he assures her that he'll see her soon in New York... www.Amazon.com

Some Kind of Crazy: An unforgettable story of profound brokenness and breathtaking grace

~by Terry Wardle

Terry Wardle grew up in the Appalachian coalfields of southwestern Pennsylvania, part of a hardscrabble family of coal miners whose cast of characters included a hot-tempered grandfather with a predilection for blowing up houses, a distant and disapproving father, and a mother who disciplined him with harsh words and threats of hellfire. All his life, he felt he was never enough. Plagued by a truckload of fear no matter earning multiple degrees and founding one of the country's fastest growing churches, he fell down the ladder of success into the deepest ditch of his life—ending up in a psychiatric hospital. Fortunately, that's when he discovered that Jesus has no fear of ditches. www.Amazon.com

The Personal Librarian

~by Victoria Christopher Murray

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American. www.Amazon.com