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I am not a lazy person by nature. When I have a deadline, I like to start early so that I'm not rushing around at the end trying to get everything done. I have a hard time sitting still and my mind is constantly thinking about the next project I want to work on, or my upcoming vacation, or the grocery list, or... well, you get the picture. With that said, being on-the-go, mentally and physically, isn't always the best state of mind to be in. The body and the brain need down time in order to be able to recuperate and be ready for the next project, or vacation, or grocery list...

So, for this month's column, I decided to let my brain rest a bit. I sent out an e-mail to everyone at work and asked them to tell me what books they are reading right now and what they like about them. Let someone else do the thinking, right?

Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller. Hester says "Very interesting memoir of growing up in Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe, during their civil war (1971-1979). An amazing life in an extraordinary time." (Adult Non-Fiction)

Born of Fury by Sherilyn Kenyon. Becky says "It's sexy and sweet. I've been getting teary eyed through the whole thing – in a happy way." (Adult Fiction)

All the Wrong Questions series by Lemony Snicket. Michael says "What do I like about it? It's LEMONY SNICKET! Besides from that, I enjoy the word play." (Children's Fiction)

Sherry is reading *The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon* (No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series) by Alexander McCall Smith and she said "the books are rich in characterization and setting details, and the mysteries are often heartwarming. Lots of gentle humor too." (Adult Mystery)

Cheryl says she can always recommend *Three Bags Full* (Adult Mystery) by Leonie Swann and *Plutonia* (Adult Fiction) by V. A. Obruchev

Matthew says "I am currently reading *The Toddler Bistro*, a cook book, to get some fresh ideas on what to make for my two boys, Samuel (3) and Emmett (1). I like it because it has lots of healthy, quick and easy recipes." (Adult Non-Fiction)

Dona says "I am reading *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. (It is) an interesting look at the events happening in another part of the world from someone growing up in northern Pakistan. She makes you think on exactly what is reported in our news and what is really happening." (Adult Non-Fiction)

Of course, I can't let myself off the hook completely. I just started reading *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo. I'm only on page 17, so I don't really have an opinion yet. The book won this year's Newbery Medal so I have high hopes. (Children's Fiction). And I just finished reading *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand. If you haven't done so already, please go find a war veteran and thank him or her for their sacrifice to our great country. (Adult Non-Fiction)

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