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A Campus of Readers: Faculty Favorites

Dr. Alvin Wang, Dean of The Burnett Honors College and Professor of Psychology
“On Chesil Beach” by Ian McEwan
PR6063.C4O6 2007, 4th Floor, John C. Hitt Library

Dr. Wang says “One book that is a little gem is “On Chesil Beach” by Ian McEwan who I think has a masterly command of the English language. The novella’s premise is simple enough: of what happens during the honeymoon night of two virgins in the early 1960s—both are completely unprepared for sexual intimacy. There are laugh-out-loud passages in the narrative as well as the truly embarrassing moments that might be expected in an encounter such as this. Ultimately, it reads like a horror gothic tale in which the young couple are trying to escape from the “ghosts” of unrealistic expectations and their emotional insecurities.

Dr. Jeanine Viau, Lecturer in the Philosophy Department
“A Little Life” by Hanya Yanagihara
Available through Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Dr Viau says it’s “brutal, but a beautiful novel”

Dr. Jennifer Sandoval, Assistant Professor, Human Communication and Communication and Conflict
“Alias Grace” by Margaret Atwood
PR9199.3.A8 A79 1996, 4th Floor, John C. Hitt Library

Dr. Sandoval says “she is one of my favorite authors and this novel is a little different from other things I’ve read from her so I’m excited about this “fun” reading.”

Dr. Stacy Tanner, Visiting Lecturer in the Philosophy Department
“The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World’s Most Creative Places from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley” by Eric Weiner
Available through Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Dr. Fernando Uribe-Romo, Assistant Professor in the Chemistry Department
“The Last Days of Night” by Graham Moore
Available through Interlibrary Loan (ILL)