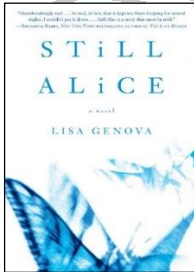




Fr. Michael Goetz Library Learning Commons Teacher's Book Review



***Still Alice*, Lisa Genova Reviewed by Ms. Mouchbahani.**

Still Alice, by Lisa Genova, is an intimate portrayal of a middle-aged woman who is suddenly hit with the news that she has early-onset Alzheimer's disease. A professor at Harvard University, a loving wife and mother of three, she struggles to maintain her relationships, her dignity and the life she's always loved and known. Written in a crisp, simplistic style with an unforgettably powerful effect, the reader deeply empathizes with a woman whose ardent and intelligent mind slowly deteriorates as the novel progresses. While Alice struggles to remember simple things like a name or a recipe, her family tries to maintain normalcy and is faced with difficult decisions. Genova, the author, who has a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Harvard University and is an online columnist for the National Alzheimer's Association, is the perfect authorial voice behind *Still Alice*. Her scientific expertise coupled with her writing talent and experience as a mother, perfectly balance the cold and indiscriminating hands of disease with human vulnerability and love. A compelling novel that raises awareness of a stigmatizing disease, bringing us inside the thoughts and feelings of its victims, *Still Alice* is a must-read.