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A NEWSLETTER FOR LIBRARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY MARKETING

BLOGGING ALONG



If you go to the homepage of Wordpress you'll see an interesting tally. Today's reads: 4,311,921 blogs, 158,344 new posts, 43,599,384 words today. There is A LOT of blogging going on. And while you may not care about 4,311,920 of the blogs, we hope you will care about 1:

Random House Library

Marketing's. Why should you care? Because we've created it with you in mind. One of the things we've heard on the road and at trade shows is that librarians want breaking news and up-to-the-minute information and they want it online. What better way to do this, we thought, than to have our own little corner of the blogosphere where we could share news bytes with our librarian friends.

www.randomhouselibrary.com

So what will you find there? Anything goes. We have Staff Book Reviews, Oprah Alerts, Book Trailers, Reading Group Resources, and the occasional photo of Jen's two-year-old, George. We're still in the beginning stages of the life of the blog, and we're eager for your comments and suggestions (we can take it, really we can) but we're hoping we're on our way to creating a valuable resource for librarians. So, check out www.randomhouselibrary.com, share it with your friends, bookmark it, add it to your RSS feed even.

I guess it would be selfish of us to only plug our own blog. So here are a few other blogs we like:

www.earlyword.com

This is a Blog and Web site on a mission — to bring together the best thinking on the art of selecting books for public libraries. By giving readers what they want, when they want it, they believe libraries can increase their circulation and their support.

www.libraryjournal.com

In the Bookroom: A collaborative blog about books, media, and publishing presented by the editors of Library Journal.

www.noflyingnotights.com

A website reviewing graphic novels for teens, along with a blog that features updates as well as random topics of interest to their readers. Founder Robin Brenner is the author of the introduction to our new Random House Inc. Graphic Novel catalog (email library@randomhouse.com for a free copy). She really knows her stuff.

www.suvudu.com

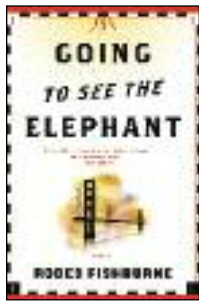
Suvudu is a new RH website catering to news from all sci-fi and fantasy creative media—books, audiobooks, gaming, manga, comic books and movies! Content will include podcasts, videos, reviews, interviews and original blog posts, all brought to you by some of the best talents in the sci-fi, fantasy, graphic novel and gaming industries. Imagine the San Diego Comic Con—but on a website all year round!

www.unshelved.com

The world's only daily comic strip set in a public library. Writer Gene Ambaum (the made-up name of a real-life librarian) and co-writer and artist Bill Barnes have been publishing since February 16, 2002. Some of the stories are made up, some of them are based on real life, and some are absolutely true stories sent to them from their readers. You'll also find a Drop-In Title alert list and random musings from Bill Barnes.

THE BOOKS

FIRST FICTION



Rodes Fishburne

Going To See the Elephant

25 year-old Slater Brown has come to San Francisco to stake his claim to fame and become the greatest writer ever. But the city may have other plans...

978-0-385-34239-1 | \$22.00/\$25.00C

Delacorte Press | HC | December



Barbara O'Neal

The Lost Recipe for Happiness

Elena Alvarez, having just taken a new job at an upscale Apsen restaurant, is still haunted by tragic memories or a car accident twenty years ago. Now, she must face her past, heal, and learn to embrace her new surroundings.

978-0-553-38551-9 | \$13.00/\$15.00C

Bantam Discovery | TR | December



Kyle Beachy

The Slide: A Novel

Shortly after retreating home after college graduation, Potter Mays begins receiving enigmatic packages from his former girlfriend, Audrey, who is backpacking through Europe with her beautiful bisexual traveling companion, and now he can't sleep. The refuge of life at home is proving illusory.

978-0-385-34185-1 | \$13.00/\$15.00C | Dial Press | TR | January



Elissa Elliott

Eve: A Novel of the First Woman

A dazzling debut that brilliantly reimagines the world's oldest tale, *Eve* weaves together biblical tradition and ancient history into a novel sure to resonate not only with fans of interpretations of biblical narratives as well as devotees of thought-provoking historical and women's fiction.

978-0-385-34144-8 | \$24.00/\$28.00C

Delacorte Press | HC | January

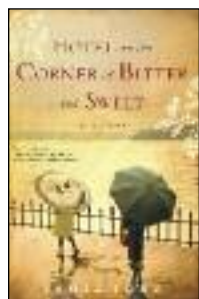


Jamie Ford

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel *

When Seattle's famed Panama Hotel undergoes renovation in 1986, Henry Lee, now 56 years old, comes face to face with a relic from his past that unearths memories of his experiences during World War II—the young Japanese woman he loved and lost, and the father who betrayed him.

978-0-345-50533-0 | \$24.00/\$28.00C | Ballantine | HC | January



Daniel Fox

Dragon in Chains *

The story of a deposed boy emperor who flees to a remote island that is a great source of magic for the land. Concurrent storylines include a vicious pirate captain and a boy and slave who become linked to the dragon of the land, bound magically beneath the sea.

978-0-345-50305-3 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Del Rey | TR | January



Sara Houghteling

Pictures at an Exhibition

Daniel Berenzon, the son of a renowned dealer of modern art in pre-World War II Paris, is determined to recover his father's paintings after they return home to find they have been looted during the German occupation.

978-0-307-26685-9 | \$24.95/\$27.95C | Knopf | HC | January



Lewis Robinson

Water Dogs: A Novel

Set in small-town Maine, *Water Dogs* is the story of a young man who must challenge his beliefs about family and loyalty when his brother becomes the main suspect in a man's mysterious disappearance.

978-1-4000-6217-1 | \$25.00/\$28.00C

Random House | HC | January



Daphne Uviller

Super in the City

Whimsical twenty-seven-year-old Zephyr Zuckerman, a tenant in her parents' Greenwich Village apartment building, can't seem to commit to a career. So when the superintendent is led down the brownstone steps in handcuffs, her parents strongly suggest Zephyr become the new super.

978-0-385-34269-8 | \$12.00/\$14.00C | Bantam | TR | January

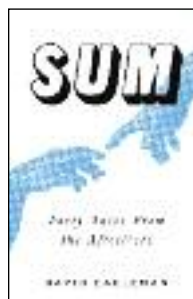


Elizabeth Diamond

An Accidental Light

On a quiet road just outside London, a fatal car accident takes the life of thirteen-year-old Laura Jenkins, and her death changes the lives of two families forever. Reminiscent of *The Lovely Bones*, a debut novel of moving force that explores the repercussions of one tragic moment.

978-1-59051-301-9 | \$24.95/\$27.95C | Other Press | HC | February



David Eagleman

Sum: Forty Tales from the Afterlives

From a neuroscientist, a dazzling work of fiction in forty vignettes about the afterlives that we may encounter that illuminates the experience here and now of our hopes, dreams, beliefs, and intuitions.

978-0-307-37734-0 | \$22.00/NCR | Pantheon | HC | February



* Indicates Books of Special Interest to Young Adults.

CRAFTS

for All Ages



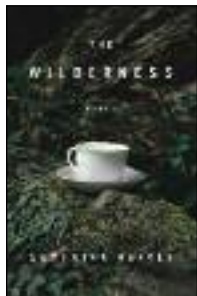
Miriam Gershow

The Local News: A Novel

A sharp portrait of a family in the throes of grief, about a woman whose life—for better or worse—is irrevocably changed at 15 years old when her older, football hero brother disappears.

978-0-385-52761-3 | \$24.95/\$27.95C
Spiegel & Grau | HC | February

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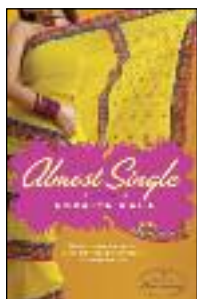
Samantha Harvey

The Wilderness: A Novel

A compellingly original debut novel that captures the cognitive decline of a man and transforms a difficult and heartbreaking subject into a mesmerizing story about one man's struggle to uncover the source of a mysterious sense of guilt.

978-0-385-52763-7 | \$24.95/\$27.95C
Nan A. Talese | HC | February

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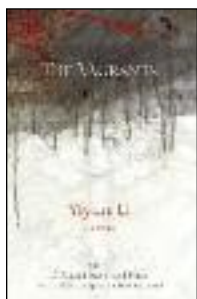
Advaita Kala

Almost Single

When the very “modern” Aisha Bhatia falls for an investment banker who may be the perfect man, she starts to question whether she’s missing out on the nuances of tradition in her quest to be a liberated Indian woman.

978-0-553-38610-3 | \$13.00/\$15.00C
Bantam Discovery | TR | February

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Yiyun Li

The Vagrants: A Novel

This astonishing first novel by the remarkable Yiyun Li is set in a small town in China in 1978-1979, and it tells the story of people whose lives are affected by a counter-revolutionary movement.

978-1-4000-6313-0 | \$25.00/\$28.00C
Random House | HC | February

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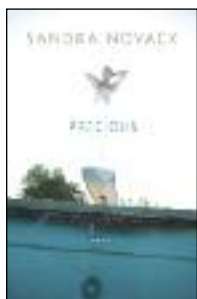
Philipp Meyer

American Rust: A Novel

A raw and gripping novel in the tradition of Pete Dexter set in a dying steel town in Pennsylvania and centering on the fates of two young men stuck in a world of violence and poverty despite their talents and desire to escape.

978-0-385-52751-4 | \$24.95/\$27.95C
Spiegel & Grau | HC | February

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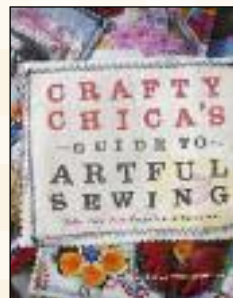
Sandra Novack

Precious: A Novel

Set in 1970s small town Pennsylvania the tumultuous summer a young girl has gone missing, *Precious* is a haunting and powerful first novel about a fractured family.

978-1-4000-6680-3 | \$25.00/\$28.00C
Random House | HC | February

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Kathy Cano-Murillo

Crafty Chica's Guide to Artful Sewing: Fabu-Low-Sew Projects for the Everyday Crafter

Kathy Cano-Murillo, the wild and wildy popular “Crafty Chica,” has taken the signature projects, drama, and glitter and rolled them into her first-ever sewing book.

978-0-307-40666-8 | \$21.95/\$25.00C
Potter Craft | TR | February



Sally Melville

Mother-Daughter Knits: 30 Designs to Flatter and Fit

Knitting superstar Sally Melville teams up with her daughter to write a knitting book for both young and experienced knitters. It effortlessly weaves together classic patterns with fascinating insight, helping readers find patterns that flatter and fit their particular shape, height, age, and so on.

978-0-307-40872-3 | \$29.95/\$34.00C
Potter Craft | HC | March

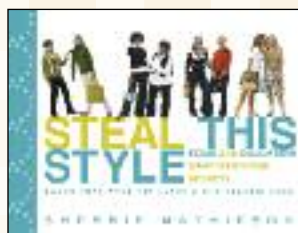


Christine Haynes

Chic & Simple Sewing: Skirts, Dresses, Tops, and Jackets for the Modern Seamstress

More and more people are taking up sewing and are ready to move beyond basic accessories. With four full-sized sheets of pattern pieces and a complete sewing tutorial, this book will guide readers through creating everything from a simple wrap skirt to a cocktail dress.

978-0-307-45109-5 | \$27.50/\$32.00C
Potter Craft | HC | April

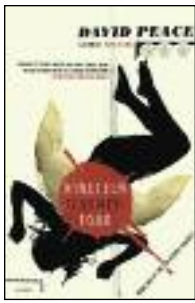


Sherrie Mathieson

Steal This Style: Moms and Daughters Swap Wardrobe Secrets

Stylist and fashion maven Sherrie Mathieson instructs baby-boomer moms on how to borrow style secrets from their daughters to look younger and more fabulous.

978-0-307-40676-7 | \$22.95/\$25.95C
Clarkson Potter | TR | April



David Peace

Nineteen Seventy-Four

Yorkshire, 1974. Eddie Dunford is the new Crime Correspondent for the *Evening Post*. On the same day his father dies, Eddie is assigned his first big story. Clare Kemplay, a local girl gone missing, is found dead in a ditch with a pair of swan's wings stitched to her back. As Eddie follows the case, he starts to see a pattern with Clare's murder and those of a few other unsolved deaths—missing girls of a similar age—from years before.

978-0-307-45508-6 | \$13.95/\$15.95C | Vintage | TR | February

Abraham Verghese

Cutting for Stone: A Novel

A sweeping, epic novel—the story of twin brothers born in Ethiopia of the secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a British doctor, and the choices each of them must face as they grow to manhood.

978-0-375-41449-7 | \$26.95/\$32.00C | Knopf | HC | February

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Peter V. Brett

The Warded Man

For fans of Terry Brooks, George R.R. Martin, David Eddings, and Robert Jordan. A dark fantasy featuring the man brave enough to travel demon-haunted roads at night, and the fallen kingdoms he protects.

978-0-345-50380-0 | \$25.00/\$28.00C | Del Rey | HC | March

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S.G. Browne

Breathers: A Zombie's Lament *

Meet Andy Warner, a recently deceased everyman and newly minted zombie. Resented by his parents, abandoned by his friends, and reviled by society, Andy is having a bit of trouble adjusting to his new existence.

978-0-7679-3061-1 | \$14.00/\$16.50C | Broadway | TR | March

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Rebecca Dean

Palace Circle: A Novel *

In 1911 eighteen-year-old Virginian, Delia Chandler, marries Viscount Conisborough, and is immediately plunged into the heart of British high society in this sweeping international epic, perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory.

978-0-7679-3055-0 | \$14.00/NCR | Broadway | TR | March

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Elaine diRollo

The Peachgrowers' Almanac

In this tongue-in-cheek and inventive debut novel, twin sisters Lilian and Alice are separated when Lilian is tragically banished from their authoritarian father's household. Menacing situations arise in each of the twins' lives, and their only chance at survival is to harness the power of their devotion and come together to save themselves.

978-0-307-40834-1 | \$24.95/NCR | Crown | HC | March

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Sean Dixon

The Last Days of the Lacuna Cabal

The Lacuna Cabal Montreal Young Women's Book Club loves to bring to life tableaux from the books they read. But when they begin to enact the *Epic of Gilgamesh* in the early days of the Iraq War, the book begins to enact their lives instead.

978-1-59051-312-5 | \$23.95/\$ | Other Press | HC | March

Emily Fox Gordon

It Will Come to Me: A Novel

A brilliantly-observed comic novel set on a Southern college campus, about a writer married to a professor of philosophy who is trying to recapture her early literary success, shrug off the mantle of faculty wife, and reclaim her identity.

978-0-385-52587-9 | \$24.95/\$27.95C

Spiegel & Grau | HC | March

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Gerald Kolpan

Etta: A Novel

Gerald Kolpan's electrifying debut imagines the life of outlaw Etta Place, a known companion of bandits Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, in an adventure that criss-crosses America at the dawn of the 20th Century.

978-0-345-50368-8 | \$25.00/\$28.00C | Ballantine | HC | March

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Jason Buhrmester

Black Dogs: The Possibly True Story of Classic Rock's Greatest Robbery

Black Dogs tells the tale of a group of small-time crooks who pull off one of the most infamous rock and roll heists in history—stealing \$203,000 from Led Zeppelin in the hours before the final concert of their 1973 U. S. tour.

978-0-307-45181-1 | \$13.95/\$15.95C

Three Rivers Press | TR | April

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Tania James

Atlas of Unknowns

A marvelous talent, an exciting new voice: the story of two unforgettable sisters, one in Kerala and one in New York, on parallel journeys in India and America. Hilarious, moving, and wholly absorbing, a first novel about the immigrant experience and the search for home.

978-0-307-26890-7 | \$24.95/\$27.95C | Knopf | HC | April

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Deirdre Shaw

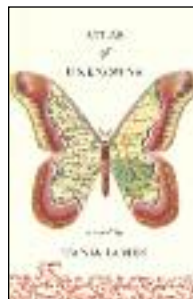
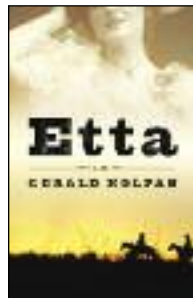
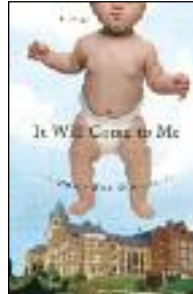
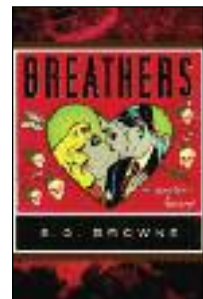
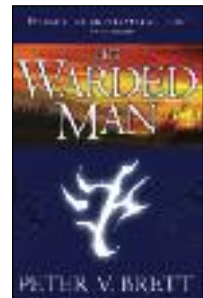
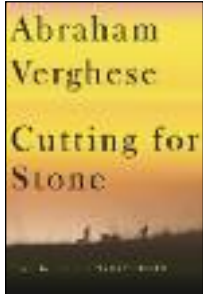
Love or Something Like It: A Novel

A refreshing new take on the classic coming-of-age story, Deirdre Shaw's emotionally honest first novel follows a thirty-something woman forced to redefine love, career, and family after her young marriage falters.

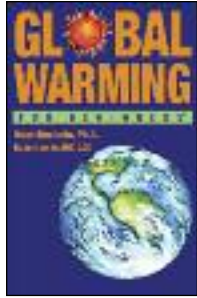
978-1-4000-6770-1 | \$25.00/\$28.00C

Random House | HC | April

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ADULT BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS: Selections from the List



Dean Goodwin, Ph.D.

Global Warming for Beginners

The science is in: Global warming is real. But what can we do about it? This clear, fluid narrative by a leading scientist and educator takes a balanced approach to explain the history of global climate change and its implications.

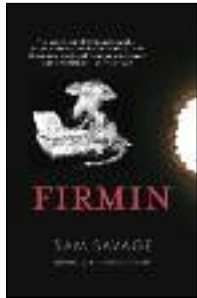
978-1-934389-27-0 | \$14.95/\$16.95C | Steerforth | TR | December

Sam Savage

Firmin

Born in a Boston bookstore basement, Firmin is a rat who devours his surroundings: literally! With an insatiable hunger for more books, and a very un-rodentlike sense of the world and his place in it, Firmin navigates the shadowy streets of his Boston neighborhood. With his remarkably human emotions of passion, fear, loneliness and excitement, and through a series of misadventures and against a backdrop of urban destruction, Firmin takes the reader on a journey into his own imaginative soul. **An ALA Notable Book.**

978-0-385-34265-0 | \$12.00/NCR | Delta | TR | December



Sarah Ash

Flight into Darkness

Celestine de Maunoir may be the most lauded singer in the Empire, bringing powerful heads of state to their knees with the soaring clarity of her voice. *Flight Into Darkness* chronicles her journey from loss to redemption as she learns to deal with the dread secret of her origins, and the betraying mage who condemned her father to the flames.

978-0-553-80520-8 | \$24.00/\$28.00C | Spectra | HC | January

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Harriet Brown

Feed Me!: Writers Dish About Food, Eating, Weight, and Body Image

A collection of poignant, heartbreaking, and funny essays about the one issue that plagues us all: our relationship with food.

978-0-345-50088-5 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Ballantine | TR | January

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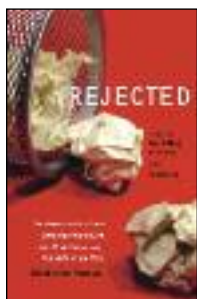
Jon Friedman

Rejected: Tales of the Failed, Dumped, and Canceled

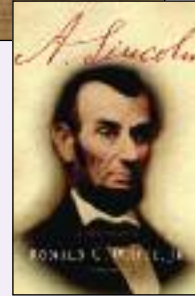
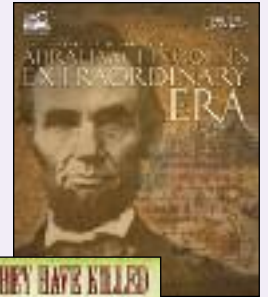
Whether sacked, dumped, dissed or dismissed, we've all been there. *Rejected* immortalizes the personal stories of some of the most successful faces in Hollywood—as well as emerging comedy writers—in one volume that most definitely makes the cut.

978-0-345-50096-0 | \$14.00/\$16.50C | Villard | TR | January

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Lincoln's 200th!



Harold Holzer and Joshua Shenk

In Lincoln's Hand: His Original Manuscripts with Commentary by Distinguished Americans

Perhaps the most beautiful and insightful volume to mark the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, this book lays bare the president's character through stunning images of the texts he composed—with their crossed-out words, revisions, and even misspellings—illuminated by commentary from American masters of scholarship, politics, and the arts.

978-0-553-80742-4 | \$35.00/\$40.00C | Bantam | HC | January

Ronald C. White, Jr.

A. Lincoln: A Biography

For the man who signed his name, A. Lincoln, friend and foe took it upon themselves to characterize Lincoln according to their own label or libel. Ronald C. White offers a fresh and compelling definition of Lincoln as a man of integrity—what today's commentators are calling "authenticity"—whose internal moral compass is the key to understanding his life.

978-1-4000-6499-1 | \$35.00/\$40.00C | Random House | HC | January

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Anthony Pitch

They Have Killed Papa Dead!: The Road to Ford's Theater, Lincoln's Murder, and America's Rage for Vengeance

Anthony Pitch's new account of Lincoln's assassination and its shocking aftermath contains a new confirmation of threats against and a vivid personal account of John Wilkes Booth being physically restrained from assaulting Lincoln at his second inauguration.

978-1-58642-158-8 | \$29.95/\$33.00C | Steerforth | HC | December

Karen Kostyal

Abraham Lincoln's Extraordinary Era: The Man and His Times

This handsomely illustrated volume commemorates Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday and gives rare insight into the President who shook the world—and whose words and example endure today in nations from Siberia to Mexico to Pakistan.

978-1-4262-0328-2 | \$35.00/\$40.00C | National Geographic | HC | January

NEW GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES: FIRST VOLUMES



Bill Willingham and Matthew Sturges

House of Mystery, Vol. 1: Room and Boredom

House of Mystery stars five characters trapped in a supernatural bar, trying to learn how and why they're imprisoned there. All have terrible pasts they would like to forget, and with no newspapers or TV in the House, they face an eternity of boredom. But stories become the new currency, and the House attracts only the finest storytellers.

978-1-4012-2079-2 | \$9.99/\$11.99C
Vertigo | TR | January



Chuck Dixon and Brett Booth

Dean Koontz's Frankenstein: Prodigal Son Volume 1

Two centuries after Victor Frankenstein brought his first creation to life, a serial killer is on the loose in New Orleans, and he's salvaging body parts from each of his victims, as if he's trying to create the perfect person. A stunning graphic-novel adaptation of the #2 *New York Times* bestseller.

978-0-345-50640-5 | \$22.95/\$25.95C
Del Rey | HC | February



Titan Books

Monsters vs. Aliens: The Movie Graphic Novel

The graphic novel adaptation of the biggest animated movie of 2009, with the voice talents of Hugh Laurie and Reese Witherspoon! A complete comic strip adaptation of the film.

978-1-84856-277-6 | \$4.95 / \$5.95C | Titan | TR | February
ALSO AVAILABLE:

Monsters vs. Aliens: The M Files

Brand new stories furthering the adventures of characters from the movie.

978-1-84856-281-3 | \$4.95 / \$5.95C | Titan | TR | February



Antony Johnston; Illustrated by Wilson Tortosa

Wolverine 1: Prodigal Son

Wolverine is a teenager with an attitude—and sharp claws that pop out of his fists when he gets in a scrape! *Wolverine: Prodigal Son* introduces the classic X-Men character to a new generation of teen readers—with an entirely new origin story! Ages 13 and up.

978-0-345-50516-3 | \$12.99/\$14.99C | Del Rey | TR | April



Raina Telgemeier and Dave Roman;

Illustrated by Anzu

X-men 1: Misfits

The X-Men franchise has conquered the world with the classic comic books and blockbuster feature films. Now, in a revolutionary manga remix, it's set to win over a whole new audience: teen girls! Ages 13 and up.

978-0-345-50514-9 | \$12.99/\$14.99C | Del Rey | TR | April



Hannah Holmes

The Well-Dressed Ape: A Natural History of Myself

A science journalist reveals a surprising and compelling way to look at human biology and behavior—comparing human beings to the rest of the animal kingdom in order to better understand ourselves.

978-1-4000-6541-7 | \$25.00/NCR | Random House | HC | January
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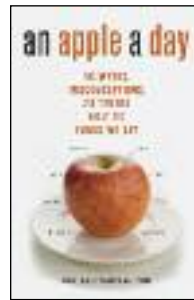


Dave Lowry

The Karate Way: Discovering the Spirit of Practice

An intriguing exploration of the complete path of karate including the practice, philosophy, and culture that will appeal to karate practitioners at all skill levels.

978-1-59030-647-5 | \$16.95/\$18.95C | Shambhala | TR | January

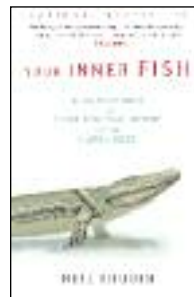


Joe Schwarcz

An Apple A Day: The Myths, Misconceptions, and Truths About the Food We Eat

An entertaining revelation of the miracles of science and a telling exploration of our obsession with diets, nutrition, and weight.

978-1-59051-311-8 | \$23.95/NCR | Other Press | HC | January



Neil Shubin

Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body

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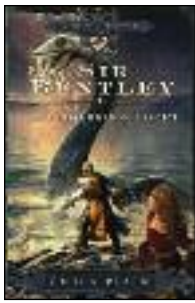


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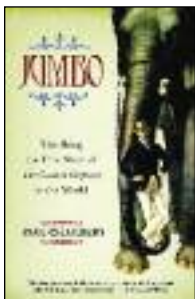
978-1-934389-36-2 | \$14.95/\$16.95C | Steerforth | TR | February

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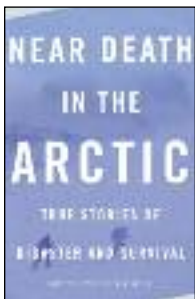


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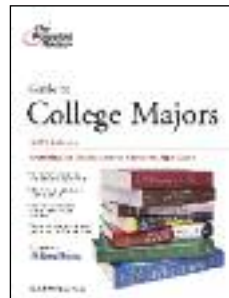


Princeton Review

Guide to College Majors, 2009 Edition

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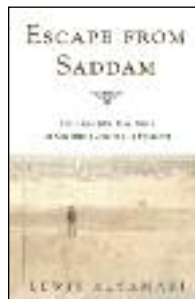


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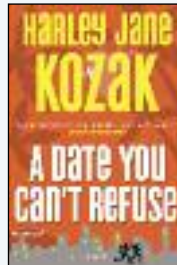
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—*Library Journal on Dating Dead Men*

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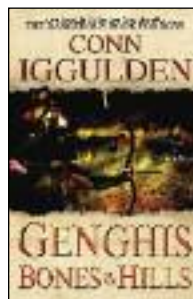


Brendan Halpin

I Can See Clearly Now: A Novel

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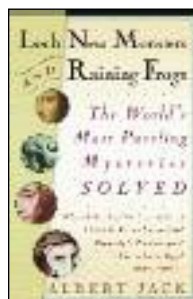


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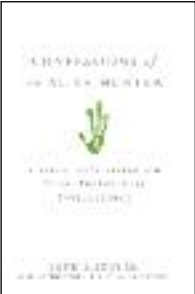
978-0-553-80688-5 | \$23.00/\$25.95C | Bantam | HC | April

Colson Whitehead

Sag Harbor: A Novel

A warm, funny and supremely original novel about a young African American boy coming of age in the 80s.

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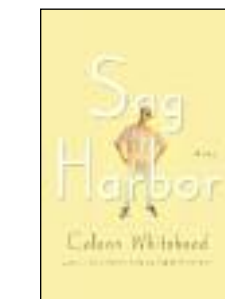
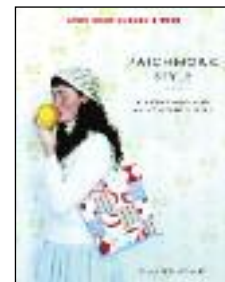


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Offers an entertaining and expert account on the facts, fantasies, and future of finding intelligence elsewhere in the universe.

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Three Rivers Press | TR | March



Michael Sweeney

National Geographic Complete Survival Manual

National Geographic joins with the American Red Cross, the U.S. Army, and the Boy and Girl Scouts to reveal the secrets to emergency survival—in any situation.

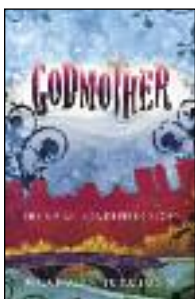
978-1-4262-0389-3 | \$29.95/\$34.00C
National Geographic | TR | March

Carolyn Turgeon

Godmother: The Secret Cinderella Story

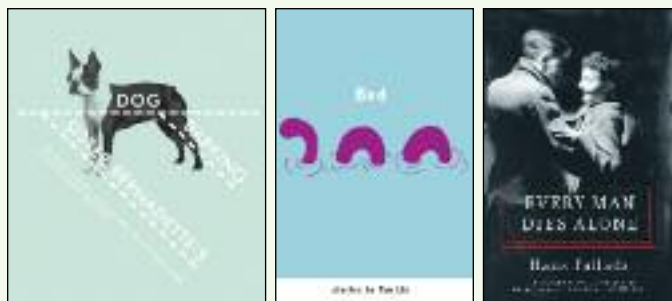
A lush, haunting novel about Cinderella's fairy godmother, who has been banished from the fairy kingdom for falling in love with the prince, and who is living in modern-day New York City, working in a bookshop and seeking redemption.

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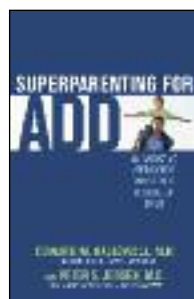
Hans Fallada

Every Man Dies Alone

A classic saga of resistance in Nazi Germany, based on true events. When their only son is killed in battle, a working-class couple takes a stand against the party, infuriating the Gestapo and putting their own lives in danger.

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Superparenting for ADD: An Innovative Approach to Raising Your Distracted Child

Best-selling author Dr. Ned Hallowell teams up with the preeminent ADD academic expert in the country to outline a concerted and organized way for parents to develop their ADD child’s strengths and talents.

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Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology at UC Berkeley, reveals the hidden crisis facing girls today—that many girls, even the high-achievers, face impossible expectations and are in serious trouble—and offers innovative and workable solutions.

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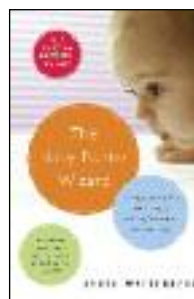


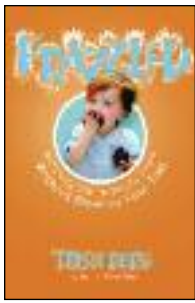
Laura Wattenberg

The Baby Name Wizard: A Magical Method for Finding the Perfect Name for Your Baby

A completely updated and revised edition—Laura Wattenberg has updated all graphs, rankings and approximately half the name snapshots. She has also added over 50 new name snapshots, new style categories, and 200 new names in the style lists. This new edition will also include the proper pronunciation for each name.

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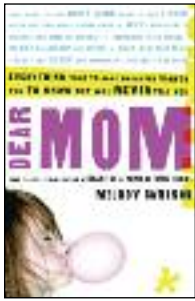
Trish Berg

Frazzled: Surviving the Preschool Years Without Blowing Your Top

Offers a fresh, practical approach for Christian mothers of preschoolers who need more sleep, more laughter, and reassurance that they're not the only ones. Moms who haven't slept through the night in months, count going to McDonald's Playland as a social outing, and dream of ten minutes alone in the bathroom, will find themselves right at home curled up with this book after the little ones are tucked in.

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Melody Carlson

Dear Mom: Everything Your Teenage Daughter Wants You to Know But Will Never Tell You

Written in a friendly, helpful style, popular teen girls novelist Melody Carlson reminds moms of what's really going through their adolescent daughters' minds. As she speaks about what troubles, inspires, and motivates teen girls most, she helps moms improve communication and strengthen the love and understanding with their daughters.

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Susan Magsamen

The Ten Best of Everything Families: An Ultimate Guide for Travelers

This comprehensive planner is jam-packed with hundreds of destinations to help anyone design the perfect child-friendly vacation.

978-1-4262-0394-7 | \$21.95/\$25.00C
National Geographic | TR | March

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The Must-Have Mom Manual: Two Mothers, Two Perspectives, One Book That Tells You Everything You Need to Know

The first all-in-one guide designed to cut through the clutter of information bombarding today's mothers, this astonishingly helpful book by two media-savvy moms covers every aspect of raising children, from birth to age six.

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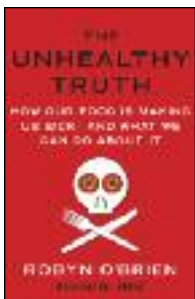
Robyn O'Brien and Rachel Kranz

The Unhealthy Truth: How Our Food is Making us Sick—And What We Can Do About It

AllergyKids founder and motivated mom Robyn O'Brien uncovers the alarming relationship between the manipulation of our food and the increase of food allergies in our children—and offers alternative, healthy suggestions that can be made quickly and easily in the kitchen.

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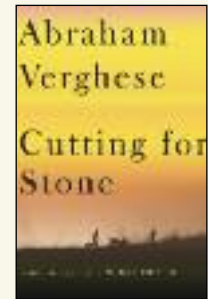
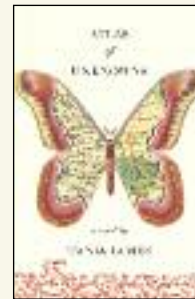
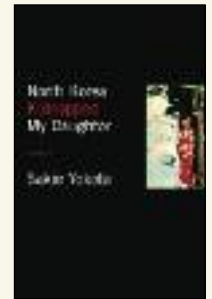
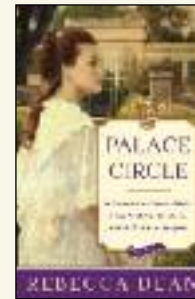
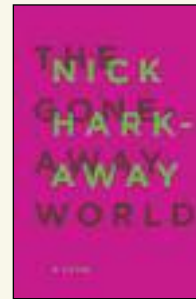


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Marcia's Pick:

Nick Harkaway

The Gone-Away World

The time is the near future. There has been an absolutely horrific war—short but BRUTAL—which has changed the world forever. (A significant part of the earth and its people have literally

“gone away.”) A large pipe and its contents keep at least a portion of the remaining world “safe” in the traditionally accepted sense of the word. The book opens with the unthinkable happening—the “indestructible” Jorgmund Pipe is on fire in a BIG way.

Enter our heroes, the Hualage & HazMat Emergency Civil Freebooting Company of Exmoor County and their fearless leader, one Gonzo William Lubitsch.

These are the bare-bone facts. From there the book LAUNCHES off into action, romance (well, kind of), psychological twists and turns and glorious, improbable use of logic and language which will leave you just reeling! No straight road here! Believe me, the narrator has his own take on reality, or what passes for it in the “gone-away world.”

Behind confused sheep, chilling ninjas, surprising mimes (The Matahuxee Mime Combine), and a close examination of the meaning of family and friendship, is a brilliant mind working at top speed. I look forward to the next offering from Nick Harkaway. This first novel is a true corker. An absolute out-of-the-ordinary reading experience!

978-0-307-26886-0 | \$24.95/\$27.95C | Knopf | HC | Available Now

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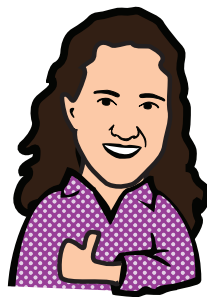
Jen's Pick:

Rebecca Dean

Palace Circle: A Novel

This fine piece of historical fiction set just before WWII follows the life of Delia Chandler, an eighteen-year-old Virginian who marries an English Viscount and is whisked away to become part of the Windsor court. Initially a fish out of water, she easily adapts and has society wrapped around her little finger—she wins them over with her vivacious personality, flame-red hair, and her penchant for singing Dixie at the drop of a hat. But her victory soon pales when she realizes that her husband has married her simply to produce heirs and has no intention of leaving his mistress. Her life is thrown into turmoil yet again when her husband is appointed as an advisor to King Fuad of Egypt and she exchanges one palace circle for another, far different one. I found the chapters set in Egypt fascinating and a nice twist on the traditional British court story. And just as it seemed Delia's story was running its course, the author switched narrators and Delia's daughters and their love-interests took center stage. The multiple viewpoints added depth to the story and there were plenty of twists to keep me in suspense. Recommend to fans of Philippa Gregory, romance readers, book groups, and anyone looking for a solid historical yarn.

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Marie's Pick:

Tania James

Atlas of Unknowns

There is great joy to be had in recommending something written by a first-time author. *Atlas of Unknowns* is no different. As in many other books, the reader gets caught up in the plot's central relationship, this time between the two sisters: homely Linno, kept in the shadows of the family home in Kerala, India and Anju, the dreamer, whose good fortune brings her to New York City where she must navigate the city streets, her family's dreams, and a life-altering secret all at once. Add to that a set of parents with secrets of their own, a wealthy Hindu-American host family, and a lonely hairdresser with ties to Anju and Linno's past, and you've got an interesting cast of characters. Yet what is most striking about Tania James's new novel are the ever-present myths and realities of the American Dream as seen through the eyes of modern immigrants. These opposing forces are woven together to showcase the balancing act each character faces in an attempt to gain a sense of self and cling to a family identity all at once. A great storyteller, James creates depth in her characters and plot by highlighting the emotional truth associated with the realization of a dream above any fictional fantasies created for the story's sake. Such poignancy is enough to turn the pages in this refreshing read.

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Erica's Pick:

Sakie Yokota

North Korea Kidnapped My Daughter

This summer, CNN's Anderson Cooper ran a story that was both shocking in its immediacy and haunting with its heart-wrenching tale. Four years ago, North Korea admitted to a program of abducting Japanese citizens in the hopes of training them as spies during the Cold War. Sakie Yokota lost her thirteen-year-old daughter, Megumi, in 1977 to this insidious scheme. This is the story of one woman's personal struggle to find the daughter who was so cruelly taken from her and her transformation from happy housewife to political activist and crusader. In August 2006, Sakie met with President Bush to further talks about demanding sanctions on North Korea. The documentary, *Abduction: The Megumi Yokota Story* is available and also a quick search on YouTube will allow you to explore more coverage of this astonishing emotional and political quagmire. This riveting true story of every parent's worst nightmare will captivate and horrify you.

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Dave's Pick:

Abraham Verghese

Cutting for Stone

It's going to be hard to write about this book without sounding gushy. Probably because it's hard to read this book without getting teary. Or gaspy. I know that's not a word, but I gasped a lot, is what I'm trying to say. *Cutting for Stone* is an "epic" novel, and I don't use the term lightly. It's a long book, yes, but what makes it "epic" is that it spans so many years and so many miles and so many states of emotion (for the characters and the reader!). The story begins in Ethiopia, years before the conception of Marion, the narrator, and ends in New York, after he's developed gray hair; so to finish this book is almost to have lived another life. I don't want to give anything away, so I won't go into plot summary, but I will say that it is quite the twisty, horrifying road. It's all here: death, birth, fatherhood, motherhood, brotherhood, love, tyranny, spirituality...aneurysms—and flawlessly written too. To say that it's worth the page count is diminishing, so I'll say you won't notice it.

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