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Everyman's Library Celebrates 100 Years



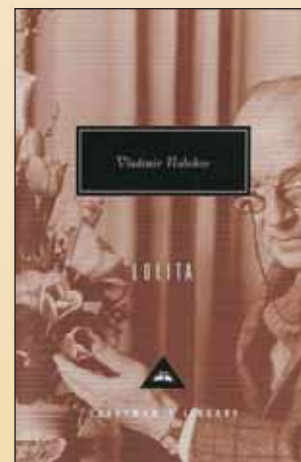
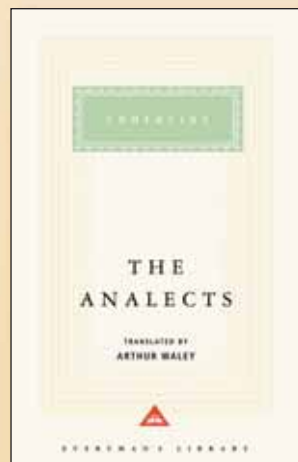
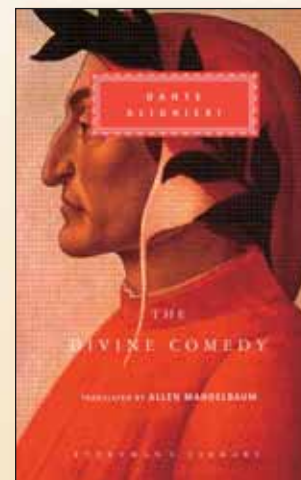
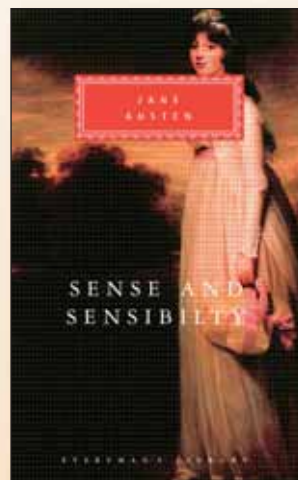
This fall, Knopf will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Everyman's Library, one of the most extensive and distinguished libraries of classics in the world. Founded in 1906 by London publisher Joseph Malaby Dent, the purpose of Everyman's Library was to make available a collection of the world's literature that would appeal "to every kind of reader: the worker, the student, the cultured man, the child, the man and the woman." Today, Everyman's Library continues to maintain its original commitment to publishing the most significant world literature in editions that reflect fine bookmaking. Each title features full-cloth sewn bindings with top and tail bands, half-round spines, ribbon markers, classic typefaces, acid-free paper, and special endpapers. There are over 500 titles in the library, ranging from classics like Homer's *The Odyssey* to contemporary classics such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, as well as a pocket poet series and a series of illustrated children's classics. And, coming this fall, Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, recently named by *The New York Times Book Review* as the best work of fiction published in the last 25 years, as well as all of Joan Didion's nonfiction writing from the 1960s to 2003, gathered together for the first time into one volume, *We Tell Ourselves Stories in Order to Live*. Visit the newly re-designed www.everymanslibrary.com for a searchable database of the entire series.

"Like all things truly valuable, Everyman's Library is priceless."

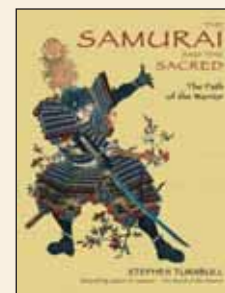
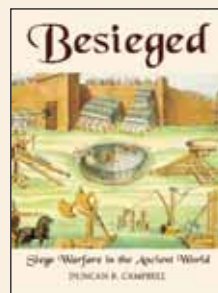
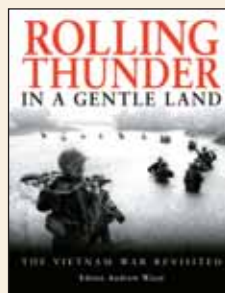
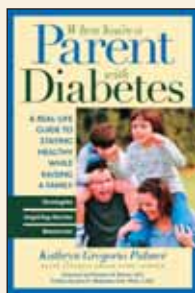
—Toni Morrison

"Everyman's Library is everything a reader could wish for. Everyone should have every book and read one every day."

—Salman Rushdie



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HATHERLEIGH PRESS

Specializing in health and well-being titles, Hatherleigh Press publishes accessible yet authoritative books for health-conscious consumers. They strive to bring you the best in health, fitness, sports, and self-help with educational yet fun-to-read books.

Doug Hewitt

The Practical Guide to Weekend Parenting: 101 Ways to Bond with Your Children While Having Fun

This collection of games is designed to help you actively participate in raising, nurturing, and guiding your children whether you are divorced, separated, or working during the week.

1-57826-233-X | \$16.95/\$22.95C | HC | September

Kathryn Gregorio Palmer

When You're a Parent with Diabetes

Finding the time and energy to maintain a healthy diet and exercise program is a challenge for any parent—but it can be a matter of life and death for diabetic parents.

1-57826-232-1 | \$12.95/\$16.95C | TR | September

Harald Harb

Harald Harb's Essentials of Skiing: The Faster Way to Master the Slopes

The world's greatest ski instructor shows you the six key steps to skiing perfection. The techniques and exercises will benefit skiers at every level from the novice to the expert.

1-57826-217-8 | \$19.95/\$26.95C | TR | October

Darcy Ludzars, Ph.D.

Virgin Sex for Girls: A No-Regrets Guide to Safe and Healthy Sex

The teenage girl's guide to love, sex, and the first time. Appropriate for both teens and their parents, this is the frank discussion that girls need but sex ed classes don't provide.

1-57826-229-1 | \$17.95/\$23.95C | HC | November

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Virgin Sex for Guys: A No-Regrets Guide to Safe and Healthy Sex

The frank sex discussion that guys need but don't know where to get. Aiming to demystify the subject by covering the physical, emotional, and social consequences of having (and not having) sex.

1-57826-230-5 | \$17.95/\$23.95C | HC | November

OSPREY

Osprey is a preeminent publisher of warfare and military history, delivering books with historical authority and a strongly visual approach. Themes include: Graphic History, General History, Wars and Battles, Soldiers, Machinery and Structures of War, Aviation, and Modeling.

GRAPHIC HISTORY

Includes an overview of the battle and its aftermath, a glossary, and further reading sections.

Steve White

Day of Infamy: Attack on Pearl Harbor

1-84603-059-5 | \$9.95/\$13.95C | TR | September

Empire Falls: Battle of Midway

1-84603-058-7 | \$9.95/\$13.95C | TR | September

Larry Hama

The Bloodiest Day: Battle of Antietam

1-84603-049-8 | \$9.95/\$13.95C | TR | September

Surprise Attack! Battle of Shiloh

1-84603-050-1 | \$9.95/\$13.95C | TR | September

The War is On! Battle of First Bull Run

1-84603-054-4 | \$9.95/\$13.95C | TR | October

Island of Terror: Battle of Iwo Jima

1-84603-055-2 | \$9.95/\$13.95C | TR | October



Edited by Andrew Weist

Rolling Thunder in a Gentle Land: The Vietnam War Revisited

A unique collection of fifteen essays by leading historians, US and South and North Vietnamese veterans, and journalists. Illustrated with carefully researched contemporary color and black and white photographs, maps, and diagrams.

1-84603-020-X | \$32.95/\$47.95C | HC | September

Duncan B. Campbell

Besieged: Siege Warfare in the Ancient World

This fascinating book looks at the development of siege warfare in the ancient world, from Ancient Persia in the 6th century BC to the 4th-century Roman World.

978-84603-092 | \$24.95/\$34.95C | HC | September

Stephen Turnbull

Samurai and the Sacred: The Path of the Warrior

The samurai are a perennially fascinating warrior elite. An understanding of their belief system is essential for a full appreciation of their motivation, actions, and way of life.

1-84603-021-8 | \$29.95/\$42.00C | HC | October

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THE BOOKS

FIRST FICTION

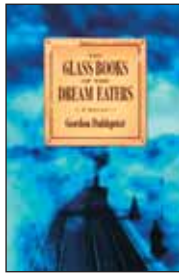


Peter Behrens

The Law of Dreams: A Novel *

An extraordinary novel about a young man's perilous journey, a Homeric passage from innocence to experience that takes him through Ireland to Liverpool and Wales during the Great Potato Famine of 1847.

1-58642-117-4 | \$24.95/\$32.95C | 15,000
Steerforth | HC | August

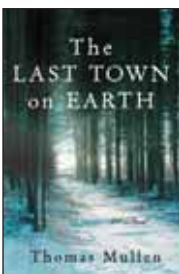


Gordon Dahlquist

The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters

Seething with danger, terror, and romance, this debut is a mammoth work of the imagination, a suspenseful, and darkly erotic masterpiece of storytelling.

0-385-34035-4 | \$26.00/\$35.00C | 100,000
Bantam | HC | August

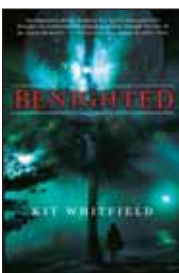


Thomas Mullen

The Last Town on Earth: A Novel *

Set in the Pacific Northwest in 1918, this novel tells the deeply moving, and morally complex story of a small mill town that votes to quarantine itself as the deadly influenza epidemic begins to rage through the region.

1-4000-6520-8 | \$23.95/\$31.95C | 125,000
Random House | HC | August

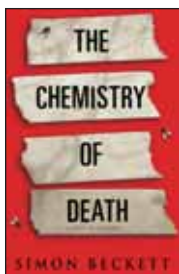


Kit Whitfield

Benighted

A finely written, provocative novel about a society of human werewolves which makes an important statement on what it means to live as a member of a minority.

0-345-49163-7 | \$14.95/\$21.00C | 25,000
Del Rey | TR | August

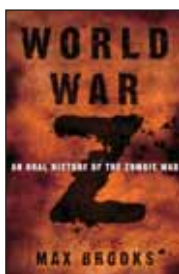


Simon Beckett

The Chemistry of Death

The first in a new series featuring forensic anthropologist Dr. David Hunter, a man hiding from a dark past whose arcane expertise is called upon to help stop a serial killer ravaging a quiet English village.

0-385-34004-4 | \$22.00/\$30.00C | 25,000
Delacorte | HC | September



Max Brooks

World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War

For fans of Zombie literature and films, for readers obsessed with the state of paranoia in which we all live—where we face the threats of terrorism, AIDS, avian flu, nuclear weapons, and the living dead, comes a new standard in apocalyptic fiction.

0-307-34660-9 | \$24.95/\$32.95C | 125,000
Crown | HC | September
0-7393-4013-1 | \$29.95/\$39.95C | RH Audio | CD



Da Chen

Brothers: A Novel *

Set against the backdrop of a tumultuous period of 20th century Chinese history, this is a family saga of biblical proportion that pits brother against brother, son against father as it follows the parallel paths of two brothers separated as infants. One is raised in the highest echelons of society, and the other cast off to make his own perilous journey in an unforgiving land.

1-4000-9728-2 | \$25.00/\$33.00C | 75,000
Shaye Areheart Books | HC | September

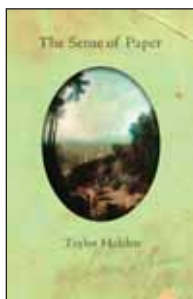


Melissa Clark

Swimming Upstream Slowly: A Novel

The story of 27-year-old Sasha whose life is turned upside down when she discovers that she's pregnant—even though she hasn't slept with anyone for more than two years.

0-7679-2526-2 | \$12.95/\$16.95C | 25,000
Broadway | TR | September



Taylor Holden

The Sense of Paper

For reader's who loved Anita Shreve's *Eden Close* comes the story of a woman whose personal history sets her on a collision course with a powerful, tormented man.

0-553-80394-8 | \$14.00/\$18.95C | 35,000
Bantam | TR | September

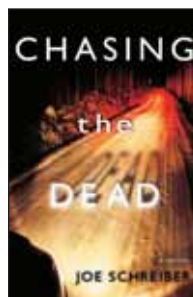


Karen Russell

St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves: Stories *

These ten vivid stories introduce a radiant new talent, a writer of gorgeous prose poetry who conjures worlds that are as instantly recognizable as they are unfamiliar and new: aquatic under-worlds and haunted marshes populated by ghosts and abandoned children, a slice of heartbreaking and bizarre Americana.

0-307-26398-3 | \$22.00/\$30.00C | 35,000
Knopf | HC | September



Joe Schreiber

Chasing the Dead: A Novel

A fast-paced supernatural thriller that takes place over the course of one harrowing night on the back roads of Massachusetts in the middle of a winter snowstorm. When her baby daughter is kidnapped, Susan Young must obey the kidnapper's strange commands—but the consequences are more horrible than she could possibly imagine.

0-345-48747-8 | \$16.95/\$22.95C | 50,000
Ballantine | HC | September



Patrick Somerville

Trouble: Stories *

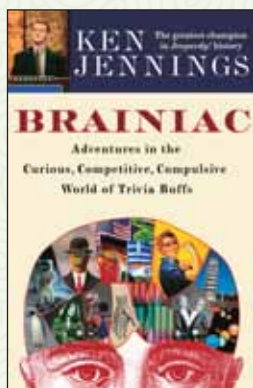
In this hilarious and inventive debut, the author charts the dangerous territories of adolescence and adulthood for the American male.

0-307-27535-3 | \$12.95/\$16.95C | 30,000
Vintage | TR | September

TRIVIA TIME:

Test Your Book Knowledge!

Trivia Questions by the greatest champion in *Jeopardy!* History and author of *Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia*



Ken Jennings

Brainiac

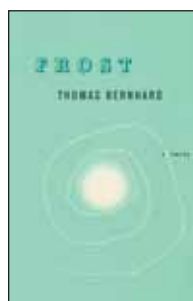
Brainiac is a touching, hilarious account of one man's journey into the subculture of trivia fanaticism, including his own record-breaking run on *Jeopardy!*

1-4000-6445-7 | \$23.95/\$31.95C
Villard Books | HC | September

1. What book by an American woman was the bestselling novel of the 19th century?
2. Who carried hundreds of imported books in his Philadelphia shop in the 1730s, the same decade he started America's first lending library?
3. What 1884 book, according to Ernest Hemingway, does "all modern American literature come from"?
4. What book, according to The Literary Companion, is the world's most shoplifted book?
5. Hoo, Watt, Wenn, Ware, or Wye—which of these is the Welsh river on whose banks you would find Hay, a town of bibliophiles which boasts dozens of secondhand bookshops?
6. What was the magical original name of the online bookstore that changed its name in 1995 to Amazon.com?
7. What book has been an American reference classic since The New York World published the first one in 1868?
8. What book was the result of Bennett Cerf betting Theodore Geisel \$50 that Geisel couldn't write an entire book using only 50 words or less?
9. What best-selling book was originally written under the title *Tomorrow is Another Day*?
10. Who's the only actor ever to win an Oscar for portraying a bookseller?

Answers:

1. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* 2. Benjamin Franklin 3. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* 4. The Holy Bible 5. The Wye River; the town is Hay-on-Wye 6. Cadabra.com 7. The World Almanac 8. *Green Eggs and Ham* 9. *Gone With the Wind* 10. Roberto Benigni, in *Life Is Beautiful*



Thomas Bernhard; Translation by Michael Hofmann

Frost

The tale of a medical resident who moves to a sad, mining town to befriend—and clinically observe—a mad painter is the first novel of the Austrian writer who has become a cult legend.

1-4000-4066-3 | \$25.95/\$34.95C | 8,500
Knopf | HC | October

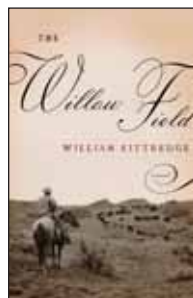


Gillian Flynn

Sharp Objects

The Virgin Suicides meets *Dolores Claiborne* in this striking debut literary thriller about a young journalist who returns home to cover a dark assignment—and to face her own damaged family history.

0-307-34154-2 | \$24.00/\$32.00C | 75,000
Shaye Areheart Books | HC | October
0-7393-4017-4 | \$29.95/\$39.95C | RH Audio | CD

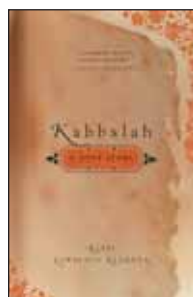


William Kittredge

The Willow Field

The Dean of Western Writers now gives us his first novel, an epic that stretches over the twentieth century from cowboys and gamblers to landowners and politicians, but that is, in the end, just a love story.

1-4000-4097-3 | \$24.95/\$32.95C | 15,000
Knopf | HC | October



Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Kabbalah: A Love Story

The esteemed kabbalist and scholar brings us a beautifully written parable about life, love, and the importance of finding meaning and joy when and where we least expect it.

0-7679-2412-6 | \$17.95/\$23.95C | 35,000
Morgan Road Books | HC | October



Katherine Min

Secondhand World *

A stunning debut about a 17-year old American-born daughter of Korean immigrants who, despite her parents' success and sophistication is disturbed by their foreignness and falls prey to a dangerous suspicion that shakes up all their lives.

0-307-26344-4 | \$23.00/\$30.00C | 15,000
Knopf | HC | October



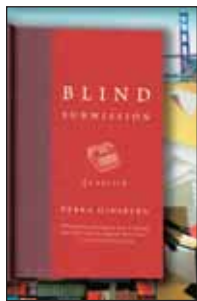
Leo Furey

The Long Run: A Novel *

A funny and poignant coming-of-age story about a group of boys in a Catholic orphanage who band together to take care of each other in the face of loneliness and brutality.

1-59030-411-X | \$22.95/NCR | 7,500
Trumpeter/Shambhala | HC | November

* Indicates Books of Special Interest to Young Adults.



Debra Ginsberg

Blind Submission: A Novel

An assistant to an infamous literary agent finds her life in danger when a mystery manuscript, mailed in chapter by chapter, starts to blur the lines between fiction and reality.

0-307-34604-8 | \$23.95/\$31.95C | 25,000
Shaye Areheart Books | HC | November

Kevin Shay

The End as I Know It: A Novel of Millennial Anxiety

An edgy and hilarious novel about one young man's attempt to alert his friends to the cataclysm sure to arrive on New Year's Eve 1999.

0-385-51821-8 | \$23.95/\$31.95C | 20,000
Doubleday | HC | December



Jim Botsacos with Judith Choate

The New Greek Cuisine

With a passion for the freshest ingredients and the classic culinary traditions of Greece, chef Jim Botsacos brings the cuisine at Molyvos—the acclaimed New York City restaurant—into home kitchens everywhere with 150 recipes and rich full-color photography.

0-7679-1875-4 | \$29.95/\$39.95C | Broadway | HC | October

Hiroko Shimbo

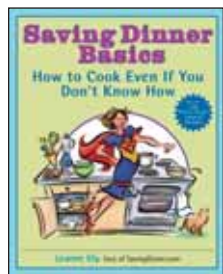
The Sushi Experience

First, Hiroko Shimbo gives the fascinating history of sushi, which started as a simple way to preserve fish and evolved into the phenomenon it is today. Then she addresses all the needs of the home cook—necessary equipment, ingredients, step-by-step illustrated instruction on the proper making of the rice and the wide variety of fillings, sauces, accompaniments, and the presentation.

1-4000-4208-9 | \$40.00/\$54.00C | Knopf | HC | October



A SPOTLIGHT ON: Cooking

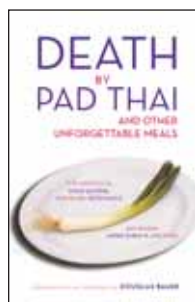


Leanne Ely

Saving Dinner Basics: How to Cook Even If You Don't Know How

This step-by-step guide will give novice cooks an overview of various beginning techniques—from equipping the kitchen to learning the secrets of a great stir-fry, to making a one-step dinner in a single pot.

0-345-48543-2 | \$14.95/\$21.00C | Ballantine | TR | August

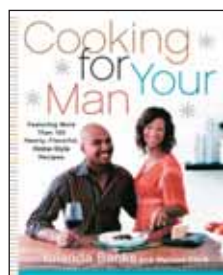


Edited by Douglas Bauer

Death by Pad Thai: And Other Unforgettable Meals

Some of today's best writers recall their most memorable meals—from Steve Almond on a transcendent Lobster Pad Thai to Andre Dubus III on the significance of a home-cooked meal in the years his family endured poverty. This is the best of life experienced through the taste buds.

0-307-33784-7 | \$13.95/\$18.95C
Three Rivers Press | TR | October



Yolanda Banks and Melissa Clark

Cooking for Your Man

Yolanda Banks loves to cook for her husband, Tony Banks, quarterback for the Houston Texans. Although Yolanda has a model's figure, her recipes include Cracklin' Crab Cakes, Chillin' Chicken Chili, Bodacious Beef Wellington, Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce, and a large selection of drinks to go with them.

0-7679-2192-5 | \$17.95/\$23.95C | Broadway | TR | September

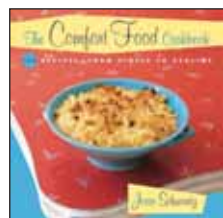


Ina Garten

Barefoot Contessa at Home: Everyday Recipes You'll Make Over and Over Again

For her growing Food Network viewing audience, and long-time readers of her cookbooks, Ina offers simple, yet innovative recipes that appeal to the entire spectrum of cooks, from novice to advanced.

1-4000-5434-6 | \$35.00/\$45.00C
Clarkson Potter | HC | October

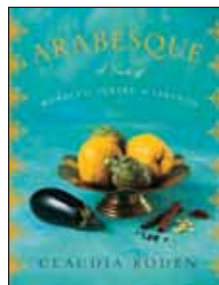


Joan Schwartz

The Comfort Food Cookbook: Macaroni & Cheese and Meat & Potatoes: 104 Recipes, from Simple to Sublime

Full of mouthwatering recipes from premier chefs—including Bobby Flay, Rocco DiSpirito, and Charlie Palmer—this cookbook presents cooks of all levels with the recipes to recreate the tastes of their childhood.

0-517-22824-6 | \$11.99/\$15.98C | Gramercy | HC | October

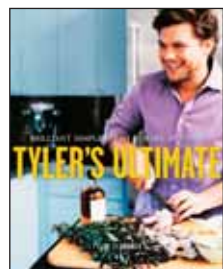


Claudia Roden

Arabesque: A Taste of Morocco, Turkey, and Lebanon

Claudia Roden revisits the three most exciting cuisines of the Arab world—Morocco, Turkey, and Lebanon—discovering new dishes and reworking classics to make them more accessible (and delicious) for today's home cooks.

0-307-26498-X | \$35.00/\$47.00C | Knopf | HC | October

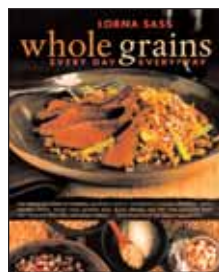


Tyler Florence

Tyler's Ultimate: Brilliant Simple Foods to Make Any Time

The Food Network's resident hunk turns out over 125 pared down versions of his high voltage, big-flavor cuisine. Beginning cooks will love the simplicity of his recipes while more advanced chefs will appreciate their depth and unexpected twists.

1-4000-5238-6 | \$35.00/\$47.00C
Clarkson Potter | HC | October



Lorna Sass

Whole Grains Every Day, Every Way

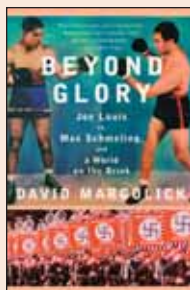
For both meat-eating and vegetarian cooks who would love to include more whole grains in their diets and are looking for an up-to-date reference guide and cookbook that demystifies whole grains such as quinoa, millet, brown rice and wheat berries.

0-307-33672-7 | \$32.50/\$44.00C
Clarkson Potter | HC | November

Boxing:

From Knockout Punches to the Underdogs Who Fought Their Way Into History.

Draw the guys—and the girls who love a good boxing match—into your library with a prominent display of these must-read titles!

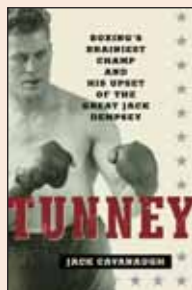


David Margolick

Beyond Glory: Joe Louis vs. Max Schmeling, and a World on the Brink

An extraordinary work of popular history on the two fights between a black American man, Joe Louis, and a Nazi hero, Max Schmeling, that took on significance far beyond the world of sports.

0-375-72619-5 | \$15.95/\$21.00C
Vintage | TR | September



Jack Cavanaugh

Tunney: Boxing's Brainiest Champ and His Upset of the Great Jack Dempsey

A blow-by-blow account of the life of Gene Tunney, an articulate and attractive athlete and American underdog who became world heavyweight champ by defeating the great Jack Dempsey.

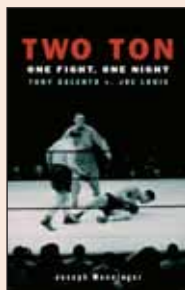
1-4000-6009-5 | \$25.95/\$34.95C
Random House | HC | November

Joseph Monninger

Two Ton: One Night, One Fight—Tony Galento v. Joe Louis

This spellbinding portrait of a man, a moment, and an era reminds us that sometimes it is through effort and not the end result, that people most enduringly define themselves.

1-58642-115-8 | \$19.95/\$26.95C
Steerforth Press | HC | November



AND DON'T FORGET THESE
BACKLIST BOXING FAVORITES!

Douglas Century

Barney Ross

A biography of one of the most colorful boxers—who demonstrated his courage in the ring, on the battlefield, and in his public battle against addiction.

0-8052-4223-6 | \$19.95/\$27.95C
Schocken | HC

Geoffrey C. Ward

Unforgivable Blackness

The acclaimed story of the enormously controversial boxer Jack Johnson and his central role in the history of race relations in America. First time in paperback.

0-375-71004-3 | \$16.95/\$23.95C
Vintage | TR

ADULT BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Selections from the List



Ueda Hajime

Q-Ko-Chan 1: The Earth Invader Girl

In the near future on planet Earth, a world gone mad where never-ending war is a fact of life, Kirio is the coolest kid at school. Up in the sky, a giant robot is fighting a fleet of gunships, but the brilliant and distant Kirio is far from fazed—until the battling 'bot makes an unexpected landing in Kirio's front yard and rings the bell. And it seems it is an alien invader with the face of an adorable girl. Ages 13 and Up.

0-345-49208-0 | \$10.95/\$14.50C | Del Rey Manga | TR | July

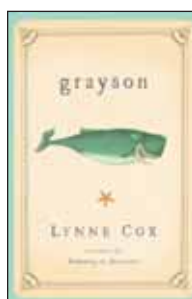


Ohlgreat

Air Gear 1

Itsuki Minami lives with the mysterious Noyamano sisters who give him an amazing gift: a pair of Air Trecks. These high-tech skates are more than just supercool. They'll enable Itsuki to execute the wildest, most aggressive moves ever seen—and introduce him to a thrilling and terrifying new world. Ages 16 and Up.

0-345-49278-1 | \$10.95/\$14.50C | Del Rey Manga | TR | July



Lynne Cox

Grayson

The author of the ALEX award-winning *Swimming to Antarctica* tells the story of what happened to her when she was seventeen years-old swimming off the coast of Catalina and she encountered a lost baby whale in search of its mother.

0-307-26454-8 | \$16.95/\$22.95C | Knopf | HC | August



Tom De Haven

It's Superman!: A Novel

This artfully re-imagined coming-of-age novel brings the reader from the budding superhero's teenage years in 1930's Kansas to New York City where he begins his famous dual life as a reporter for the *Daily Planet* by day, and vigilant crime fighter by night. The summer blockbuster, *Superman Returns*, will help make this a popular title.

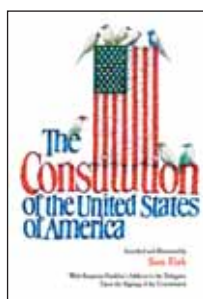
0-345-49392-3 | \$13.95/\$18.95C | Ballantine | TR | August

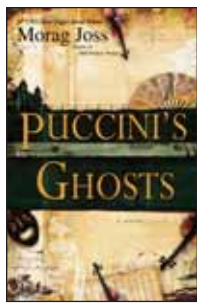
Sam Fink

The Constitution of the United States of America

Sam Fink has brought his extraordinary illustrative talent to the document on which our liberties as citizens and our continued existence as a nation depend. His art, his respect and interest in the words he is bringing to life, open the doors to this complex document. And remember, September 18, 2006 is Constitution Day!

0-941807-99-1 | \$29.95/\$39.95C
Welcome Books | HC | August





Morag Joss

Puccini's Ghosts

It is the summer of 1960 and fifteen-year-old Lila dreams of escape from her mother's hysterics and her parents' loveless marriage. Salvation arrives in the form of her beloved uncle George, a music teacher from London who decides to stage an amateur production of Puccini's "Turandot." But soon reality and fantasy fuse into a dangerous mixture, one that threatens to destroy Lila and all those around her.

0-385-33978-X | \$22.00/NCR | Delacorte | HC | August



Joanna Schlip

Glamour Gurlz: The Ultimate Step-by-Step Guide to Great Makeup and Gurl Smarts

For tween (ages 8-12) and teen girls who look up to celebrities like Hilary Duff, Sophia Bush, and Hayden Panettiere, and for parents seeking a guide to fresh, age-appropriate looks for their daughters comes a confidence-raising guide to make-up by a celebrity make-up artist and Oprah's make-up guru.

0-307-33935-1 | \$19.95/\$26.95C
Clarkson Potter | TR | August

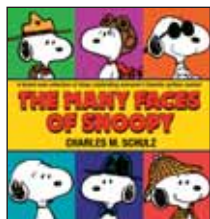


Charles M. Schulz

Peanuts Lunchtime Cookbook

A wonderful cookbook for children and adults alike, filled with classic strips of the Peanuts gang in full lunch mode and great easy-to-make recipes, from sandwiches and salads, to desserts and snacks.

0-345-47986-6 | \$8.95/\$11.95C | Ballantine | TR | August

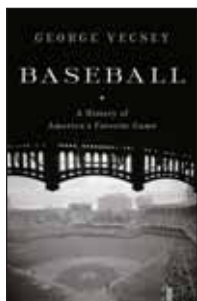


Charles M. Schulz

The Many Faces of Snoopy

From the legendary Flying Ace to the black shade-wearing Joe Cool, this full-color book features more than 200 strips of Snoopy's various lovable characters.

0-345-47983-1 | \$14.95/\$21.00C | Ballantine | TR | October



George Vecsey

Baseball: A History of America's Favorite Game

From Babe Ruth to the Boston Red Sox, this *New York Times* sportswriter hits all the high notes of America's favorite game, but sprinkled in between the iconic moments, he offers us unique insights and anecdotes from a life spent behind the dugout.

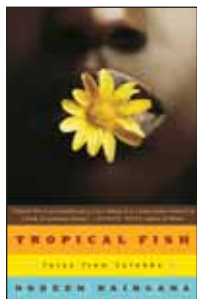
0-679-64338-9 | \$21.95/\$29.95C
Modern Library | HC | August

Doreen Baingana

Tropical Fish: Tales From Entebbe

Set mostly in pastoral Entebbe with stops in the cities Kampala and Los Angeles, *Tropical Fish* depicts the reality of life for Christine Mugisha and her family after Amin's dictatorship. As they cope with Uganda's collapsing infrastructure and food shortages, the Mugishas also contend with the universal themes of family cohesion, sex and relationships, disease, betrayal, and spirituality.

0-7679-2510-6 | \$10.95/\$14.50C
Harlem Moon | TR | September

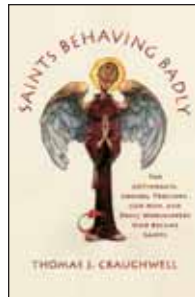


Amber Benson and Christopher Golden

Witchery: A Ghosts of Albion Novel

William and Tamara Swift, Britain's protectors against mystical evil, have the help of the Ghosts of the Albion themselves: Bodicea the warrior queen, Lord Admiral Nelson, and Lord Byron. When several women and fairies vanish from the countryside, Tamara travels to Cornwall, where she discovers sinister dark forces. Meanwhile, William continues his quest to free his possessed father from the hold of the dangerous demon Oblis.

0-345-47131-8 | \$13.95/\$18.95C | Del Rey | TR | September



Thomas J. Craughwell

Saints Behaving Badly: The Cutthroats, Crooks, Trollops, Con Men, and Devil-Worshippers Who Became Saints

Saints are not born, they are made. And many, as revealed here, were made of very rough materials indeed. The first book to lay bare the less than saintly behavior of thirty-two venerated holy men and women, it presents the scandalous, spicy, and sleazy detours they took on the road to sainthood. Written with wit and respect (each profile ends with what inspired the saint to give up his or her wicked ways) and illustrated with amusing caricatures.

0-385-51720-3 | \$15.95/\$21.00C | Doubleday | HC | September



Mark Z. Danielewski

Only Revolutions: A Novel

From the national bestselling author of *House of Leaves* comes this story of two teenaged gods striving across American history who fall in love and break the heart of the world.

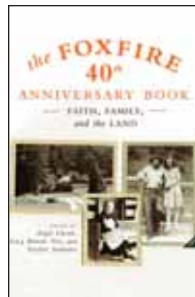
0-375-42176-9 | \$26.00/\$35.00C | Pantheon | HC | September

Edited by Angie Cheek, Lacy Hunter Nix, and Foxfire Students

The Foxfire 40th Anniversary Book: Faith, Family, and the Land

For four decades, Foxfire books have been teaching a philosophy of simplicity in living. This volume celebrates the past forty years and offers a selection of anecdotes and lessons organized into three categories that define the Appalachian lifestyle.

0-307-27551-5 | \$17.95/\$23.95C | Anchor | TR | September



Edited by Andrew Carroll

Operation Homecoming

Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front, in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families

This landmark volume of wartime writings from the front lines of Iraq and Afghanistan is a rich historical document that will preserve the stories and observations of American troops—from the National Endowment for the Arts and the best-selling editor of *War Letters*.

1-4000-6562-3 | \$26.95/\$35.95C
Random House | HC | September





Brian Keenan

Four Quarters of Light: An Alaskan Journey

From dog-mushing on a frozen lake beneath the colors of the aurora borealis to camping in a two-dollar tent in the tundra of the Arctic Circle, Brian Keenan seeks out the ultimate wilderness experience and connects with a spectrum of wildlife—including his own “spirit bear”—all of them roamers in “The Big Lonely.”

0-7679-2325-1 | \$14.00/NCR | Broadway | TR | September

Museum of Science, Boston

Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination

Now in paperback, National Geographic's exclusive and official companion book to the interactive *Star Wars* exhibition created by Lucasfilm, Ltd. and Boston's renowned Museum of Science—a must-have for *Star Wars*, science, and technology buffs alike.

0-7922-6200-X | \$16.95/\$22.95C
National Geographic | TR | September

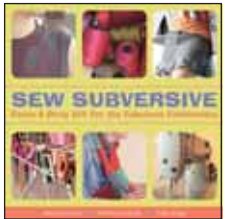


Melissa Rannels, Melissa Alvarado & Hope Meng

Sew Subversive: Down & Dirty DIY for the Fabulous Fashionista

Sew Subversive is about making fashion your own, whether it's embellishing or customizing off-the-rack clothing or transforming clothes that have lost that loving feeling. The book covers the basics of hand and machine sewing, then it gears up for the real fun with 22 cool projects.

1-56158-809-1 | \$14.95/\$21.00C
Taunton Press | TR | September



Gerry and Janet Souter

The Founding of the United States Experience: 1763-1815

This beautiful volume includes dramatic readings of first-hand accounts taken from original manuscripts and recorded on an audio CD, plus 30 facsimile items of that era's memorabilia, each a separate printed piece inserted throughout the book. The reader can relive this momentous period of history by holding and examining hand-drawn maps, diaries, letters, orders, and broadsides, newspapers, and posters, making this book a truly interactive experience. Perfect for classroom libraries.

0-89141-899-7 | \$50.00/NCR | Presidio Press | HC | September

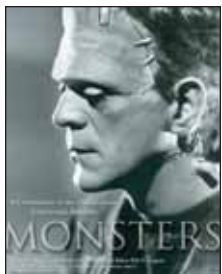


Universal Studios

Monsters: A Celebration of the Classics from Universal Studios

A full-color officially authorized retrospective book celebrating the classic monster films that have haunted audiences for decades. Includes these Creature Features and more: *Dracula*, *Frankenstein*, *The Mummy*, *The Invisible Man*, *Creature from the Black Lagoon*, *Phantom of the Opera*.

0-345-48685-4 | \$29.95/\$39.95C | Del Rey | HC | September



Gideon Defoe

The Pirates! In an Adventure with Communists: A Novel

Having mutilated Charles Darwin and mauled Herman Melville, the Pirate Captain with the luxurious beard and his insane cohort now turn their attention to an adventure featuring Karl Marx, Frederick Nietzsche and, of course, dancing bears.

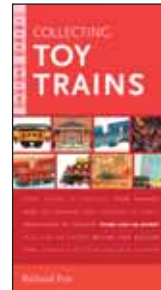
0-375-42397-4 | \$15.95/NCR | Pantheon | HC | October

Richard Friz

Instant Expert: Collecting Toy Trains

This book teaches readers how to buy and sell online, at auctions and at toy stores and how to find communities and societies that share a passion for toy trains.

0-375-72090-1 | \$14.95/\$21.00C
House of Collectibles | TR | October



Byron Hollinshead

I Wish I'd Been There: Twenty Historians Bring to Life Dramatic Events That Changed America

“What is the scene or incident in American history that you would like to have witnessed—and why?” This is the thought-provoking question posed to twenty of our finest historians along with the invitation to write a personal essay answering it. Readers will be transported to the Salem witch trials, the Lewis and Clark expedition, the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the beginnings of the Vietnam War, and other key turning points and triumphs of our national drama.

0-385-51619-3 | \$26.95/\$35.95C | Doubleday | HC | October

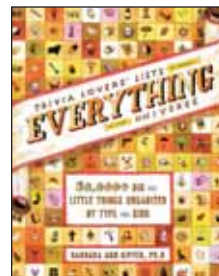


Barbara Ann Kipfer

Trivia Lover's Lists of Nearly Everything in the Universe: 50,000+ big & little things organized by type and kind

An A-Z collection of 1,200 lists of over 50,000 things, for trivia lovers, with a secondary market of fact finders, including writers, journalists, researchers, and puzzlers.

0-375-42606-X | \$24.95/\$32.95C
RH Reference & Information | TR | October

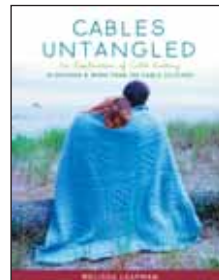


Melissa Leapman

Cables Untangled: An Exploration of Cable Knitting

From the widely published designer and teacher comes a classic collection of 30 stylish sweater and accessory designs, plus a timeless reference of more than 100 cable stitches.

1-4000-9745-2 | \$32.50/\$44.00C | Potter Craft | HC | October



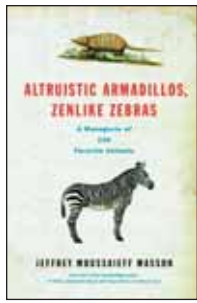
Living Language

Easy American Idioms: Hundreds of Idiomatic Expressions to Give You an Edge in English

An essential ESL course for truly mastering the language by using English idioms correctly; includes a booklet and 4 CDs.

1-4000-2275-4 | \$24.95/\$32.95C
Living Language | CD | October



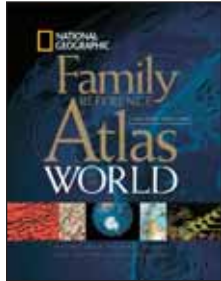


Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

Altruistic Armadillos, Zenlike Zebras:
A Menagerie of 100 Favorite Animals

Inspiring stories of 100 different animals, from the expected (dolphins, hummingbirds, hippopotamuses) to the unexpected (dugongs, superb fairy-wrens, kakapos)—stories that allow us to see the emotions and even heroism in the daily lives of these wonderful creatures. Featuring fascinating facts, tantalizing tidbits, and photos throughout.

0-345-47881-9 | \$29.95/\$39.95C | Ballantine | HC | October



National Geographic

National Geographic Family Reference Atlas, Second Edition

Completely updated and redesigned, this world atlas combines superb cartography, comprehensive coverage, and a competitive price to provide a peerless, practical family reference resource featuring more than 1,400 maps, photographs, illustrations, and charts.

0-7922-5567-4 | \$65.00/\$85.00C
National Geographic | HC | October

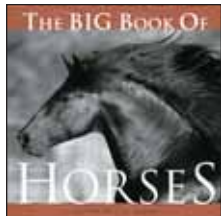


Laura Pedersen

The Big Shuffle: A Novel

Hallie Palmer, heroine of *Beginner's Luck*, now 18 is summoned home from college when her father dies. Hallie's mother goes into shock and is unable to care for her eight children still at home, so it is agreed that Hallie will take a leave of absence from school. Through it all, she discovers that life can indeed turn on a dime, and sometimes having courage simply means trying not to let anyone else know when you're scared to death.

0-345-47956-4 | \$13.95/\$18.95C | Ballantine | TR | October



J.C. Suarès

The Big Book of Horses

The 230 images are complemented by excerpts—both literary and personal—from the works of such diverse writers as Leo Tolstoy, Cormac McCarthy, Beryl Markham, John Steinbeck, Nicholas Evans and from stories and anecdotes by horse owners and aficionados.

1-59962-013-8 | \$24.95/\$38.95C | HC
Welcome Books | October

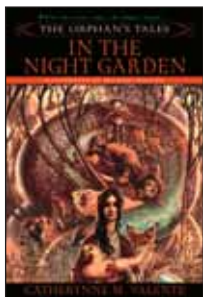


Osamu Tezuka

Ode to Kirihiro

In this graphic novel, Dr. Osanai Kirihiro has uncovered a fatal medical condition that transforms humans into dog-like beasts. In pursuit of a cure, Dr. Kirihiro catches the disease, becoming his own patient. For ages 16 and up.

1-932234-64-0 | \$24.95/\$32.95C | Vertical | TR | October



Catherine Valentine

The Orphan's Tales: In the Night Garden

An *Arabian Nights* for the modern age, told in an enchanting story-within-a-story structure—each story leads into the next and each is part of a larger fantastical epic. Valentine reinvents the fairy tale as we know it and spins an enthralling story of living stars, snake-gods, and beast-princesses, beautifully adorned with accompanying illustrations by legendary comic book artist Michael William Kaluta.

0-553-38403-1 | \$14.00/\$18.95C | Spectra | TR | October

Random House SPANISH

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Daina Chaviano

La isla de los amores infinitos
(The Island of Eternal Love)

The passionate saga of three families who emigrated to Cuba—Chinese, Spanish, and African slaves—over the course of 150 years. The interplay that occurs throughout these generations shows just how fragile and predestined life can be.

0-307-37654-0 | \$17.95/NCR
Grijalbo | TR | September

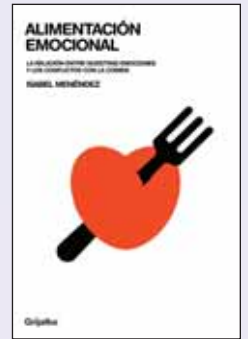


Ildelfonso Falcones

La catedral del mar
(The Sea's Cathedral)

Medieval Barcelona is the setting for this uncompromisingly good historical novel filled with intrigue, war, revenge, and social commentary. A Spanish Bestseller!

0-307-37665-6 | \$17.95/NCR
Grijalbo | TR | November



Isabel Menéndez

Alimentación emocional
(Emotional Nutrition)

Isabel Menéndez takes us through the perils of emotional conflict and the effect it has on our relationship with food. Learn how each is intertwined and how best to separate them to achieve a peace-filled mind and a low-fat body.

0-307-37671-0 | \$12.95/NCR
Grijalbo | TR | December

Dra. Isabel Gómez-Bassols

Los 7 pasos para ser más feliz
(The Seven Steps to a Happier Life)

The nationally acclaimed Univision Radio host and bestselling author Dra. Isabel presents seven key steps to achieving more happiness.

0-307-27657-0 | \$15.95/\$21.00C
Vintage Español | TR | October

Coming This Fall to a Theater Near You!

James Bradley with Ron Powers

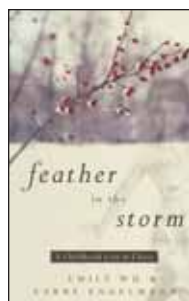
Flags of Our Fathers

Few books have captured the complexity and furor of war and its aftermath as well as the beloved #1 bestseller *Flags of Our Fathers*. Told with keen insight, this landmark account of the battle for Iwo Jima is the basis for the major motion picture forthcoming from DreamWorks in Fall 2006, produced by Steven Spielberg, directed and co-produced by Clint Eastwood. The movie tie-in editions coming this fall will include a new foreword by James Bradley.

An epic look at a generation at war, this is history told with keen insight, enormous honesty, and the passion of a son paying homage to his father. It is also a perfect choice for both reading groups and One Book, One Community Reads programs.

MOVIE TIE-IN EDITIONS:

0-553-11133-7 | \$27.00/\$36.00C | Bantam | HC | August
 0-553-38415-5 | \$14.00/\$18.95C | Bantam | TR | August
 0-553-58934-2 | \$7.99/\$10.99C | Bantam | MM | August
 0-7393-2659-7 | \$16.95/\$22.95C | RH Large Print | TR | August
 0-7393-3219-8 | \$14.99/\$21.00C | RH Audio | CD | August



Emily Wu and Larry Engelmenn

Feather in the Storm: A Childhood Lost in Chaos

A moving account told from a child's point of view of growing up in China during the unbearably cruel and harsh years of the great Leap forward and the Cultural Revolution.

0-375-42428-8 | \$26.00/\$35.00C | Pantheon | HC | October

Melody Carlson

Notes From A Spinning Planet—Ireland

Showcases the experiences of nineteen-year-old Maddie Chase as she accompanies her journalist aunt on international adventures, trips which offer excitement, romances, and on occasion, danger. First stop Ireland, next stop—anywhere!

1-4000-7144-5 | \$12.99/\$16.99C
 WaterBrook Press | TR | November



Alan Dean Foster

Trouble Magnet: A Pip & Flinx Adventure

Wandering out there in some remote region of the galaxy is a sentient, gargantuan, weapons system. All Flinx and his mini-dragon Pip have to do is find the hefty object and persuade it to knock out the monstrous evil hurtling through space to waste the entire Commonwealth. But life is full of surprises, and Flinx is about to get smacked by a shocking clue about his own shadowy past. The twelfth novel in this hugely popular series.

0-345-48504-1 | \$23.95/\$31.95C | Del Rey | HC | November



S.C. Gylanders

The Better Angels of Our Nature: A Novel

On the eve of the Battle of Shiloh, a young boy turns up in General William Sherman's camp—and his real identity will prove to be as startling as the war itself.

1-4000-6514-3 | \$24.95/\$32.95C
 Random House | HC | November



Afya Ibomu

Get Your Crochet On! Hip Hats & Cool Caps

A funky collection of street-wise crocheted hat designs. The 20 patterns included are bold, brash, and in-your-face and are certain to attract young new knitters and crocheters. Easy-to-follow patterns and instructions ensure successful results.

1-56158-850-4 | \$14.95/\$21.00C
 Taunton Press | TR | November



Paul Kearney

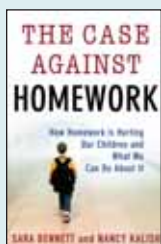
This Forsaken Earth: Book Two of The Sea Beggars

Rol Cortishane is a legend across the Twelve Seas of Umer for having bested every warship sent against him and the Hidden City. But the seagoing lifestyle Rol has come to love is upset when an unexpected figure from his boyhood appears. The follow-up to *The Mark of Ran* (0-553-38361-2) but stands on its own.

0-553-38363-9 | \$12.00/\$16.00C | Spectra | TR | November



Don't Miss These Last Minute Additions:



Sara Bennett and Nancy Kalish

The Case Against Homework: How Homework Is Hurting Our Children and What We Can Do About It

Although homework increasingly dominates the home lives of American families, this powerful book reveals that most of it has little proven value and causes kids to miss out on other important developmental opportunities. Rigorously researched, packed with parents' voices, brimming with detailed advice, *THE CASE AGAINST HOMEWORK* will help frustrated parents determine which assignments are genuinely useful and empower them to advocate for change in their own schools.

0-307-34017-1 | \$24.95/\$30.00C
 Crown | HC | August

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Jonathan & Faye Kellerman

Capital Crimes

Two of the world's most popular authors team up again for a collaborative work of white-knuckle suspense, featuring appearances from Jonathan Kellerman's beloved recurring hero Alex Delaware and Faye Kellerman's popular team of Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus.

0-345-46798-1 | \$24.95/\$30.00C
 Ballantine | HC | November

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STAFF PICKS



Marcia's Pick

Matt Kellogg and Jillian Quint, Editors

Twentysomething Essays By Twentysomething Writers

Just over a year ago this Department became involved in the project that has produced *Twentysomething Essays by Twentysomething Writers*. When I first read about this proposal I thought—what a great idea!

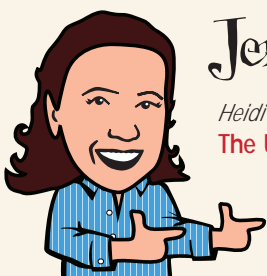
"Be specific. Be unique. We want you to tell us—and by extension, the entire world—something we haven't heard before, something that defines you as a member of this burgeoning generation. Make us laugh, make us think, make us mad—just don't make us yawn." I think this goal has certainly been achieved!

At every show at which we exhibit, hopeful faces appear and announce: "I've written a book/play/collection of poems and I want to get published." In this collection are such young people filled with passion, optimism, and hope, with dedication to writing and the drive towards "writerly pursuits."

I can't say I LOVED every essay—obviously some were better (or more appealing to me) than others, but that's human nature—and none made me yawn!

A big hug to this next generation of authors. It's comforting in a world of emails, text messages, and blogs to know that thousands submitted entries. Congratulations to this diverse bunch and to the editors, Matt Kellogg and Jillian Quint, who, with great good nature, describe themselves as "proud twentysomethings and indentured servants, er, assistants in the Random House editorial department." Well done!

0-8129-7566-9 | \$12.95/\$16.95C | Random House | TR | August



Jen's Pick

Heidi Julavits

The Uses of Enchantment: A Novel

Victim or Vixen? Liar or whore? These are questions posed in this psychological exploration of a young sixteen-year old girl learning to wield her sexuality, with devastating results to all involved. One day in

1985, young teenager Mary Veal disappears from field-hockey practice at her all-girls New England prep school. She reappears a few weeks later with little memory of what has happened to her, claiming she's been abducted. Sent to a psychologist, Mary is a difficult patient, and her doctor soon begins to suspect that she has made the story of her kidnapping up, especially when he realizes her story has parallels to the account of a seventeenth-century girl who was abducted by Indians and who caused her rescuer to be hanged as a witch. The narrative moves back and forth between 1985 and 1999 (when Mary returns to her home to attend her mother's funeral) and the chapters set in 1985 are entitled "What May Have Happened." And that is the intriguing thing about this novel—you are not certain until the end as to whether or not Mary is actually telling the truth. Was she abducted? Is there a man named "K" who has kept her all these weeks and, perhaps, taken advantage of her? An enthralling and insightful look into the mind of a young girl testing her powers of sexuality, which led to a disastrous life-changing, incident...or may not have. You'll have to read *The Uses of Enchantment* to know for sure.

0-385-51323-2 | \$24.95/\$32.95C | Doubleday | HC | October



Sarah's Pick

Gordon Dahlquist

The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters: A Novel

As booklovers and avid readers, I am sure many of you have heard the line: "I have never read anything like this book before. This is the most original novel I have ever read." And yet, that is exactly what I said when I finished this stunning novel. From the

moment Miss Celeste Temple embarked on her journey to discover why her fiancé broke off their engagement, I was spellbound by the world Mr. Dahlquist created. His detailed descriptions of the characters' actions allowed me to visualize each scene as if I was watching a movie. I literally gasped out loud during some of the fight scenes, the descriptions were so vivid. Even now, months after first reading this book, I can still visualize full scenes and the exact layout of the mysterious Harschmort Manor where Miss Temple finds her fiancé involved in a seductive and mysterious experiment. As the mystery surrounding the glass books unfolded, I tried to put together the pieces before the author revealed the details of the terrifying conspiracy to Miss Celeste Temple and her cohorts. Everytime I thought I had guessed the outcome, a new twist was revealed and, as a reader, I was just as stunned as the characters. While many will try to classify this novel—this feat of the imagination—into a single genre, I believe it stands alone as a truly original, must-read work of fiction. If you do not believe me, then please read this novel and let me know if you know of another book that compares to Dahlquist's *The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters*. Until I hear from you, I will continue to revisit this masterpiece of a novel.

0-385-34035-4 | \$26.00/\$35.00C | HC | Bantam | August



Courtney's Pick

Thomas Mullen

The Last Town on Earth: A Novel

I let myself be transported to 1918—to the small rural town of Commonwealth in the Pacific Northwest. Faced with the harsh realities of war and disease, and struggling to protect themselves, the people of Commonwealth vote to quarantine the town from the outside world.

What drew me to this in the first place was the fact that the author was inspired by a historical footnote about towns that quarantined themselves during the flu epidemic—what a concept! Secondly, since I'm from the Pacific Northwest, I was further intrigued by the setting. Right away we meet Philip, an innocent teenager who was adopted by the town's founder just years before. He stands guard with another man on the outskirts of town after the quarantine is enacted, and shots are fired when a soldier appears out of nowhere attempting to enter the town. Philip is one of the first to see how complicated life in their isolated town becomes after this happens. Faced with the horror of the flu epidemic and the long, dark shadow of WWI, their tight-knit, idyllic community seems to unravel. Events take place that affect the way people think and act towards one another, and we're reminded of the fragility of life and human relationships—and how people gain or lose their "humanness" in times of dire straits. This is a very moving and powerful story, and will keep you guessing until the end.

1-4000-6520-8 | \$23.95/\$31.95C | Random House | HC | August

STAFF PICKS (continued)



Erica's Pick

Karleen Koen

Dark Angels: A Novel

This is the most enthralling piece of historical fiction I have ever read. I have often thought of myself as born into the wrong century.

But would I have been able to survive the political scheming and romantic drama experienced by Alice Verney, a lady in waiting, during England's

Restoration period? Rich with period detail and a flow of events so captivating that you will find yourself thoroughly caught up in the drama and mysteries surrounding the scandalous court of Charles II. Alice's pursuit of her own political and personal ambitions amongst the tangle of court intrigue will amaze and sadden you as the tables are turned against her. Will she find contentment with the turn of events? As a reader, you will find contentment elusive at the end of this novel, as you most assuredly will want it to never end!

0-307-33991-2 | \$25.95/\$34.95C | Crown | HC | September

AND NOT TO BE MISSED:

Diane Johnson

Into a Paris Quartier: Reine Margot's Chapel and Other Haunts of St. Germaine

Now available in paperback and recommended for reading groups, the bestselling author of *Le Divorce*, explores the legendary Paris neighborhood she calls home: St.-Germain-des-Prés. With her delicious imagination and wry, opinionated voice, Diane Johnson offers this fascinating guide to a classic neighborhood as cosmopolitan as it is quintessentially French.

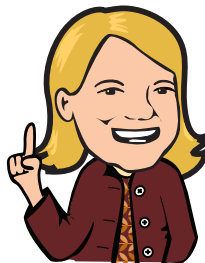
0-7922-6208-5 | \$10.95/\$14.50C | National Geographic | TR | November

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Anna Quindlen

Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City

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Hannah's Pick

Julia Glass

The Whole World Over

Although I'm fortunate enough to have a steady stream of wonderful books crossing my desk, it can nonetheless take me a minute or two to decide which one I'll write about in each issue of *Random Revelations*. Since time is short this month,

I'm very glad that I don't have to struggle for even a moment this time to think of a recent book I loved: Julia Glass's *The Whole World Over* grabbed me from the moment I picked it up, and didn't let go until I'd read the whole thing, and its predecessor, *Three Junes*, as well. *The Whole World Over* lives up to its title, for it is big, sprawling over geographic and emotional terrain of all sorts, and satisfying as only a novel with broad-ranging characters and countless intricate plots and sub-plots can be. Greenie Duquette is a chef who owns a bakery in New York's Greenwich village, creating gorgeous confections which function—as does all the food in the novel—to mirror and transform the complex relationships between the cook and those she cooks for. Children, lovers, employers and friends pass through Greenie's kitchen, first in New York, and then in a serendipitous but risky turn of events, in the New Mexico governor's mansion. Glass handles her characters with sensitivity, portraying marital strife, national tragedy, and personal crisis without disallowing the possibility of joy and reconciliation for the characters, *all of whom manage to capture readerly sympathy even in their inevitable* moments of weakness and fallibility. Rich and engaging, *The Whole World Over* is perfect reading for the long days of summer. Enjoy!

0-375-42274-9 | \$25.95/\$34.95C | Pantheon | HC

Alexandra's Pick (GUEST REVIEWER—Library Marketing Summer Intern)

Barbara Pease and Allan Pease

The Definitive Book of Body Language

Do not lean against my supervisor's doorframe. I'll have to write myself a post-it. It represents encroachment, and may be causing him psychic pain. The last thing an intern wants to do is provoke hostility. But there's so much to remember, especially now that I've read "The Definitive Book of Body Language" by Alan and Barbara Pease. From now on, no leaning. And who knows what else I've been doing wrong. I nibble on the arm of my glasses for reassurance. Mmm, reminds me of my bottle. Those were the days. Oops, someone's coming by my cubicle—I whip them back on again to be perceived as more studious and intelligent. I am careful not to peer over the frames, lest my visitor feel that I am scrutinizing or judging her. I gaze at her pleasantly, allowing my eyes to drift about in the triangle formed by her eyes and mouth. But I've got to finish writing my Staff Pick and for some reason (probably my

over-encouraging nod pattern), she won't stop talking. I'm forced to shift my focus up into the triangle made by her eyes and an imaginary dot in the center of her forehead. She feels vaguely uncomfortable and retreats toward the copy machine. Good. Now I'm done! I won't go to lunch early, though. My boss gave me permission while picking lint off his cuff to conceal his disapproval.

We've all heard that crossed arms make a person look insecure, but did you know that comedians are funnier from the left side of the stage, "thumb displays" denote an attitude of superiority (think Napoleon), and you've won a woman over if she puts her purse next to you? This is a perfect book for any human who interacts with other humans on a regular basis. But reader beware: paranoia has never been this much fun.

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