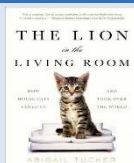


Books I've been reading . . .



The Lion in the Living Room: How House Cats Tamed Us and Took Over the World by Abigail Tucker

Being a cat lover, I wanted to read this book just because of the cover and title, let alone that it also sounded interesting. Although non-fiction, and probably brought up a few 'uncomfortable' realities about both cats and owners, it is a wonder how really only in the last 100 years, cats have kind of taken over the household. Sure, cats, especially domestic cats, have been around for thousands of years, but not to the extent of what they are today, where people are killing them by the truck load because there is apparently so many of them, yet to the rest of us, I have to wonder, if we are killing and spading so many each year, why are we not running out of them? It's the cat paradox. A book worth reading if you are a cat lover, especially if you are wondering why. How did they take over our living rooms? hummm. And the bed, the cushion, the couch....



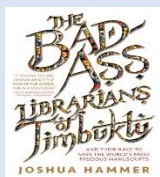
The Four Legendary Kingdoms: A Jack West Jr Novel 4
by Matthew Reilly

Not a bad read, quick and full of action though a little predictable, though interesting bringing Reilly's two heroes together. Bit of a 'Mortal Kombat' homage with historical and conspiracy theories chucked in. One of the problems I had was trying to remember stuff from the other novels in the series since it's been years since I read the last book. Hope the next one is out sooner and thankfully this one didn't end on a cliff-hanger.



Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Parts 1 & 2
by John Tiffany (Adaptation), Jack Thorne (Adaptation), J.K. Rowling

Not bad, easy and quick to read. I wasn't sure if I would like it being not totally written by JK and it also being a play rather than a novel - but that did make it faster to read. There was enough 'explanation' bits to make the story readable, just wasn't all speech. The story and ending in the end was predictable but the time travelling made it a little more interesting. After watching the films though, would be interested to see how they would 'theatres' it, though I did note a notable lack of magical folk physically in the story, probably to try and avoid having to have the actors all dressed up. I hope the dragon they created is a good one.



The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer

This was a fantastic book and glad I read it. This is my book of the year. It is non-fiction but really interesting especially if you are into books, history of northern Africa or terrorism as Joshua has blended them all really well and into a 'story' that you can easily sit and read. I think Haidara is probably one of the craziest and coolest librarians on the planet, and I praise him and all his colleagues who risked their lives to save their books. Let's face it, who would in the western world go out of their way to save their library collection? Certainly gave me a real insight into what has been happening in West Africa since we hear so little about it, and about the issues they face as a Muslim country with Islamic extremists. Also just the

history of their literature has been fascinating, even though it was just a glimpse of it. I hope it eventually all works out for them, and that others don't lose sight of how precious books truly are.