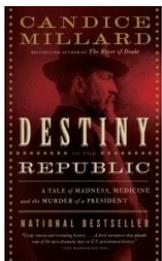


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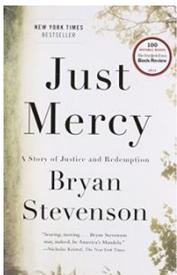
We're happy to announce that this October, our Park Ridge Reads selection will be *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. We have ordered additional copies which will be only available to book clubs starting in September. Also, watch the upcoming newsletter for special events and a Skype chat with Candice Millard on October 26 at Emerson Middle School.

Take a look at *Destiny of the Republic* and two other new sets in our collection.



### **Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard**

*Destiny of the Republic* is an extraordinary book about James Garfield's presidency and assassination. Garfield was one of the most extraordinary men ever elected president. Born into abject poverty, he rose to become a scholar, a Civil War hero, a renowned congressman and a reluctant presidential candidate who took on the nation's corrupt political establishment. But four months after Garfield's inauguration in 1881, he was shot in the back by a deranged man named Charles Guiteau. Garfield survived the attack but became the object of bitter behind-the-scenes struggles for power over his administration, over the nation's future and hauntingly, over his medical care. Nonfiction.



### **Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson**

The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice. Nonfiction.



### **A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler**

The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate togetherness, but they are also like all families, in that the stories they tell themselves reveal only part of the picture. Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets.