Mrs. Melville’s Top 5

Of the 30 plus books I read this year, here are my top 5.

1. ***The Chaos Walking Trilogy* by Patrick Ness**

Ms. Mckinzie’s favorite dystopian series is now one of mine.  The publishers describe it as “a world where all living creatures can hear each other's thoughts in a stream of images, words, and sounds called Noise”.  The series follows Todd Hewitt and Viola Eade as Todd discovers the truth about his society and Violet tries to find a safe place for her people, the new settlers on this new world.

1. ***A is For Alibi*  by Sue Grafton *(*and the rest of the “alphabet mysteries”*)***

Contemporary Reading chose mysteries during 1st semester. I’ve always wanted to check out the Kinsey Milhone series because I knew it was wildly popular. The books take place in 1980’s Santa Theresa, California and the cases are solved by PI Kinsey Milhone. I figured that I would read one and be done. I’m a huge book snob and I don’t like super predictable books. I just finished *F is for Fugitive* and while some patterns are emerging, I am not bored yet. Nor have I been able to solve a case.

1. ***Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline**

Mr. Pierson told me it was a must read. It’s the eighties and gaming and Sci-Fi and lots of other great stuff. This fangirl gives it two thumbs up!

1. ***The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry* by Gabrielle Zevin**

This was one of The Friday Night Book Club’s picks. A.J.’s life is not what he planned. Then a surprising package shows up and changes everything. This is a beautiful story of the love between a father and a daughter.

1. ***Dumplin’* by Julie Murphy**

This was one of my picks for The Friday Night Book Club. Julie Murphy creates a character that all girls can see themselves in. She is described by the publishers as one of the “most fearless heroines” this year. The story follows self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean as she prepares to compete in a beauty pageant. I enjoyed Julie Murphy’s writing so much that I also follow her blog.

*Like Mr. Jackson and Mrs. West, I also try to tweet what I am reading.*

*My Twitter handle is @CMMelville6.*

*We invite you to submit what you are reading to #aphsreads this summer and beyond.*