



## **Friends of the Chemung County Library District**

### ***BOOKS SANDWICHED IN***

### ***FALL 2021***

**September 24:** *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories About Racism* by Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar. Reviewed by Lisa Kelly, Lisa Kelly is a retired Elmira City School District school administrator who throughout her career emphasized and promoted the importance of early literacy development and the love of books and reading for all. Amber Ruffin is a comedy writer and performer often seen on Late Night with Seth Meyers. In this book she chronicles her sister Lacey's various experiences with people who say and do things that make you take pause and say, "What? Really??" It has been described as a book of "crazy stories about racism". This book is a timely look at a heavy topic.

**October 1:** *Grant* by Ron Chernow. Reviewed by Dr. Charles Lindsay. Dr. Lindsay is the fifteenth president of Elmira College. Dr. Lindsay began his role as president in July 2017 and previously served as Elmira College's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Provost respectively. While the review will include an overview of Ulysses S. Grant's life, the focus will be on his years as president and experiences after leaving office, including his relationship with Mark Twain. Consideration will be given to Grant's character, contributions to American politics, and his role in Reconstruction.

**October 8:** *The Further Adventures of Alex and Nan* written and reviewed by Martha Horton and Alan DeWolfe. Martha Horton is a poet, writer, and former Editor of the Chemung Valley Reporter. Alan DeWolfe is a writer of adventure novels, plays, and song lyrics. This is their second book in the series which includes a holiday party at a Corning mansion, an escape from the Elmira Correctional Facility, an excavation at a Civil War - era home and much more.

**October 15:** *The Extended Mind: The Power of Thinking Outside the Brain*, by Annie Murphy Paul. Reviewed by Margaret Kasper Reed, an educator and writer, and Arthur "Skip" Reed, a woodworker and pastor. Annie Murphy Paul, a journalist, poses an engaging question: what is the mind - where does it stop and the world begin? Is the mind best understood as a computer or, as a muscle, or as a magpie, stewing its nest with rich resources from all around its immediate environs including its own body, its surroundings and its relationships.

Arrive early or stay late to shop the Friends of CCLD Book Store. Located on the first floor, to the right of the elevator. **NOTE: LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED.**

All reviews are held Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM at the Steele Memorial Library Auditorium, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901.