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Welcome to the ride of our lives. This will be a different sort of newsletter. There will not be any of the usual items or information. Everything we planned for April is cancelled until further notice. Let's face it, it's all cancelled for April.

Hoping you'll be able to make use of the enclosed info. Many thanks to all who sent in their "keeping busy" news. Hugs! marcia miller, editor

Please stay healthy and happy! Reach out to each other in these troubling times and keep











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# And just how are you spending your time?

### From Carol Leatherman:

First thing, we all need to participate in the census. We got two mailings last week with our "address code". Just log on to the site address on your mailing and in 10 minutes you're done. No more mailings and no visitors.

I just finished <u>Little Fires Everywhere</u> by Celeste Ng. What a pleasure to read a well written book.

I've been binging on "Grace and Frankie"\_on Netflix. Denny and I both recommend "Hell on Wheels", also Netflix. Stay safe.

## From Betty Rossen:

I recently finished a good book, <u>A River of Stars</u>, by Vanessa Hua, an author who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and who writes for the <u>San Francisco Chronicle</u>. I highly recommend it!

### From Carol Marshall:

I loved the series "Self Made" four episodes on the life of Madam C.J. Walker. It is on Netflix. Also reading <u>The Silent Patient</u> by Alex Michaelides. Hope you are doing well! I think this is a great idea!

#### From Diane Norten:

How am I spending my time: reading more, sewing more, trying to worry less, appreciating silence, giving up to do lists, learning something new and praying more Book recommendation: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Stay well, I am going to check Trevor Noah

## From Carla Bryant:

Can't add much to your quality time, except to say that when we can travel again, I suggest going to Painted Mines in El Paso County. It is incredible.





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## From Doris MacDougall:

Nothing too exciting to share here, cleaned out the pantry of outdated staples and also the garage frig and freezer which made Don happy. Can't bear to start on the basement. Watched "Outlander" on Netflix, too long but lots of Scottish history. Hope you are doing okay-I do miss the socializing. Take care.

### From Jane Ott:

I'm reading <u>Olive Kitteridge</u> by Elizabeth Strout. I'm really enjoying it. There's plenty of time now to reread chapters and think about the relevance to life, sometimes just to smile at the realism...It's from several years ago, 2008 I think. Most in my book club had already read it. I wanted to read it because there's a sequel out now that I want to read.

Regarding the library, I noticed in their closure notice that it's possible to access Lucky Day ebooks through the library's Overdrive and Libby apps. They call them "Skip the Line" books. I had to contact the Libby app help section but then I managed to check out an ebook that way. It means you have a chance to find books that you might have on hold at the library without waiting!

The other thing John and I have discovered is the app "Zoom" that our son uses for online work conferences. We're learning to use it so John can teach the grandkids some basic Spanish. It seems to be a little more sophisticated than FaceTime and can be used for groups. We are just learning about it but there might be someone out there that wants to investigate It.

We're watching old TV shows for distraction-like Ed Sullivan Show, Johnny Carson, Laugh In, etc. We don't have cable; these are over the air digital. We can also watch lots of good things on PBS online. If you donate to them you can also access their shows through the Passport feature.

I'm looking forward to suggestions from others...

### **Ruth Lundgren:**

I have read Giver of Stars by Jo Jo Moyes. Excellent book.

Secrets of a Charmed Life by Susan Meissen. Very Good

We watched "Parasite" on Amazon Prime for \$5.99 rental. Found it weird, entertaining and not to be watched before bedtime.

Have been catching up on this season's television series we have recorded.





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## From Stephanie Fong:

Hey I enjoyed <u>The New Girl</u> by Daniel Silva and <u>The Weekenders</u> by Mary Kay Andrews. Also an unusual book <u>Britt-Marie Was Here</u> by Frederick Backman. And, an older book that was lent to me is <u>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</u> by Lisa See and <u>The Flight Attendant</u> by Chris Bohjalian. Of course no movies at the theater and glad I saw a lot of them at the end of last year and a couple at the beginning of this year. Finally rented "Parasite", Academy Award Picture of the Year, and thought it was very strange but I can see see why it topped "1917" as I found "1917" a little boring. My favorite Academy nominated movie was "Jo Jo Rabbit"; a must see that can be rented or obtained from our library when they reopen.

Well that's it for now and everyone remember this too shall pass. Stay healthy and wash your hands!

### From Jean Kovatavich:

Good Books:

If You Tell by Gregg Olsen

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Prime Video TV series: "The Restaurant" Swedish with sub-titles ... I usually don't like sub-titles but this is well done.

Hope you are doing well and not getting too close to anyone.

### From Marcia Miller:

"Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" on Prime Video, series; very funny and a good binge.

"Virgin River" on Netflix, series; small town setting where the mayor hires a PN to help the local and only Dr without telling him. He's not happy!

"The Politician" on Netflix, series; Only one season out but has been picked up for more.

Trevor Noah from the Daily Show, Podcast - Ears Edition

Jeanne Robertson, Humorist & Storyteller, YouTube; I saw her at DU. Men were laughing just as hard as the women. Lots of different stories; you can listen while doing chores.

Want scary!!! - The Outsider on Netflix, series
The Quiet Place on EPIX or Prime, movie; incredible acting!

Cut & paste! Or copy and grab a highlighter! Enjoy!

