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WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY



NANCY PEARL

COMMUNITY READING PROJECTS BENEFIT A LIBRARY

Cin several ways, some quantifiable, others not. The most important non-quantifiable benefit is this: Community Reading projects position the library as a major player in the cultural life of a community. The library is no longer simply a place to come to use the computers, or to find information, or the most recent best-seller (all vital aspects of the library's mission in themselves, of course); rather, the library becomes a destination for people who are interested in discussing books, a venue for author visits and for other cultural and humanities programs. One Book, One Community projects are an excellent way to start building a community of readers that finds its home base in the library.

There are several basic questions that need to be answered before you even begin the hands-on work of designing a Community Reading project for your community. Remember that the beauty of these projects is that they are infinitely adaptable; they will benefit your community whatever you are able, or choose, to do. It's through the process of answering these questions that you will discover that you have, in fact, planned your own community reading program.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF YOUR PROGRAM?

Perhaps, as with many libraries, it's to address a particular issue, such as multiculturalism, racism, or economic injustices, for instance. Others have looked at the project as a way of highlighting a local author. Still others have seen this as an opportunity to acquaint readers with books they might not ordinarily discover on their own. Once you've articulated the goal of the program, you'll find that choosing a book that fits those goals suddenly becomes much easier. As you work through the answer to this question, you'll also be figuring out who the audience for the program is. Some libraries collaborate with the schools in their community and select a children's or young adult book. Others try to find a book that appeals to all ages, while other libraries select books that appeal primarily to adult readers. It's relatively easy to select a book for a particular age group, and, of course, much harder to find a book that will resonate with everyone from age 9 to 99, but not necessarily impossible.

WHAT IS YOUR LIBRARY'S CAPACITY FOR PROGRAMMING AND HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON THE PROJECT?

The answers to this two part question is important to think about carefully, because it will determine just how much you can realistically do. It's irresistible to dream about bringing in the author of the book you select, but that takes a lot more money (and planning time) than concentrating on book discussions and public programs with local people. As you figure out your budget, remember that the success of the program will in some ways depend on the amount of publicity you do, so be sure to include printing costs (for posters and discussion guides, for example) in your budget. If the committee working on the project is small, and the budget is also small, you might not be able to afford to bring in, say, Ernest Gaines, Sandra Cisneros, Jon Krakauer, Chris Hedges, or Lois Lowry to do a public program. I've always felt that bringing the author in is like the icing on the cake, very nice, but not absolutely necessary for the deliciousness of the finished product.

HOW MUCH COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS, SCHOOLS, MUSEUMS, ETC. DO YOU WANT TO DO?

As you answer this question, keep in mind that collaboration has its plusses and minuses—it will make everyone's workload lighter and probably guarantee larger turnouts at programs, but it will often complicate the various issues that will inevitably arise, including selecting the book. Large committees work best when the chairperson is not a micromanager and is willing to delegate and divide the tasks that need to be done.

WHAT KIND OF BOOK SHOULD YOU PICK, AND HOW SHOULD YOU GO ABOUT SELECTING IT?

What I've found is that the best books for book discussions—whether it be for the neighborhood soccer moms who get together once a month or for community wide reading projects—have certain characteristics in common. First, the book needs to be eminently, or, even better, compulsively, discussable. It should be a book that offers readers different ways of understanding or interpreting the actions of the main character. What you're going to be discussing is everything that the author hasn't told you, so you want to select a book that encourages you to read between the lines. It always helps if the ending of the novel is somewhat ambiguous (books like Kevin Brockmeier's *The Brief History of the Dead* or Donna Tartt's *The Little Friend*, for example) or books in which the main character is forced to make a decision that will provoke strong agreement or disagreement with the readers (try *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packer, *Amy and Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout, Edwidge Danticat's *The Dew Breaker*, or any of Margaret Atwood's novels for a start) or books that challenge our complacency (*Night* by Elie Wiesel, Robert Cormier's *I Am the Cheese* or *The Chocolate War*, Lorene Cary's *The Price of a Child*, Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays with Morrie*, Walter Van Tilburg Clark's *The Ox-Bow Incident*, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, or *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee) or are controversial or disturbing in subject matter (Ernest Gaines's *A Lesson Before Dying*, *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, David Simon's *The Corner*, *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges, Abraham Verghese's *My Own Country: A Doctor's Story*, *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer, or *There Are No Children Here* by Alex Kotlowitz. (As you can see, it's with these latter two categories where nonfiction works particularly well.)

Or consider books that have a particular meaning for your community. The committee planning the first "One Book, One Community" project for the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library asked for nominations from the community and they received almost 1,000 separate titles from enthusiastic readers, who took the time to write reviews about their choices. A committee made the final selection, an older title that was both uniquely right for Indiana residents and had resonated with current events: Jessamyn West's *The Friendly Persuasion*. Not only was the author from Indiana, but the book takes place during the Civil War years in the state, and offers much food for thought as it profiles a community in crisis.

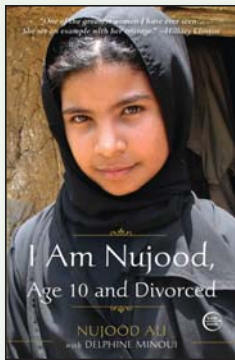
Or perhaps there's a local author whose work is particularly relevant and therefore makes a good book for the project, such as Kent Haruf's *Plainsong* for libraries in Colorado, or a Florida library selecting Peter Matthiessen's *Killing Mr. Watson*, or an Australian library selecting *The True History of the Kelly Gang* by Peter Carey.

Sometimes committees narrow down their choice to a few books and let the public vote on the final selection. One Canadian community asked 5 local celebrities to champion one of the finalists, and following a public (and spirited) debate over the merits of each, the community voted on their selection. Whatever book you choose, and however you select it, make sure it has enough "meat" to sustain a discussion that rises above the level of "did you like the book or not?"

-Nancy Pearl



Coming of Age

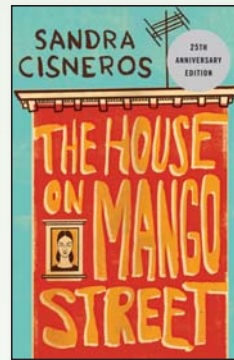


Nujood Ali with Delphine Minoui **I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced**

Uplifting and impossible to put down, this is the true story of the ten-year-old girl who won a divorce from the man she was forced to marry, courageously defying both Yemeni customs and her own family. With the help of a woman lawyer, Chadha Nasser, NGOs, and the local press, Nujood finally obtained her freedom—an extraordinary achievement in Yemen, where there is a conspiracy of silence about the fact that almost half of all girls are married under the legal age. Since her victory, Nujood has given other young girls the courage to stand up to their society's customs.

978-0-307-58967-5 | \$12.00/\$15.00C

Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction



Sandra Cisneros **The House on Mango Street**

Through a series of vignettes, Cisneros tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, a young girl growing up in the Latino section of Chicago, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and harsh beauty. Esperanza doesn't want to belong—not to her rundown neighborhood, and not to the low expectations the world has for her.

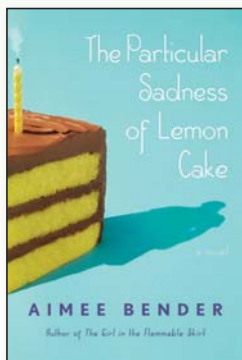
San Antonio, TX

978-0-679-73477-2 | \$10.95/\$12.99C

Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Chicago, IL; The State of Arkansas; Commerce, Escondido, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Pico Rivera, CA; Sonoma County, CA; Jacksonville, FL; Miami, FL; Multnomah County, OR; Brazo Valley, TX; College Station-Bryan, TX; El Paso, TX; Milwaukee, WI

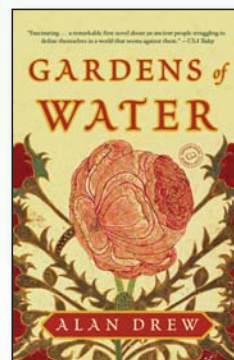


Aimee Bender **The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake: A Novel**

Rose Edelstein at age nine discovers she has a magical gift: she can taste the emotions of the person who makes her food. She discovers this gift to her horror as her mother's homemade lemon-chocolate cake tastes of despair and desperation. This gift and curse makes food a peril for the rest of her life and a threat because it reveals her mother's life outside the home, her father's detachment, the void that is her brother. A luminous tale about the difficulty of loving someone fully when you know too much about them.

978-0-385-50112-5 | \$25.95/\$30.00C

Doubleday | HC | Fiction



Alan Drew **Gardens of Water: A Novel**

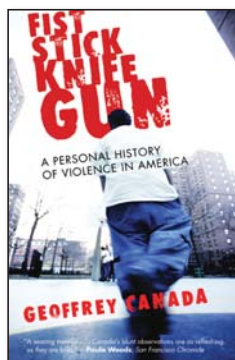
Set in a small town outside Istanbul, Drew's "remarkable" (NYTBR) novel tells the story of a man and his family whose lives are thrown into chaos when the earthquake of 1999 destroys their home and way of life. When his daughter falls in love with an American boy whose father intercedes to help, the tensions between the two cultures, two fathers, two faiths, explode. *Cincinnati, OH*

978-0-8129-7844-5 | \$14.00/\$16.50C

RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Pasadena, CA - One City, One Story



Geoffrey Canada; Illustrated by Jamar Nicholas **Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America**

Long before *U.S. News and World Report* named him one of America's Best Leaders and Oprah Winfrey called him "an angel from God," Geoffrey Canada was a small, vulnerable, scared boy growing up in the South Bronx. In this candid and riveting memoir, Canada relives a childhood in which violence stalked every street corner.

New York

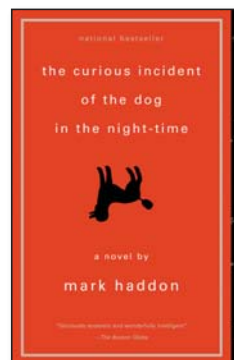
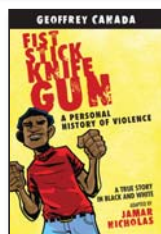
978-0-8070-0423-4 | \$14.00/NCR

Beacon Press | TR | Nonfiction

NOW AVAILABLE AS A GRAPHIC NOVEL!

978-0-8070-4449-0 | \$15.00/NCR

Beacon Press | TR | Nonfiction



Mark Haddon **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

Christopher is fifteen, gifted, and autistic. His carefully constructed world falls apart when the neighbor's dog is killed. As he sets out to solve the mystery of the dog's murder, Christopher must fall back on his own deductive logic to navigate the emotional complexities of a social world that remains a puzzle to him.

Oxford, England

WINNER: ALA Alex Award
WINNER: YALSA Best Books for Young Adults.

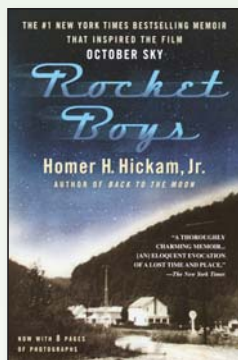
978-1-4000-3271-6 | \$13.95/NCR

Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Santa Barbara, CA; Gunnison, CO; Westport, CT; North Attleborough, MA; North Reading, MA; West Boylston, MA; Kalamazoo, MI; Wake County, NC; Cincinnati, OH; Central Valley, NY; New Paltz, NY; Galveston, TX; Salt Lake City, UT

Coming of Age



Homer H. Hickam, Jr.

Rocket Boys

A powerful story of coming of age and of a group of young men who dreamed of launching rockets into outer space and who made those dreams come true.

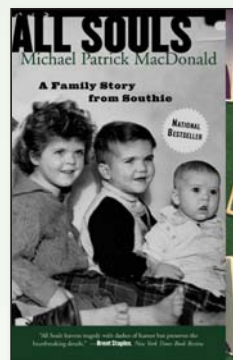
Alabama and the Virgin Islands

978-0-385-33321-4 | \$14.00/\$21.00C

Delta | TR | Nonfiction



SELECTED BY: Guntersville, AL; Jackson County, AL; Scottsboro, AL; Central Florida; Greenwood, IN; Northwest, IN; Topeka, KS; Athol, MA; Easthampton, MA; Southwest, MI; Bowling Green, OH; Cleveland, OH; Findlay, OH; Tiffin, OH; Central Pennsylvania; Warren County, PA; Beauford County, SC; Memphis Shelby County, TN; Portland, TN; Alexandria, VA; Winchester, Frederick and Clark Counties, VA; Souix City, IA; Waco, TX



Michael Patrick MacDonald

All Souls: A Family Story from Southie

Growing up in a housing project in Southie, Boston's working class Irish community (branded as racist and violent after riots in the 1970s), MacDonald lost four of his siblings to violence and poverty. *All Souls* is heart-breaking testimony to lives lost too early, and the story of how a place so filled with pain could still be "the best place in the world." *Brooklyn*

978-0-8070-7213-4 | \$13.95/\$16.50C

Beacon Press | TR | Nonfiction

Sonia Nazario

Enrique's Journey

The breathtaking eyewitness account of a young Honduran boy's perilous efforts to reunite with his mother in the U.S.

An intense timely story of one family's embodiment of a national issue, illegal immigration, and the toll it takes on the parents and children involved and on the nation's resources and moral standing.

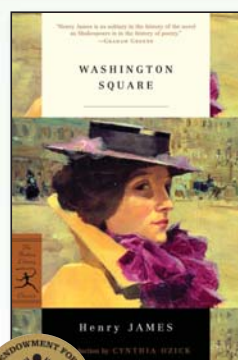
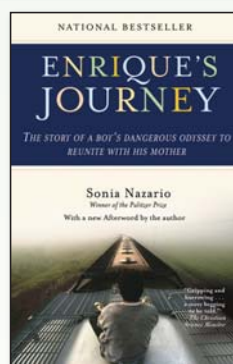
Los Angeles, CA

978-0-8129-7178-1 | \$14.95/\$19.95C

Random House | TR | Nonfiction



SELECTED BY: Yuma, AZ; Glendale, CA; Laredo, TX; Santa Fe, NM



Henry James

Washington Square

This Henry James coming-of-age novel follows the life of Catherine Sloper, a kind-hearted, plain-faced woman finding her way in New York City in the mid-19th century.

978-0-375-76122-5 | \$7.95/\$10.50C

Modern Library | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: The Mercantile Library Center for Fiction



Said Sayrafiezadeh

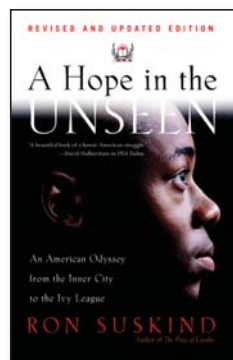
When Skateboards Will Be Free

A Memoir of a Political Childhood

This stunning memoir of growing up in America as the child of would-be socialist revolutionaries during the twilight of Communism will take its place alongside *This Boy's Life* and *Fierce Attachments* as a vital work of personal narrative.

978-0-385-34069-4 | \$15.00/\$18.95C

Dial Press | TR | Nonfiction



Ron Suskind

A Hope in the Unseen

An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League

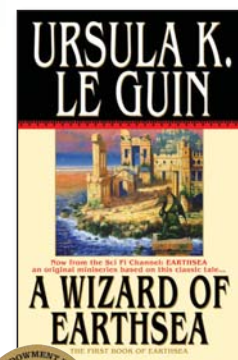
Cedric Jennings is a bright and determined honor student at a high school in one of D.C.'s most dangerous neighborhoods. He eats lunch in a classroom most days, plowing through the extra work he has asked for. Cedric Jennings's driving ambition is to attend a top college. In September 1995, he realizes that ambition when he begins as a freshman at Brown University. *Washington, D.C.*

978-0-7679-0126-0 | \$15.95/\$22.95C

Broadway | TR | Nonfiction



SELECTED BY: Watauga County, NC; Buffalo, NY; One Maryland, One Book; Willmette, IL; Summit, NJ; Logan, UT



Ursula K. Le Guin

A Wizard of Earthsea

Ged was the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea, but once he was called Sparrowhawk, a reckless youth, hungry for power and knowledge, who tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tale of his testing.

WINNER: New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age

WINNER: YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

978-0-553-38304-1 | \$15.00/NCR

Spectra | TR | Fiction

978-0-553-26250-6 | \$7.99/NCR | Spectra | MM



SELECTED BY: Jackson District Library, MI; Huntsville Public Library (TX); Timberland Regional Library (WA)



TIP FROM NANCY PEARL:

DO consider having a public program with the author answering questions from the audience, rather than offering a reading from the book.

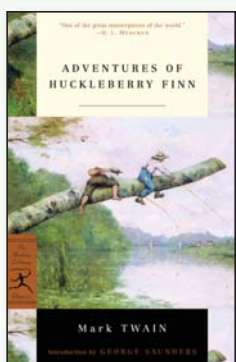


Hannah Tinti
The Good Thief

A Dickensian cast of characters in 19th century New England come brilliantly to life in this wondrous debut novel about an orphan boy and the colorful conman who claims to be his brother.

WINNER: ALA Alex Award
A Washington Post Best Book of 2008
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2008

978-0-385-33746-5 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
Dial Press | TR | Fiction



Mark Twain
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Epic in scope and alive with the vigor of the American people, Mark Twain's story about a young boy and his journey down the Mississippi was the first great novel to speak in a truly American voice. The tale of Huck's journey is a timeless look at prejudice, the bonds of friendship and the attainment of maturity.

978-0-375-75737-2 | \$6.95/\$9.95C
Modern Library | TR | Fiction
978-0-553-21079-8 | \$5.95/\$6.99C
Bantam Classics | MM



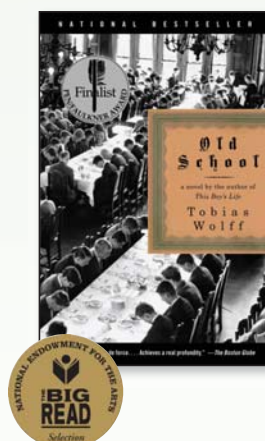
SELECTED BY: West Boylston, MA; Virginia, MN;
Winona, MN; Bartlesville, OK



Jerald Walker
Street Shadows: A Memoir of Race, Rebellion, and Redemption

Masterfully told, marked by irony and humor as well as outrage and a barely contained sadness, Jerald Walker's *Street Shadows* is the story of a young man's descent into the "thug life" and the wake-up call that led to his finding himself again.

978-0-553-80755-4 | \$25.00/\$29.95C
Bantam | HC | Nonfiction
978-0-553-38613-4 | \$15.00/\$17.50C
Bantam | TR | January 2011



Tobias Wolff
Old School

A brilliant literary novel about a young writer and his secret life at a New England prep school in the 1960s.

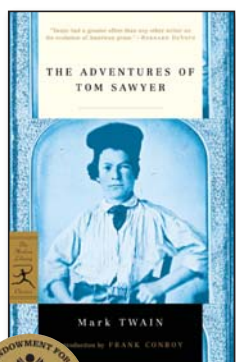
"A sharply drawn, acutely felt novel of moral inquiry.... Wolff has put his readers in the landscape tracked across by writers as different as J. M. Coetzee, Philip Roth, and, going back, Conrad and Hawthorne."
—*The Washington Post Book World*

A New York Times Notable Book
WINNER: Booklist Editor's Choice for Young Adults
WINNER: PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction

978-0-375-70149-8 | \$13.00/\$16.00C
Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: The Libraries of Greater Kansas City, MO;
Roseville Public Library, CA; Bellingham Public Library,
WA; Ephrata Public Library, PA



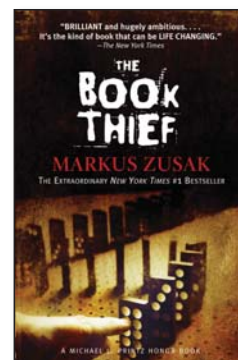
Mark Twain
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

One of the most splendid portraits of youth in all of literature, the light-hearted *Tom Sawyer* is written just as much for adults as it is for young boys and girls.

978-0-375-75681-8 | \$6.95/\$9.95C
Modern Library | TR
978-0-553-21128-3 | \$5.50/\$7.50C
Bantam | MM | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Fresno County Public Library (CA),
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Heermance Memorial Library (NY), Galesburg Public
Library (IL)



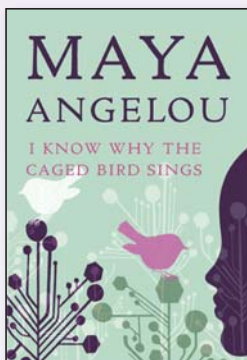
Markus Zusak
The Book Thief

Set during World War II in Germany, this groundbreaking novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau. *Sydney, Australia*

978-0-375-84220-7 | \$11.99/\$15.99C
Knopf Books for Young Readers | TR | Fiction
978-0-375-93100-0 | \$18.99/\$26.99C
Knopf Books for Young Readers | HC Library Binding



SELECTED BY: Salt Lake City, UT; Loudon County, VA;
Fairhaven, WA; North Reading, MA Reads

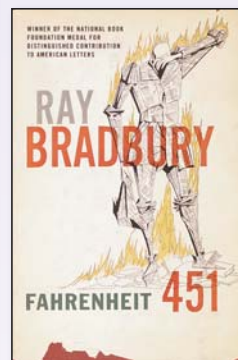


Maya Angelou
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

A phenomenal #1 bestseller, this memoir traces Maya Angelou's childhood in a small, rural community in Arkansas during the 1930s. Filled with images and recollections that point to the dignity and courage of black men and women, Angelou paints a sometimes disquieting, but always affecting, picture of the people—and the times—that touched her life. *New York, NY and Winston-Salem, NC*
978-0-8129-8002-8 | \$17.00/\$20.00C
Random House | TR | Nonfiction
978-0-345-51440-0 | \$6.99/\$8.99C
Ballantine | MM



SELECTED BY: Forsyth County, NC; Rome/Floyd County, GA; Kankakee County, IL

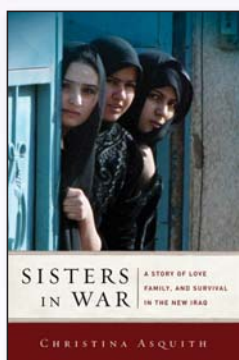


Ray Bradbury
Fahrenheit 451

The landmark novel of a future society where books are outlawed and only one man awakens to the evils of censorship. An important novel for readers of all ages that is pertinent to today's society where some books are still censored. This title is perfect for libraries interested in reaching out to students in the community. *Los Angeles, CA*
978-0-345-41001-6 | \$13.95/\$21.00C
Ballantine | TR | Fiction
978-0-345-34296-6 | \$6.99/\$10.99C | Del Rey | MM
978-0-307-47531-2 | \$13.00/\$16.00C
Vintage | TR | January 2010

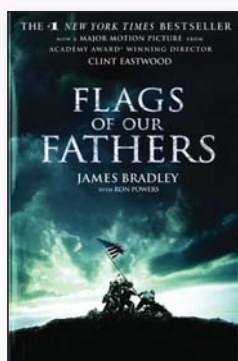


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Christina Asquith
Sisters in War:
A Story of Love, Family, and Survival in the New Iraq

Four very different women confront their futures in post-war Iraq, illuminating women's changed circumstances after the fall of Saddam. *Washington, D.C.*
978-1-4000-6704-6 | \$26.00/\$32.00C
Random House | HC | Nonfiction



James Bradley with Ron Powers
Flags of Our Fathers

In February 1945, American Marines plunged into the surf at Iwo Jima—and into history. 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 the story of the difference between truth and myth, the meaning of being a hero, and the essence of the human experience of war. *New York*
978-0-553-38415-4 | \$14.00/\$18.95C
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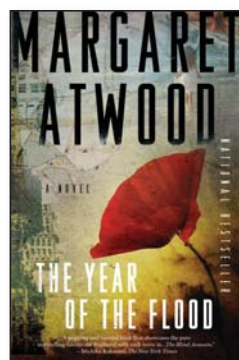
Also adapted for Young Adults by Michael French:

978-0-385-73064-8 | \$8.95/\$13.95C | Delacorte Books for Young Readers | TR

978-0-440-22920-9 | \$6.50/\$7.50C | Laurel Leaf | MM



SELECTED BY: Delaware County, PA; Lafayette, IN; Traverse City, MI

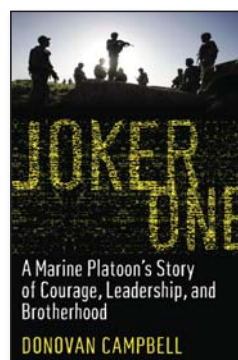


Margaret Atwood
The Year of the Flood: A Novel

In this ALA Notable book, the long-feared waterless flood has occurred, altering Earth as we know it and obliterating most human life. Two women have survived: Ren, a young trapeze dancer locked inside the high-end sex club Scales and Tails, and Toby, who is barricaded inside a luxurious spa where many of the treatments are edible. Amid shadowy, corrupt ruling powers and new gene-spliced life forms—lion/lamb blends, pigs with human brain tissue, and Mo'hair sheep with human hair—Ren and Toby will have to decide on their next move, but they can't stay locked away.

WINNER: An ALA Notable Book

978-0-307-45547-5 | \$15.00/NCR
Anchor | TR | Fiction



Donovan Campbell
Joker One: A Marine Platoon's Story of Courage, Leadership, and Brotherhood

After graduating from Princeton, Campbell joined the service and was given just months to train and transform a ragtag group of forty brand-new Marines into a first-rate cohesive fighting unit. Known as Joker One, the unit was assigned to the city of Ramadi, an explosion just waiting to happen. A gripping story of loyalty, faith, brotherhood, and of the making of an extraordinary leader. *Dallas, TX*
978-0-8129-7956-5 | \$16.00/\$19.95C
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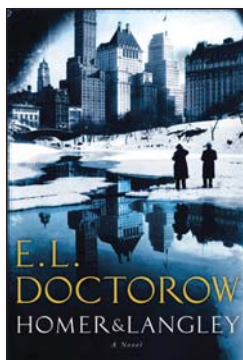


E.L. Doctorow
The March

With scope and an enormous cast of characters—generals, enlisted men, freed slaves, plantation owners, men and women, blacks and whites, the uprooted, the dispossessed and the triumphant—here is a war novel written with insight and compassion. Sherman's great march in Doctorow's hands becomes something more—a floating world, a nomadic consciousness with awesome relevance to our own times. *New York, NY* 978-0-8129-7615-1 | \$14.95/\$21.00C Random House | TR | Fiction

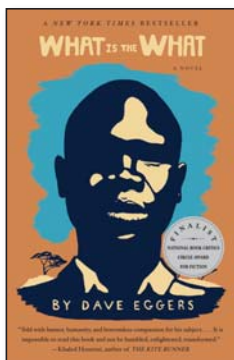


SELECTED BY: Davie County, NC; Clarendon Hills, IL



E.L. Doctorow
Homer & Langley: A Novel

Spanning from WWI to the 1980's, this new novel is inspired by Collyer brothers, a pair of compulsive hoarders from an old New York family who lived as recluses in a Fifth Avenue brownstone. *New York, NY* 978-1-4000-6494-6 | \$25.00/\$29.95C Random House | HC | Fiction 978-0-8129-7563-5 | \$15.00/\$17.00C RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | September 2010



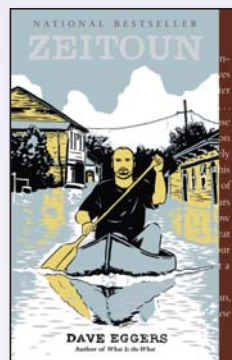
Dave Eggers
What is the What

A moving, extraordinary new novel about one of the Sudanese Lost Boys and his struggle for survival. Written with expansive humanity and surprising humor, we come to understand the nature of the conflicts in Sudan, the refugee experience in America, the dreams of the Dinka people, and the challenge one indomitable man faces in a world collapsing around him.

San Francisco, CA 978-0-307-38590-1 | \$15.95/NCR Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Arlington, MA Reads Together; Marin County, CA; One Book South Dakota; Philadelphia, PA; San Mateo County, CA; Thousand Oaks, CA



Dave Eggers
Zeitoun

A riveting account of Katrina and a shocking tale of wrongful arrest and racism, this is the true story of one Syrian-American, plucked from his home and accused of terrorism, written by one of America's most high-profile literary writers.

978-0-307-38794-3 | \$15.95/NCR Vintage | TR | Nonfiction



SELECTED BY: San Francisco, CA



Hans Fallada
Every Man Dies Alone: A Novel

It presents a richly detailed portrait of life in Berlin under the Nazis and tells the sweeping saga of one working-class couple who decides to take a stand when their only son is killed at the front. With nothing but their grief and each other against the awesome power of the Reich, they launch a simple, clandestine resistance campaign that soon has an enraged Gestapo on their trail. *Deceased*

"A signal literary event of 2009."

—The New York Times Book Review

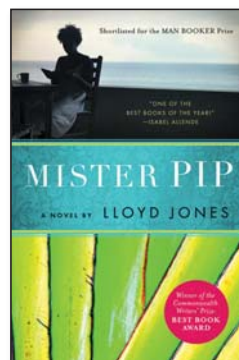
"What Irène Némirovsky's *Suite Française* did for wartime France after six decades in obscurity, Fallada does for wartime Berlin."

—Roger Cohen, *New York Times*

A New York Times Notable Book of 2009

A San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of 2009

978-1-935554-04-2 | \$16.95/\$19.95C Melville House | TR | Fiction



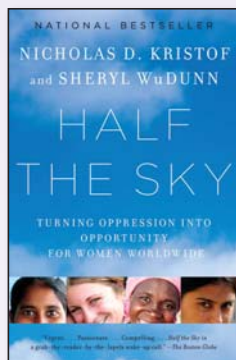
Lloyd Jones
Mister Pip

On a remote war-ravaged island, all of the teachers have fled, disrupting school for thirteen-year-old Matilda and the other village children. Eccentric Mr. Watts, the only white man who has stayed on the island, agrees to become their teacher and commences reading to them from *Great Expectations*. Pip's story revitalizes the small community, giving hope to those who have never before considered an outside world. But imagination is a dangerous thing on an island at war.

Wellington, New Zealand

978-0-385-34107-3 | \$12.00 | Dial Press | TR | Fiction 978-0-676-97928-2 | \$21.00C | Vintage Canada | TR





Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Through moving and emotional individual stories of women and girls around the world, Kristof and WuDunn help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential. They make clear how so many people have helped to do just that, and how we can each do our part. Throughout much of the world, the greatest unexploited economic resource is the female half of the population. Advocating women's rights globally is not only the right thing to do; it's also the best strategy for fighting poverty. They show how a little help can transform the lives of women and girls abroad.

978-0-307-38709-7 | \$15.95/\$18.95C
 Vintage | TR | Nonfiction



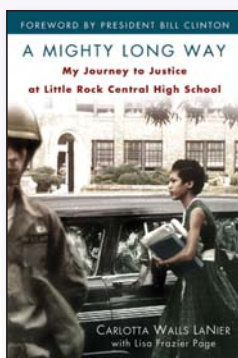
Jack London
The Call of the Wild

The story of Buck, a dog stolen from his home and thrust into the merciless life of the Arctic north to endure hardship, bitter cold, and the savage lawlessness of man and beast.

978-0-553-21233-4 | \$4.99/\$6.99C
 Bantam | MM | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Jacksonville Public Libraries Foundation, Inc. (FL), Aurora Public Library (CO), King County Library System (WA), Hudson Area Association Library (NY)



Carlotta Walls Lanier
 and Lisa Frazier Page;
 Foreword by Bill Clinton

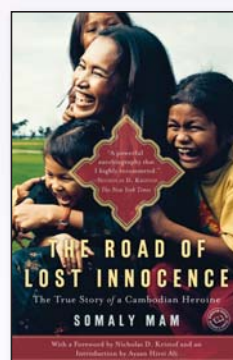
A Mighty Long Way:
 My Journey to Justice at Little
 Rock Central High School

The youngest of the Little Rock Nine tells her tale of how an unsuspecting 14-year-old girl and her supportive African-American family found themselves at the center of a struggle that permanently altered the landscape of American education.

Englewood, CO

978-0-345-51100-3 | \$26.00/\$32.00C
 One World | HC | Nonfiction

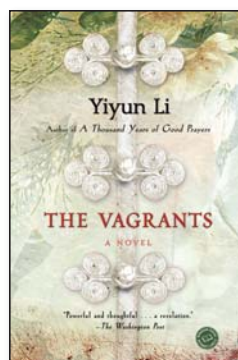
978-0-345-51101-0 | \$16.00/\$19.00C
 One World | TR | July 2010



Somaly Mam
The Road of Lost Innocence

The true, inspiring life story of a Cambodian heroine who emerged from a childhood of sexual slavery to become a rescuer of girls from the hellish brothels of Southeast Asia. *Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

978-0-385-52622-7 | \$15.00/NCR
 Spiegel & Grau | TR | Nonfiction

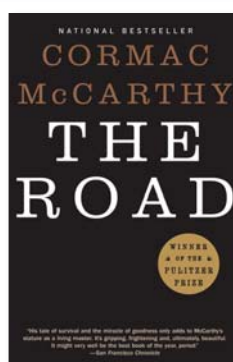


Yiyun Li
The Vagrants: A Novel

In luminous prose, award-winning author Yiyun Li weaves together the lives of unforgettable characters who are forced to make moral choices, and choices for survival, in China in the late 1970s. A powerful and beautiful portrait of human courage and despair in dramatic times.

WINNER: An ALA Notable Book

978-0-8129-7334-1 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
 RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



Cormac McCarthy
The Road

The story of a father and son struggling to survive as they move through the desolate ruins of a world that is no more. The man can still remember the time before; the boy knows only this time. A fierce and haunting meditation on the tenuous divide between civilization and savagery and the power of filial love. *Tesuque, NM*

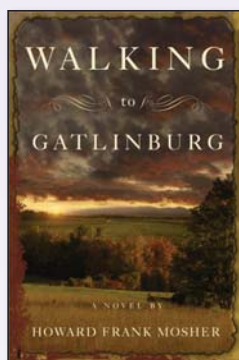
Pulitzer Prize Winner

National Book Critic's Circle Award Finalist

978-0-307-38789-9 | \$14.95/\$21.00C
 Vintage | TR | Fiction

978-0-307-47212-0 | \$7.99/\$9.99C
 Vintage | MM (Movie Tie-in Ed.)





Howard Frank Mosher
Walking to Gatlinburg: A Novel

A stunning and lyrical Civil War novel which tells a story of brotherhood and survival, action and wilderness adventure in an unforgettable and mythic trek into an American heart of darkness as a boy searches for the brother he has lost.

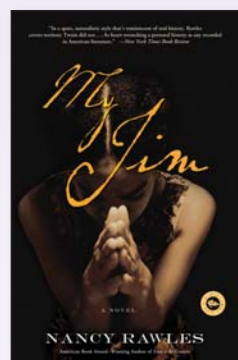
Vermont

978-0-307-45067-8 | \$25.00/\$29.95C

Shaye Areheart Books | HC | Fiction

978-0-307-45068-5 | \$15.00/\$17.50C

Three Rivers Press | TR | March 2011



Nancy Rawles
My Jim: A Novel

To help her granddaughter accept the risks of loving, Sadie Watson recounts the tale of the unquenchable love of her life, Jim. Sadie's Jim was an ambitious young slave who escaped down the Mississippi with a white boy named Huck Finn, leaving Sadie alone, worried about her children, reviled as a witch, punished for Jim's escape, and convinced her husband was dead. Mirroring the true stories of countless slave women, *My Jim* is an inspiring story about freedom, longing, and the remarkable endurance of love that recreates one of the most controversial characters in American literature. *Seattle, WA*

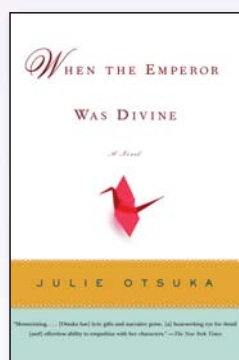
An ALA Alex Award Winner.

978-1-4000-5401-5 | \$12.95/\$17.95C

Three Rivers Press | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Seattle, WA



Julie Otsuka
When the Emperor Was Divine

Julie Otsuka paints a portrait of the World War II Japanese internment camps unlike any we have ever seen. In five chapters, each flawlessly executed from a different point of view—the mother receiving the order to evacuate; the daughter on the long train ride to the camp; the son in the desert encampment; the family's return to their home; and the bitter release of the father after more than four years in captivity—she has created a small tour de force.

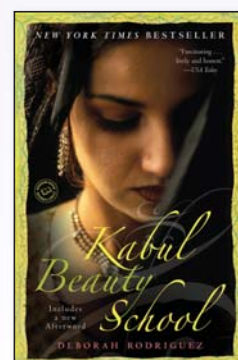
New York City

978-0-385-72181-3 | \$10.95/\$15.95C

Anchor | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Santa Barbara, CA; Silicon Valley, CA; Westport, CT; Winnetka-Northfield, IL; Carmel, IN; Iowa City, IA; Shawnee County, KS; St. Peter, MN; Seattle, WA



Deborah Rodriguez and Kristin Ohlson
Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil

The story of the beauty school Debbie Rodriguez founded in Kabul, woven through with the stories of Debbie's students—including the newlywed who must fake her own virginity, the 12-year-old bride who has been sold into marriage to pay her family's debts and the brilliant former medic who has not left her house for thirty years. *Kabul, Afghanistan*

978-0-8129-7673-1 | \$14.95/\$19.95C

Random House | TR | Nonfiction

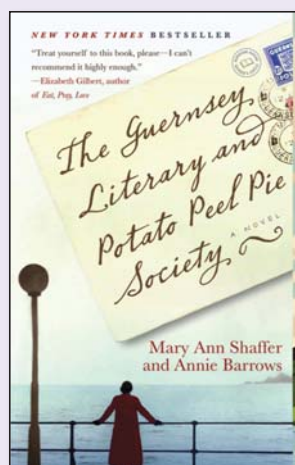


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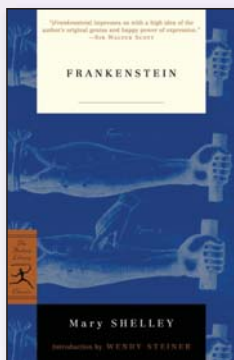
January 1946: writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name. *Northern CA*

978-0-385-34100-4 | \$14.00/\$16.50C

The Dial Press | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Rehoboth, MA; NH Lakes Region Reads; One Book, One Coppell, TX; Reading Across Rhode Island; Douglas One Book/Carson Reads, NV; Saratoga Reads; Sandy, OR; Sedalia, MO



Mary Shelley **Frankenstein**

Written in 1816 when she was only nineteen, Mary Shelley's novel of "The Modern Prometheus" chillingly dramatized the dangerous potential of life begotten upon a laboratory table. It is a subversive and morbid story warning against the dehumanization of art and the corrupting influence of science. Packed with allusions and literary references, it is also one of the best thrillers ever written. *Deceased*

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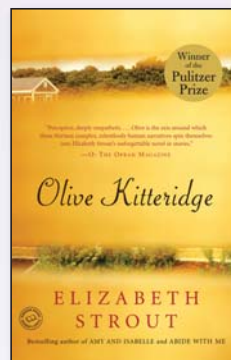
Modern Library | TR | Fiction

978-0-553-21247-1 | \$4.95/\$6.95C

Bantam Classics | MM



SELECTED BY: Colorado Springs, CO; Allen County, IN; Valparaiso, IN; Duluth, MN; Ithaca, NY; Milwaukee, WI; Tacoma, WA



Elizabeth Strout **Olive Kitteridge: Fiction**

Deep, luminous narratives about a small town in Maine, linked by the presence, at center stage or side stage, of their larger-than-life title character, Olive Kitteridge. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life, sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty. Olive Kitteridge offers profound insights into the human condition, its conflicts, its tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires.

New York, NY

WINNER: Pulitzer Prize

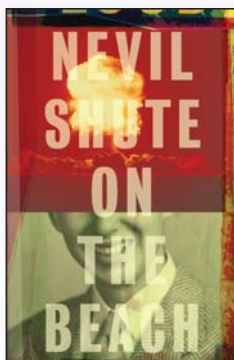
WINNER: An ALA Notable Book

978-0-8129-7183-5 | \$14.00/\$16.50C

RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



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Nevil Shute **On the Beach**

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ALSO AVAILABLE BY THIS AUTHOR:

A Town Like Alice

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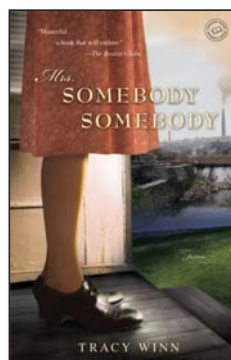


Carolyn Wall **Sweeping up Glass**

Destined to be a classic—and receiving comparisons to *To Kill A Mockingbird*—this is a tough and tender novel of love, race, and justice, and a ferocious, unflinching look at the power of family. An ideal discussion book, given its social relevance, examining the long-lasting ramifications of bigotry, intolerance, and surviving economic hardship. *Oklahoma*

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Delta | TR | Fiction



Carolyn Wall **Mrs. Somebody Somebody: Fiction**

On the banks of the Merrimack River at the close of World War II, a young mill worker dreams of marrying rich and finally becoming Mrs. Somebody Somebody. But that dream is complicated—not only for her but for all of Lowell, which is changing rapidly as the twentieth century progresses, and which Winn chronicles perfectly in a series of lives brushing up against one another. *Concord, MA*

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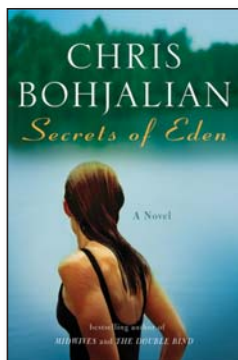


TIPS FROM NANCY PEARL:

DO choose a character driven book.

DO know your capacity for programming before you begin planning.

Crime and Justice



Chris Bohjalian

Secrets of Eden: A Novel

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Shaye Areheart Books | HC | Fiction

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Skeletons at the Feast: A Novel

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Three Rivers Press | TR | Fiction



Before You Know Kindness

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Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Augusta, ME; Wilmette, IL; Wilmington, MA

The Buffalo Soldier: A Novel

978-0-375-72546-3 | \$14.95/\$21.00C

Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Martha's Vineyard, MA; Windsor, CT; Evansville, IN; Rochester, NY

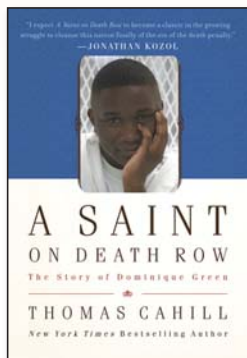
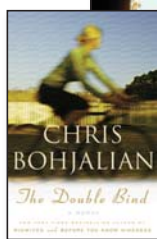
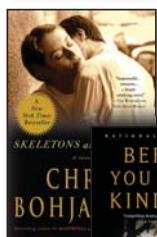
The Double Bind: A Novel

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Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Springfield, IL; Conway, NH



Thomas Cahill

A Saint on Death Row:

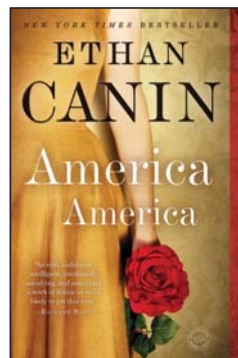
How a Forgotten Child Became a Man and Changed the World

The story of the hard life and unjust death of Dominique Green, a good and godly man, which shines a light on our racist and profoundly flawed U.S. legal system.

New York, NY and Rome, Italy

978-0-7679-2646-1 | \$14.00/\$17.99C

Anchor | TR | Nonfiction



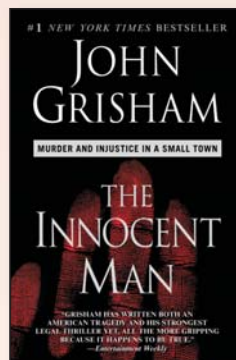
Ethan Canin

America America: A Novel

Sweeping in its evocation of America, and its exploration of a political tragedy, intimate in its exploration of the heart of a man's life, this magnificent novel is the story of how a modest young man becomes witness to public and private greatness, crimes and tragedies, and how in witnessing those events he discovers himself and goes on to create a life. *Iowa*

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John Grisham

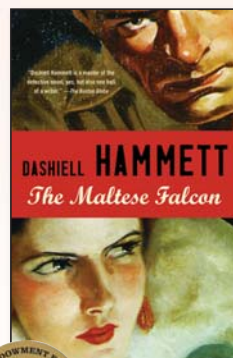
The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town

In 1982, a 21-year-old cocktail waitress was raped and murdered; with a case built on junk science and the testimony of jailhouse snitches, Ron Williamson was sent to death row. If you believe that in America you are innocent until proven guilty, this book will shock you; if you believe in the death penalty, it will disturb you; if you believe the criminal justice system is fair, it will infuriate you. *Mississippi and Charlottesville, VA*

978-0-385-34091-5 | \$16.00/\$20.00C

Delta | TR | Nonfiction

978-0-440-24383-0 | \$7.99/\$11.99C | Dell | MM



Dashiell Hammett

The Maltese Falcon

The legendary Sam Spade tracks down a treasure worth killing for in Hammett's indelible classic, which remains known as one of the best detective stories ever written.

"*The Maltese Falcon* is not only probably the best detective story we have ever read, it is an exceedingly well written novel."

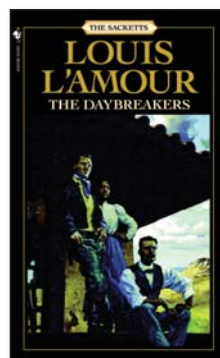
—*The Times Literary Supplement* (London)

978-0-679-72264-9 | \$12.95/\$14.95C

Vintage | TR | Fiction



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Louis L'Amour

The Daybreakers: The Sacketts

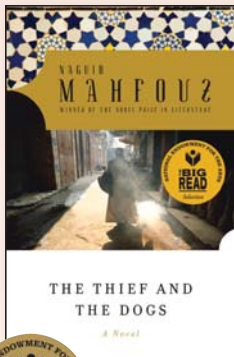
L'Amour is one of the most frequently-read novelists of our time, his stories passed from generation to generation. Tyrel Sackett was born to trouble, but vowed to justice. Those were the years when decent men and women lived in fear of Indians, rustlers, and killers, but the Sackett brothers worked to make the West a place where people could raise their children in peace. *Deceased*

978-0-553-27674-9 | \$4.99/\$6.99C

Bantam | MM | Fiction



Crime and Justice



Naguib Mahfouz

The Thief and the Dogs

Naguib Mahfouz's haunting novella of post-revolutionary Egypt combines a vivid psychological portrait of an anguished man with the suspense and rapid pace of a detective story.

"[Naguib Mahfouz] is not only a Hugo and a Dickens, but also a Galsworthy, a Mann, a Zola, and a Jules Romains."

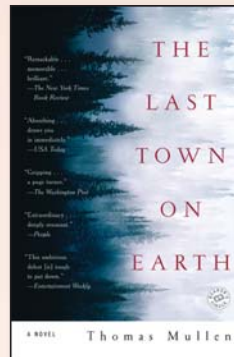
—Edward Said, *The London Review of Books*

978-0-385-26462-4 | \$12.95/\$14.95C

Anchor | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Florida Center for the Literary Arts at Miami Dade College, FL; Columbia University in the City of New York, NY; South Dakota Humanities Council, SD; Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, AL



Thomas Mullen

The Last Town on Earth

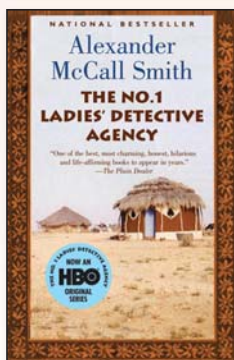
Set in the Pacific Northwest in 1918, *The Last Town on Earth* is the ambitious, deeply moving, and morally complex story of a small mill town that votes to quarantine itself as the deadly influenza epidemic begins to rage through the region. When a young guard accidentally kills an American soldier seeking shelter in the town, a series of events unfolds that threatens the beliefs—and the very survival—of everyone in the community. *Washington, DC*

978-0-8129-7592-5 | \$13.95/\$17.95C

Random House | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Western, NY



Alexander McCall Smith

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

Precious Ramotswe is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." Mma Ramotswe's keen knowledge of the human mind and heart, and steadfast sense of right and wrong, makes her a heroine whose personality inspires trust, warmth, and generosity in all who meet her.

Scotland

978-1-4000-3477-2 | \$12.95/\$18.95C

Anchor | TR | Fiction

978-1-4000-9688-6 | \$6.99/\$10.99C | Anchor | MM



SELECTED BY: Grand Rapids, MI; Monterey, CA; Carlsbad, CA; Howard County, IN; Marquette, MI; Pierce County, WA



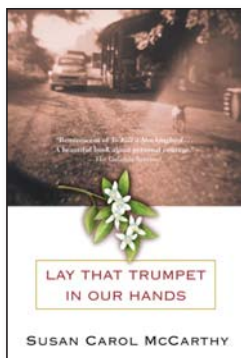
Naseem Rakha

The Crying Tree: A Novel

Could you forgive the man who murdered your son? A powerful novel about redemption, resilience and the secrets that break one family apart and bring them back together. *Silverton, OR*

978-0-7679-3174-8 | \$14.00/\$17.00C

Broadway | TR | Fiction



Susan Carol McCarthy

Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands

Inspired by true events, this explosive novel brings to light a racially charged murder in the spring of 1951—a crime that sparks an extraordinary act of courage and sweeps an entire nation toward change. *Carlsbad, CA*

"Reminiscent of *To Kill a Mockingbird*...

McCarthy realistically portrays race in a small southern town, showing how good people are tainted by generations of hate... a tale of growth and triumph."

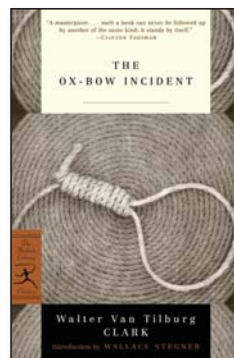
—*Library Journal*

978-0-553-38103-0 | \$15.00/\$18.95C

Bantam | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Tampa-Hillsborough County, FL; St. Augustine-St. Johns County Libraries, FL; East Lansing, MI; Montcalm, MI; City of East Lansing, MI



Walter Van Tilburg Clark

The Ox-Bow Incident

Set in 1885, *The Ox-Bow Incident* is a realistic portrait of frontier life and mob violence in the American West. First published in 1940, it focuses on the lynching of three innocent men and the tragedy that ensues when law and order are abandoned. The result is an emotionally powerful, vivid, and unforgettable re-creation of the Western novel, which Clark transmuted into a universal story about good and evil, individual and community, justice and human nature.

978-0-375-75702-0 | \$10.95/\$16.95C

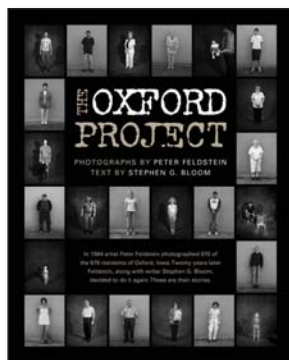
Modern Library | TR | Fiction

978-0-8129-7258-0 | \$5.95/\$7.50C

Modern Library | MM



SELECTED BY: Chicago, IL



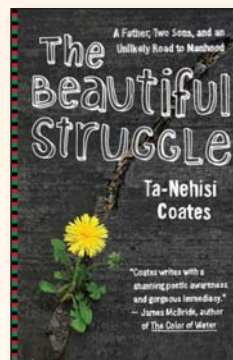
Stephen G. Bloom and Peter Feldstein **The Oxford Project**

The Project began in 1984, when photographer Peter Feldstein set out to photograph every single resident of his town, Oxford, IA (pop. 676). Twenty years later, he went back to do it again. What emerges is a living composite of a quintessential Midwestern community, told through the words and images of its residents—then and now. *Iowa*

WINNER: ALA ALEX Award

The possibilities for community activities centered around this book are almost endless. For ideas, email library@randomhouse.com.

978-1-59962-087-9 | \$29.95/\$34.00C
Welcome Books | TR | Nonfiction



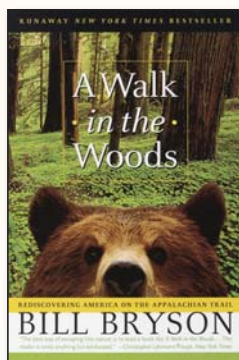
Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Beautiful Struggle: A Father, Two Sons, and an Unlikely Road to Manhood

Coates grew up in the crack-and-blood-soaked 1980's in America's murder capital, Baltimore, with seven siblings, four mothers, and one highly eccentric father: Paul Coates, a larger-than-life Vietnam Vet cum Black Panther cum polygamous Afrocentric scholar whose mission was to sprint his rambunctious brood across the deadly minefield of adolescence and into college. This is the story of a family of daring improvisers, the myths that sustained them in a dark age, and the eternal struggle for peace between fathers and sons. *New York, NY*

978-0-385-52746-0 | \$14.00/\$16.50C
Spiegel & Grau | TR | Nonfiction

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Bill Bryson

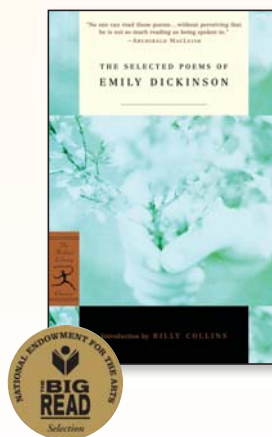
A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquire himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. More than just a laugh-out-loud hike. Bryson's acute eye is a wise witness to this beautiful but fragile trail, and as he tells its fascinating history, he makes a moving plea for the conservation of America's last great wilderness. *England*

978-0-7679-0252-6 | \$14.95/NCR
Broadway | TR | Nonfiction

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SELECTED BY: Augusta, ME; South Portland, ME; Cambria County, PA; Erie, PA; Milwaukee, WI



Emily Dickinson

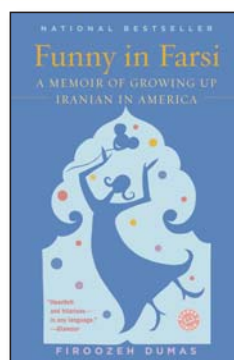
Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson

While relatively unknown during her life, the oft-quoted Emily Dickinson is now considered one of the finest poets of the 20th century. This slim volume highlights her greatest works.

978-0-679-78335-0 | \$12.00/\$15.00C
Modern Library | TR | Poetry

Q

SELECTED BY: New York Botanical Garden



Firoozeh Dumas

Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America

In 1972, when she was seven, Firoozeh Dumas and her family moved from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of America. This unforgettable story of identity, discovery, and the power of family love chronicles the American journey of Firoozeh's wonderfully engaging family and Firoozeh herself. *Northern California*

978-0-8129-6837-8 | \$14.00/\$16.50C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction

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SELECTED BY: Orange County and Whittier, CA; Berkeley, CA; Carlsbad, CA; Palo Alto, CA; Dayton, OH; Bensenville, IL; Brentwood, CA; Concord, NH

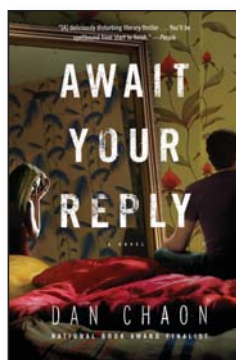
ALSO AVAILABLE:

Laughing Without an Accent

978-0-345-49957-8 | \$15.00/\$17.50C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction

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SELECTED BY: Concord, NH



Dan Chaon

Await Your Reply

From National Book Award-nominated author comes a spellbinding literary novel of three strangers, drawn into a world in which identities are invented and reinvented, pasts are erased, and the future is both seductively uncharted and perilously unmoored. *Cleveland, OH*

WINNER: An ALA Notable Book

978-0-345-47603-6 | \$14.00/\$17.99C
Ballantine | TR | Fiction

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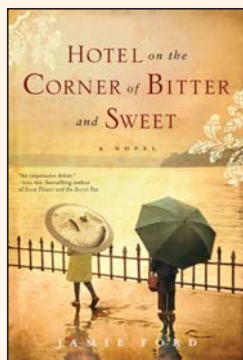
SELECTED BY: Columbia, MO



TIP FROM NANCY PEARL:

DO plan related programs to build up interest in the main event.

DO understand what your goals of the community reading program are.



Jamie Ford

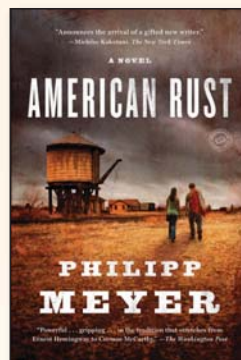
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel

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, the father who betrayed him—and sets him on a journey to repair the errors of his past. *Great Falls, MT*

978-0-345-50534-7 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
Ballantine | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Schnectady County, PL; Broomfield, CO;
Our Region Reads: Coeur d'Alene, ID



Philipp Meyer

American Rust: A Novel

A raw and gripping novel in the tradition of Pete Dexter (and that evokes the movie *No Country for Old Men*), 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. *Austin, TX*
978-0-385-52752-1 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
Spiegel & Grau | TR | Fiction

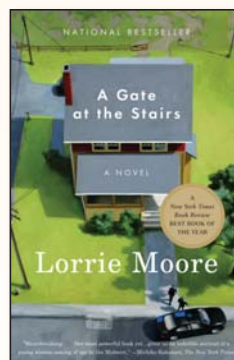


Sandra Kring

Carry Me Home

For simple-minded and sweet Earl "Earwig" Gunderman, life revolved around working in his family's grocery store and his older brother Jimmy. But when the country is thrust into the Second World War, Earwig's young life is forever changed when Jimmy is sent to the Pacific. When his brother returns three years later, he comes home a deeply changed man. Now Earwig is the protector, trying to soothe the wounds of war, women, and life inflicted upon Jimmy, and to bring his family together once again. *Wisconsin*

978-0-385-33813-4 | \$13.00/\$15.00C
Delta | TR | Fiction

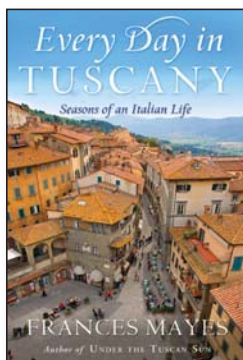


Lorrie Moore

A Gate at the Stairs

As the United States gears up for war in the Middle East, twenty-year-old Tassie Keltjin, the Midwestern daughter of a gentleman hill farmer has come to a university town as a college student, her brain on fire with Chaucer, Sylvia Plath, Simone de Beauvoir. Between semesters, she takes a job as a part-time nanny. The family she works for seems both mysterious and glamorous to her, and although Tassie had once found children boring, she comes to care for, and to protect, their newly adopted little girl as her own.

978-0-375-70846-6 | \$15.00/NCR
Vintage | TR | Fiction | September 2010



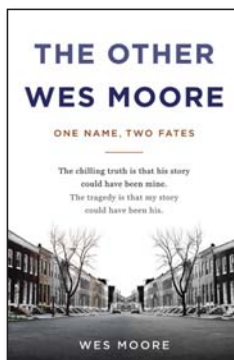
Frances Mayes

Every Day in Tuscany: Seasons of an Italian Life

The third volume in Frances Mayes' bestselling Tuscany trilogy. In this direct sequel to *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Bella Tuscany*, Mayes lyrically chronicles her continuing two decades-long love affair with Tuscany, its people, culture, and lifestyle, with favorite recipes, and the delights and challenges of living in Italy day-to-day.

978-0-7679-2982-0 | \$25.00/\$29.95C
Broadway | HC | Nonfiction

978-0-7679-2983-7 | \$15.00/\$17.50C
Broadway | TR | March 2011



Wes Moore

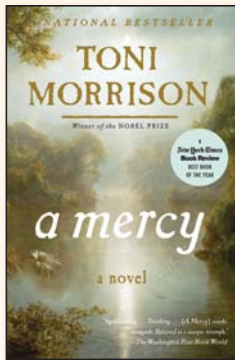
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates

The true story of two boys born in the same neighborhood in the same town with the same name, and their starkly different fates. A powerful story about young black men in America—the ones who make it, the ones who don't, and the difference. Visit www.theotherwesmoore.com for author videos and more info.

978-0-385-52819-1 | \$25.00/\$29.95C
Spiegel & Grau | HC | Nonfiction

978-0-385-52820-7 | \$14.00/\$17.00C
Spiegel & Grau | TR | December 2010



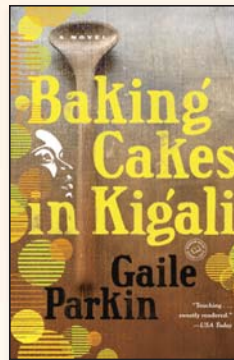


Toni Morrison
A Mercy

A powerful tragedy distilled into a small masterpiece by the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Beloved* and, almost like a prelude to that story, set two centuries earlier. It is the ambivalent, disturbing story of a mother and a daughter—a mother who casts off her daughter in order to save her, and a daughter who may never exorcise that abandonment. *New York & New Jersey*

WINNER: An ALA Notable Book
One of *New York Times* Best Books of 2009

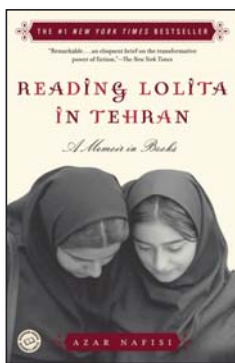
978-0-307-27676-6 | \$15.00/NCR
Vintage | TR | Fiction



Gaile Parkin
Baking Cakes in Kigali

In a Rwanda struggling to heal from a civil war, in a vibrant community ravaged by AIDS, people from all walks of life come to see Angel. They come to order a cake—as a gift, for celebration, or simply to remember. *Africa*

978-0-3853-4343-5 | \$24.00
Delacorte Press | HC | Fiction
978-0-7710-6901-7 | \$28.99C
McClelland & Stewart | HC
978-0-385-34344-2 | \$15.00/NCR
Bantam | TR | August 2010



Azar Nafisi
Reading Lolita in Tehran:
A Memoir in Books

Every Thursday morning for two years in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a bold and inspired teacher named Azar Nafisi secretly gathered seven of her most committed female students to read forbidden Western classics. A remarkable exploration of the liberating power of literature. *Washington, D.C*

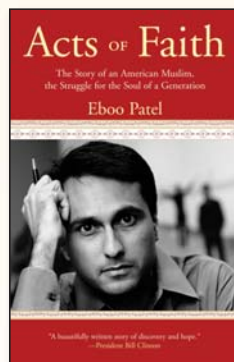
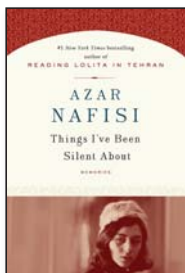


SELECTED BY: Bloomington, IN; Hartford, CT;
Rolette, ND; South Hadlet, MA

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Azar Nafisi
Things I've Been Silent About

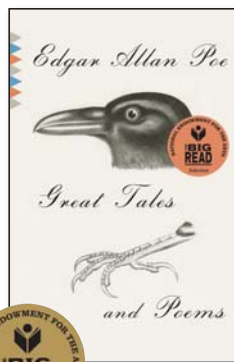
From the beloved *New York Times* bestselling author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, comes this much-anticipated memoir of growing up in a difficult family in Iran. *Washington, DC*



Eboo Patel
Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation

Eboo Patel's remarkable account of coming of age and coming to understand what led him toward religious pluralism rather than hatred. His story is a hopeful and moving testament to the power and passion of young people, and to the notion that we find the fulfillment of our identities in the work we do in the world.

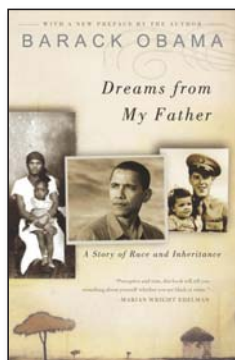
Chicago, IL
978-0-8070-0622-1 | \$14.00/NCR
Beacon Press | TR | Nonfiction



Edgar Allan Poe
Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe

Edgar Allan Poe's work has been chosen by 27 cities participating in the National Endowment for The Arts' Big Read program, and our edition is the only one that contains exactly the poems and stories discussed in the NEA's support material—plus, the NEA's official reader's guide will be included in our edition.

978-0-307-47477-3 | \$12.00/\$15.00C
Vintage | TR | Fiction



Barack Obama
Dreams from My Father:
A Story of Race and Inheritance

In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. The sudden death of his father inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance.

978-1-4000-8277-3 | \$14.95/\$21.00C
Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction



SELECTED BY: Kansas Reads



TIPS FROM NANCY PEARL:

DO check out the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress's website to see what other communities have selected at www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/onebook/index.php



Marjane Satrapi

The Complete Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood

Marjane Satrapi's best-selling, internationally acclaimed memoir-in-comic-strips. *Persepolis* is the story of Satrapi's unforgettable childhood and coming of age within a large and loving family in Tehran during the Islamic Revolution; of the contradictions between private life and public life in a country plagued by political upheaval; of her high school years in Vienna facing the trails of adolescence far from her family; of her homecoming—both sweet and terrible; and, finally, of her self-imposed exile from her beloved homeland. *Paris*

WINNER: ALA Alex Award

978-0-375-71483-2 | \$24.95/\$29.95C
Pantheon | TR | Nonfiction



Persepolis 1:

The Story of a Childhood

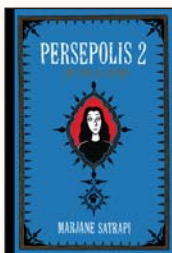
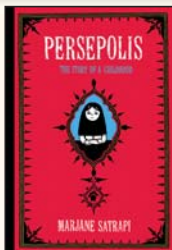
978-0-375-71457-3 | \$12.95/\$14.95C
Pantheon | TR | Nonfiction

SELECTED BY: Chelsea, MI; Seattle, WA; Arlington, VA; Martha's Vineyard, MA; One Book, One Philadelphia; One Great Read - Lafayette, IN

Persepolis 2: The Story of a Return

978-0-375-71466-5 | \$11.95/\$16.95C
Pantheon | TR | Nonfiction

SELECTED BY: Miami, FL



Lisa See

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel

A brilliantly realistic journey back to an era of Chinese history that is as deeply moving as it is sorrowful. An intimate, absorbing story of two women's lives, and of the secret language they used to communicate their most private thoughts. Perfect for communities interested in learning about other cultures through a novel that suggests the spectrum of human emotions—including love and forgiveness—are universal, despite cultural differences. *Los Angeles, CA*

978-0-8129-6806-4 | \$13.95/\$21.00C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Brookline, MA; Naperville, IL; Roseville, CA

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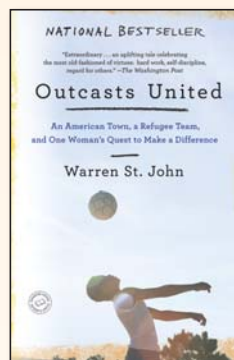
Shanghai Girls

When their well-to-do father falls into gambling debt, the only way to pay it off is to sell the two sisters to wealthy suitors from Los Angeles. Forced to leave China for good as Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, all these two girls have is each other, their integrity, and their memories of Shanghai.

978-0-8129-8053-0 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: One Book, One Glendale (CA)



Warren St. John

Outcasts United: A Refugee Soccer Team, an American Town

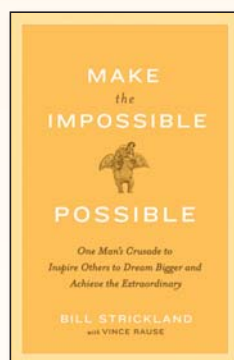
The profoundly moving story of a group of remarkable refugee kids who are The Fugees, a youth soccer team based in a small town in Georgia, their struggle to make a new life in the American South, and their astonishing Jordanian coach Luma, who holds together the team, the community, and the hopes of every kid in her charge during one drama-filled season. *New York, NY*

978-0-385-52204-5 | \$15.00/\$17.00C

Spiegel & Grau | TR | Nonfiction



SELECTED BY: Maryland One Book; One Book San Diego

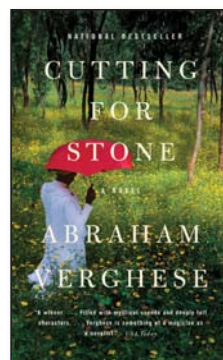


Bill Strickland and Vince Rause

Make the Impossible Possible: One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream Bigger and Achieve the Extraordinary

Bill Strickland has spend the past thirty years transforming the lives of thousands of people through Manchester Bidwell, the jobs training center and community arts program he founded in Pittsburgh. Working with corporations, community leaders, and schools, he and his staff strive to give disadvantaged kids and adults the opportunities and tools they need to envision and build a better, brighter future.

978-0-385-52055-3 | \$14.00/\$17.99C
Broadway | TR | Nonfiction



Abraham Verghese

Cutting for Stone

Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. *Palo Alto, CA*

"Verghese's weaving of the practice of medicine into the narrative is fascinating even as the story bobs and weaves with the power of the best 19th-century novels."

—PW (starred review)

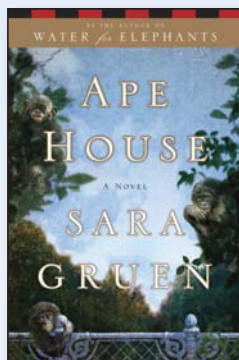
978-0-375-71436-8 | \$15.95

Vintage | TR | Fiction



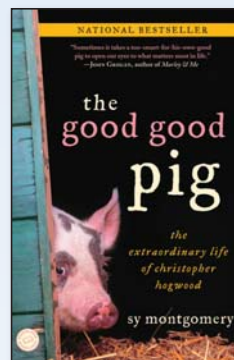
TIPS FROM NANCY PEARL:

DO find out before you decide to bring in the author if he or she is both easy to work with and comfortable meeting the public.



Sara Gruen
Ape House: A Novel

The story of a family of bonobo apes that is violently torn from their laboratory by animal liberation activists and placed on a TV reality show. Like Gruen's phenomenal bestseller *Water for Elephants*, this novel explores humans' relationships with animals and shows that animals have much to teach people about what it means to be human. *North Carolina*
978-0-385-52321-9 | \$26.00
Spiegel & Grau | HC | Fiction | September 2010

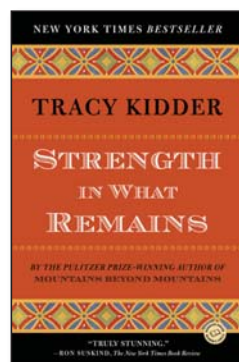


Sy Montgomery
The Good Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood

Sy Montgomery had always felt more comfortable with animals than with people, so she gladly opened her heart to a sick piglet and soon found herself engaged with her small-town community in ways she had never dreamed possible. Sy reveals what she and others learned from this generous soul—lessons about self-acceptance, the meaning of family, the value of community, and the pleasures of the sweet green Earth. *Hancock, NH*
978-0-345-49609-6 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
Ballantine | TR | Nonfiction

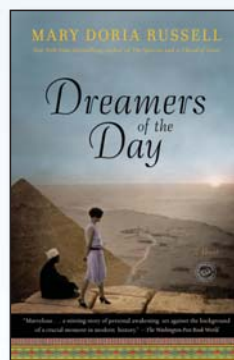


SELECTED BY: Tuscarawas County, OH;
Warren County, PA



Tracy Kidder
Strength in What Remains

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the phenomenal bestseller *Mountains Beyond Mountains* returns with the inspiring story of a young man's odyssey in America—from an immigrant delivering groceries in New York City to graduating from the Dartmouth Medical School. A brilliant testament to the power of second chances, and an inspiring account of one immigrant's remarkable American journey. *Williamsburg, MA and South Bristol, ME*
978-0-8129-7761-5 | \$16.00/\$19.00C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction

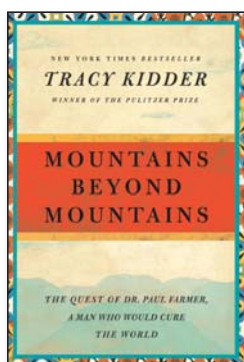


Maria Doria Russell
Dreamers of the Day

"All men dream, but not equally," wrote Lawrence of Arabia. "Those who dream at night awaken to find it vanity, but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men..." Mary Doria Russell's fourth novel, *Dreamers of the Day*, takes us behind the scenes at the 1921 Cairo Peace Conference when Winston Churchill, Lady Gertrude Bell and T.E. Lawrence himself invented the modern Middle East. *Cleveland, OH*
978-0-345-48555-7 | \$14.00/\$16.50C
Ballantine | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Dayton, OH

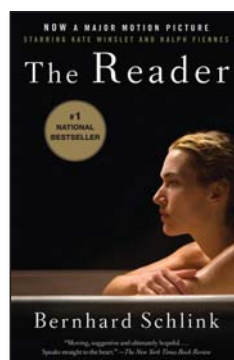


Tracy Kidder
Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World

Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder tells the true story of eccentric medical genius Paul Farmer, an "American male Mother Teresa." Farmer shows how one person can effect global progress against seemingly impossible problems—TB, AIDS, poverty—with creativity, knowledge and determination. *Williamsburg, MA and South Bristol, ME*
978-0-8129-7301-3 | \$15.95/\$21.00C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction
978-0-8129-8055-4 | \$18.00/\$21.00C
RH Trade Paperbacks | Deluxe TR | Nonfiction
August 2009



SELECTED BY: Concord, MA; Dover, MA; Falmouth, MA;
and Winchester, MA; Syracuse, NY; Minnetonka, MN;
Sarasota, FL; San Diego, CA; Ann Arbor, MI; Southeastern,
CT; Summit, NJ; Bozeman, MT; Wilbraham, MA



Bernhard Schlink
The Reader

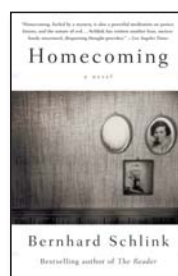
When he falls ill on his way home from school, fifteen-year-old Michael Berg is rescued by Hanna, a woman twice his age. In time she becomes his lover—then she inexplicably disappears. When Michael next sees her, he is a young law student, and she is on trial for a hideous crime. Hailed for the moral claims it makes upon the reader, this mesmerizing novel unfolds against the haunted landscape of postwar Germany is a story of love and secrets, horror and compassion. *Germany*
978-0-307-45489-8 | \$13.95/\$15.95C
Vintage | TR | Fiction

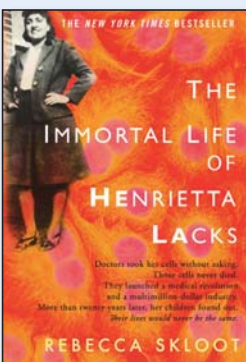


ALSO AVAILABLE:

Homecoming

978-0-375-72557-9 | \$14.95/\$16.95C
Vintage | Fiction





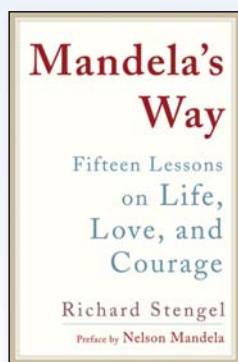
Rebecca Skloot

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Doctors took her cells without asking. Those cells never died. They launched a medical revolution and a multimillion dollar industry. More than twenty years later, her children found out. Their lives would never be the same. www.RebeccaSkloot.com

978-1-4000-5217-2 | \$26.00/\$32.00C
Crown | HC | Nonfiction

978-1-4000-5218-9 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | TR | May 2011



Richard Stengel

Mandela's Way: Fifteen Lessons on Life, Love, and Courage

TIME magazine editor Rick Stengel, who collaborated with Mandela on his bestselling autobiography and became a cherished friend, distills Mandela's wisdom into 15 vital life lessons that have the power to deepen our lives.

978-0-307-46068-4 | \$23.00/\$27.95C
Crown | HC | Nonfiction



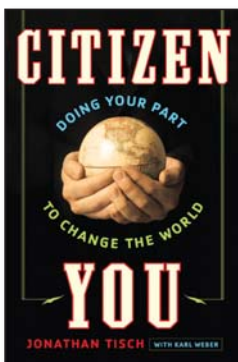
C. Vivian Stringer

Standing Tall: A Memoir of Tragedy and Triumph

With nothing more than true grit, hard work, and a dream, this coalminer's daughter became one of the winningest and most beloved coaches in basketball and has shown countless young women that the impossible is possible. Now she lifts us up with her extraordinary life story.

Princeton, NJ

978-0-307-40627-9 | \$14.95/\$16.95C
Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction



Jonathan Tisch with Karl Weber

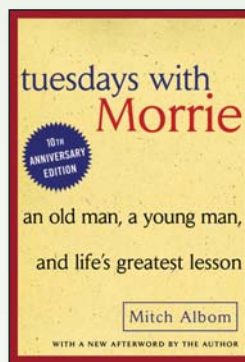
Citizen You: Doing Your Part to Change the World

The new activism is emerging at a time when a fresh definition of citizenship is sorely needed—a time of unprecedented challenges on the national and world stage, when citizen engagement is not a choice but a necessity. Here is how to do your bit, one neighborhood, one school, one small project—the things that an individual can do to make a difference.

Irvington, NY

978-0-307-58848-7 | \$24.00/\$28.00C
Crown | HC | Nonfiction

978-0-307-58849-4 | \$13.00/\$16.00C | TR | May 2011



Mitch Albom

Tuesdays with Morrie:

An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson

For Mitch Albom, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago, Morrie Schwartz, was the one person who understood him when he was young and searching. Mitch rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life.

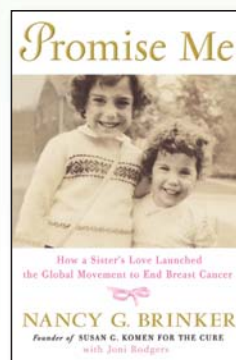
Knowing he was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live. *Michigan*

978-0-7679-0592-3 | \$13.95/\$15.95C
Broadway | TR | Nonfiction

978-0-385-49649-0 | \$7.50/NCR | Anchor | MM



SELECTED BY: Long Beach, CA; Grand County, CO; Middletown, CT; Broward County, FL; Princeton, IL; Brownsburg, IN; Connersville, IN; Jay County, IN; Madison, IN; Shelby County, IN; Valparaiso, IN; Vincennes, IN; Quincy, MA; Duluth, MN; Virginia, MN; Cape Girardeau, MO; Roswell, NM; Clayton, OH; Lancaster and York Counties, PA

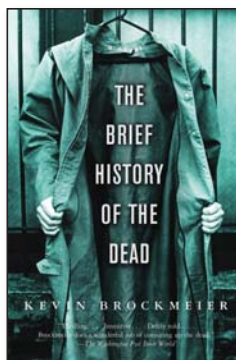


Nancy G. Brinker

Promise Me: How a Sister's Love Launched the Global Movement to End Breast Cancer

Promise Me is a poignant memoir of Nancy Brinker's unshakable commitment to her late sister, Susan G. Komen, and the phenomenal global impact that she has had in pursuing her life's purpose: to end breast cancer. This book will show how Susan G. Komen for the Cure began as a private passion and gradually grew into a cause-marketing juggernaut that is arguably the most influential health advocacy organization in the world.

978-0-307-71812-9 | \$25.99/\$29.99C
Broadway | HC | Nonfiction



Kevin Brockmeier

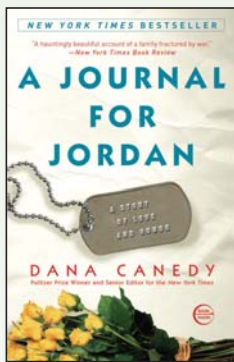
The Brief History of the Dead: A Novel

A mesmerizing and inventive novel that vividly imagines the world of the afterlife, its relationship with the world of the living, and what happens in the final days of both.

978-1-4000-9595-7 | \$13.95/\$17.95C
Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Arkansas State-Wide Reading Program



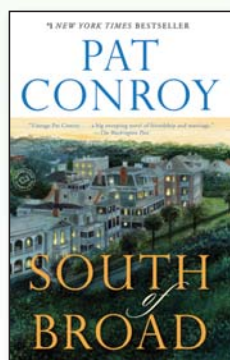
Dana Canedy

A Journal for Jordan:
A Story of Love and Honor

In 2005, First Sergeant Charles Monroe King began to write what would become a two hundred-page journal for his son in case he did not make it home from the war in Iraq. He was killed by a roadside bomb on October 14, 2006. His son, Jordan, was seven months old. *A Journal for Jordan* is a mother's letter to her son about the father he lost before he could even speak—including a fiercely honest account of her search for answers about Charles's death. It is also a father's advice to the son he will never know. *New York, NY*

www.ajournalforjordan.com

978-0-307-39600-6 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction

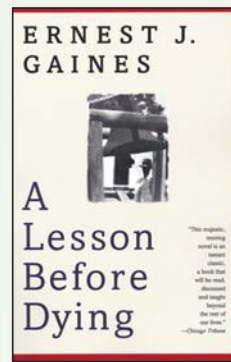


Pat Conroy

South of Broad: A Novel

Leopold Bloom King has been raised in a family shattered—and shadowed—by tragedy. Lonely and adrift, he searches for something to sustain him and finds it among a tightly knit group of high school outsiders. Surviving marriages happy and troubled, unrequited loves and unspoken longings, hard-won successes and devastating breakdowns, as well as Charleston, South Carolina's dark legacy of racism and class divisions, these friends will endure until a final test forces them to face something none of them are prepared for.

978-0-385-34407-4 | \$16.00/\$19.00C
Dial Press Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



Ernest J. Gaines

A Lesson Before Dying:
A Novel

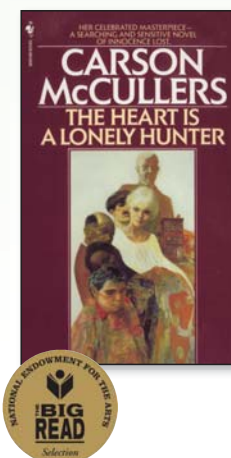
This is the story of two African-American men struggling to attain manhood in a small prejudiced Cajun community in the late 1940s. Grant Wiggins, a sophisticated and educated man comes to the aid of Jefferson, a mentally slow, barely literate young man, who is convicted of murder and sentenced to die, although he was only an innocent bystander to the crime.

Oscar, LA

978-0-375-70270-9 | \$13.00/\$16.00C
Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Miami, FL; Peoria, IL; Bloomington, IN; Northwest Indiana; Lafayette, LA; New Orleans, LA; Newton, MA; Jackson, MS; Albuquerque, NM; Washoe County (Reno), NV; Buffalo, NY; Rochester, NY; Syracuse, NY; Greensboro, NC; Watauga County, NC; Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; Multnomah County/Portland, OR; College Station-Bryan, TX; Houston, TX; Waco, TX; Richmond, VA; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC



Carson McCullers

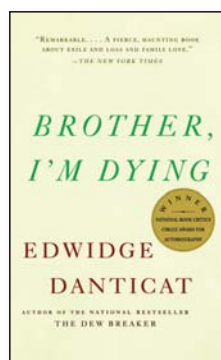
The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter

Carson McCullers was all of 23 years old when she finished this enduring classic, first published in 1940. John Singer, a deaf-mute in a small Georgia mining town, becomes the confidant of choice for several of the misfit townspeople, all yearning for escape.

978-0-553-26963-5 | \$6.99/\$10.99C
Bantam | MM | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Humanities Council of Washington, DC; Lansdowne Public Library, PA; Anderson Arts Center, SC



Edwidge Danticat

Brother, I'm Dying

From the best-selling author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory* and *The Dew Breaker*, her first major work of nonfiction: a deeply moving family story that centers around her father and her uncle—the two brothers who shared in raising her when her parents left Haiti for the United States. It is a universal tale across two countries and cultures: of love and sorrow, family and humanity, and the triumph of hope over tragedy. *Miami, FL*

978-1-4000-3430-7 | \$14.95/\$16.95C
Vintage | TR | Nonfiction

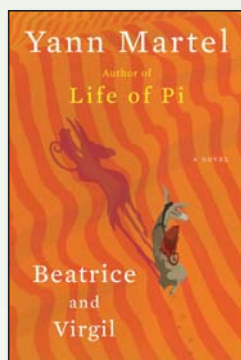


SELECTED BY: Arlington, VA



TIP FROM NANCY PEARL:

DO involve the larger community in your planning and implementation of the program.
DO consider selecting a nonfiction title.



Yann Martel

Beatrice & Virgil: A Novel

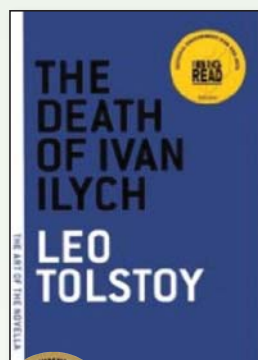
The follow-up to the international best-seller and Booker Prize-winning *Life of Pi*, this is another novel that uses animals to discuss the human condition, in this case, to address the atrocities of the Holocaust. Heartbreaking and utterly original, the novel asks enduring questions about life and art, truth and deception, responsibility and complicity. *Canada*

978-1-4000-6926-2 | \$24.00/NCR

Spiegel & Grau | HC | Fiction

978-0-8129-8154-4 | \$15.00/NCR

Spiegel & Grau | TR | March 2011



Leo Tolstoy

The Death of Ivan Ilyich

This story of a judge who slowly comes to realize that his illness is fatal represents perhaps the most keenly realized melding of Tolstoy's spirituality with his artistic skills.

978-1-933633-54-1 | \$10.00/\$13.00C

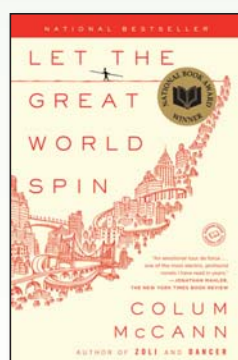
Melville House | TR

978-0-553-21035-4 | \$6.95/\$8.95C

Bantam | MM | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Regent University Library (VA)



Colum McCann

Let the Great World Spin:

A Novel

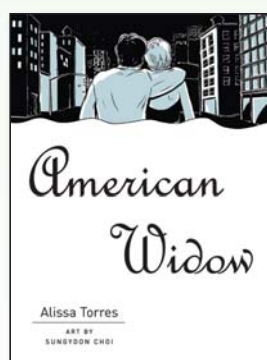
In the dawning light of a late-summer morning, the people of lower Manhattan stand hushed, staring up in disbelief at the Twin Towers. It is August 1974, and a mysterious tightrope walker is running, dancing, leaping between the towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in this stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people. *New York, NY*

WINNER: National Book Award

An ALA Notable Book

978-0-8129-7399-0 | \$15.00

RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



Alissa Torres; Illustrated by Choi

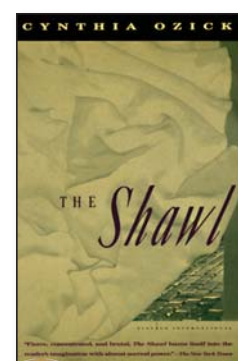
American Widow

An autobiographical graphic novel written by Alissa Torres, who, when she was nearly eight months pregnant, lost her husband in the World Trade Center attack. The story and art powerfully portray a woman's very private crisis against a backdrop of events that have touched us all. Ultimately, the book offers a universal message of hope and redemption in the face of tragedy.

New York, NY

978-0-345-50069-4 | \$22.00/\$25.00C

Villard | HC | Nonfiction



Cynthia Ozick

The Shawl

The story of a woman who survives a concentration camp, losing her daughter, but never can fully recover from the trauma, which still haunts her thirty years later.

"Ozick gives us exactly what we expect: a meditation, in figurative language at times dense and shimmering, at times richly colloquial, of the consequences of the Holocaust."

—*Library Journal*

978-0-679-72926-6 | \$10.50/\$11.99C

Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Gadsden Reads, AL; Caldwell Public Library, NJ; Writers & Books, NY; New Rochelle Public Library, NY; Worcester County Library, MD



Diana Welch, Liz Welch, Amanda Welch and Dan Welch

The Kids are All Right:

A Memoir

The extraordinary and inspiring story of how four orphaned siblings, torn apart by tragedy came to terms with their past and found the strength and courage to reunite as a family. Written in four alternating voices, and told with stunning emotional restraint, it is an eloquent testament to the power of shared history, forgiveness, acceptance, and above all, unconditional love. *Texas*

WINNER: ALA ALEX Award

978-0-307-39605-1 | \$15.00/\$17.00C

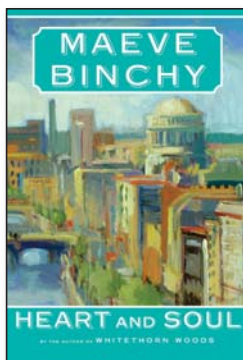
Three Rivers Press | TR | September 2010



TIPS FROM NANCY PEARL:

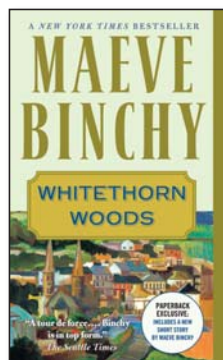
DO realize that you will never please everyone with your choice of book!

Love Stories



Maeve Binchy **Heart and Soul**

With the insight, humor, and compassion we have come to expect from her, Maeve Binchy tells a story of family, friends, patients, and staff who are part of a heart clinic in a community caught between the old and the new Ireland. *Dalkey, Ireland*
978-0-307-26579-1 | \$26.95/NCR
Knopf | HC | Fiction
978-0-307-27842-5 | \$7.99/NCR
Anchor | MM



Maeve Binchy **Whitethorn Woods**

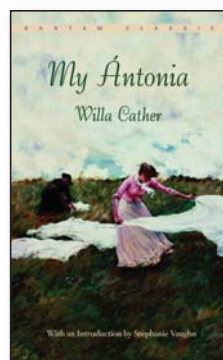
Maeve Binchy creates voices that must be heard, voices of unforgettable people who are caught between their old-fashioned ways and progress. When the new highway threatens to bypass the town of Rossmore and cut through Whitethorn Woods, the whole town is beside themselves; everyone has an opinion. And there might even be big money to be made, no matter the cost to the quality of life. *Dublin, Ireland.*

978-0-307-27841-8 | \$7.99

Anchor | MM | Fiction

978-0-307-45523-9 | \$14.00

Anchor | TR



Willa Cather **My Antonia**

In this powerful novel, Willa Cather creates one of the most winning yet thoroughly convincing heroines in American fiction. Antonia Shimerda returns to Black Hawk, Nebraska to make a fresh start after eloping with a railway conductor following the tragic death of her father. Despite betrayal and crushing opposition, Antonia steadfastly pursues her quest for happiness—a moving struggle that mirrors the quiet drama of the American landscape.

978-0-679-74187-9 | \$9.00/\$12.50C

Vintage | TR | Fiction

978-0-553-21418-5 | \$4.95/\$6.95C

Bantam Classics | MM



SELECTED BY: The State of Nebraska; Chicago, IL; Fox Valley, IL; Ames, IA; South Dakota

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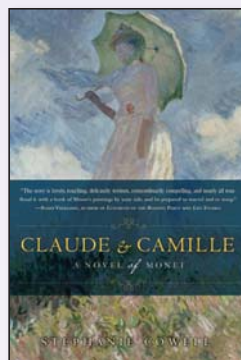
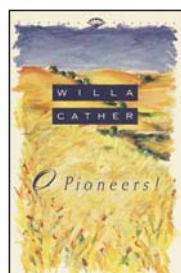
978-0-679-74362-0 | \$9.00/\$11.50C

Vintage | TR | Fiction

978-0-553-21358-4 | \$4.95/\$5.95C

Bantam Classics | MM

SELECTED BY: Brownsburg, IN; Howard County, IN



Stephanie Cowell **Claude & Camille:** A Novel of Monet

Starving artist Claude Monet's life was irrevocably changed when he met the beautiful and mysterious Camille Doucieux. Through years of painting, misunderstanding, and love, they carve out a life together, but can Camille ever escape her past—and can Monet ever forget it?

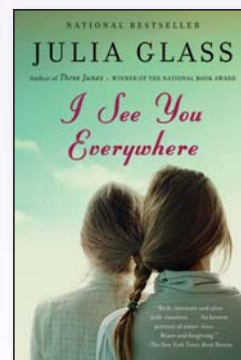
www.stephaniecowell.com

978-307-46321-0 | \$25.00/\$29.95C

Crown | HC | Fiction

978-0-307-46322-7 | \$15.00/\$17.50C

Three Rivers Press | TR | April 2011



Julia Glass **I See You Everywhere**

“Rich, intricate and alive with emotion.... An honest portrait of sister-love and sister-hate—interlocking, brave and forgiving—made whole through art.”

—The New York Times Book Review

From the author of award-winning *Three Junes* comes a devastating tale of two sisters, of what we can and cannot do for those we love and the juxtaposition of life and death, companionship and sorrow, and the true nature of sisterhood itself.

Massachusetts

978-1-4000-7577-5 | \$15.00/\$18.95C

Anchor | TR | Fiction



Michael Greenberg **Hurry Down Sunshine:** A Father's Story of Love and Madness

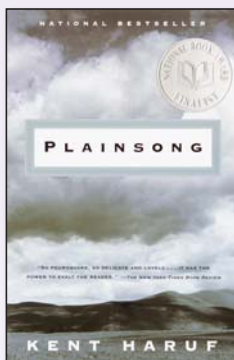
With remarkable candor and in vivid detail, Michael Greenberg recounts the summer when his fifteen-year-old daughter experiences a psychotic breakdown. This *Time Magazine* Book of the Year will expose your community members to the horrible effects mental illnesses have not just on the individual but also on their families. This is the tale of a family broken open, then painstakingly, movingly stitched together again. *New York, NY*

978-0-307-47354-7 | \$14.95/NCR

Vintage | TR | Nonfiction



Love Stories



Kent Haruf **Plainsong**

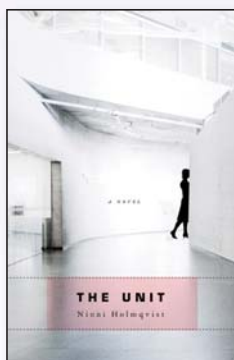
Set on the rural plains of Holt, CO, this stirring meditation on the true nature and necessity of family comprises several story lines that flow into one. The seven characters featured in this tight narrative teach us how families can be made between people who are not necessarily blood relatives. *Salida, CO*

WINNER: National Book Award

978-0-375-70585-4 | \$13.95/\$21.00C
Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: The State of Arizona; Gunnison, CO; Loveland, CO; Springfield, IL; Vigo County, IN; Cedar Rapids, IA; Manhattan, KS; Grand Rapids, MI; Boone & Callaway Counties, MO; Kansas City, MO; Wahpeton and Breckenridge, ND; Lincoln, NE; Dallas/Fort Worth, TX; Salt Lake City, UT; Spokane, WA



Ninni Holmqvist **The Unit**

The Unit is a gripping exploration of a society in the throes of an experiment, in which the “dispensable” ones are convinced under gentle coercion of the importance of sacrificing for the “necessary” ones. Ninni Holmqvist has created a debut novel of humor, sorrow, and rage about love, the close bonds of friendship, and about a cynical, utilitarian way of thinking disguised as care.

Named one of the Best Novels of 2009 by *The Wall Street Journal*

978-1-59051-313-2 | \$14.95/\$18.95C
Other Press | TR | Fiction



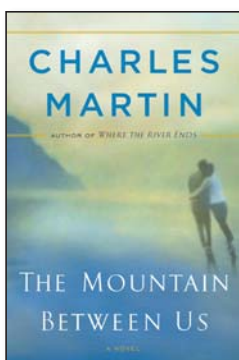
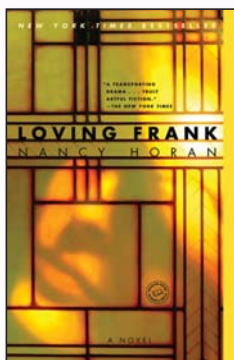
Nancy Horan **Loving Frank: A Novel**

Fact and fiction are brilliantly blended in this enthralling debut novel based on the love affair between Mamah Cheney and renowned American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, that scandalized Chicago society in the early 20th century. *Langley, Whidbey Island, WA*

978-0-345-49500-6 | \$14.00/\$16.50C
Ballantine | TR | Fiction



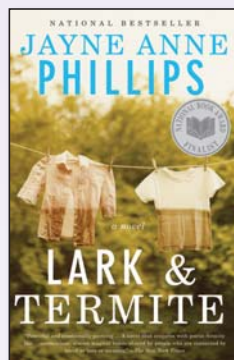
Selected by: Wilmette, IL



Charles Martin **The Mountain Between Us: A Novel**

The best-selling author of *Where the River Ends* returns with a captivating story about two strangers who crash into a frigid mountain wilderness and must rely on each other to survive. As the days turn into weeks on the unforgiving mountain on which they crashed, they hatch a plan to escape the wilderness, but as desperate as they are to be saved, they wonder what will happen when they return to their previous lives. *Jacksonville, FL*

978-0-7679-2700-0 | \$19.99/\$23.99C
Broadway | HC | Fiction
978-0-7679-2702-4 | \$12.95/\$16.00C | TR | June 2011



Jayne Anne Phillips **Lark and Termite**

Lark and Termite is a story of the power of loss and love, the echoing ramifications of war, family secrets, dreams and ghosts, and the unseen, almost magical bonds that unite and sustain us. Set during the 1950s in both Virginia and Korea it follows two children: Lark and Termite, their absent mother, an aunt who raises them, and Termite's father, a man who finds himself caught up in the chaotic early months of the Korean War. *Rutgers, NJ*

978-0-375-70193-1 | \$14.95/\$18.95C

Vintage | TR | Fiction

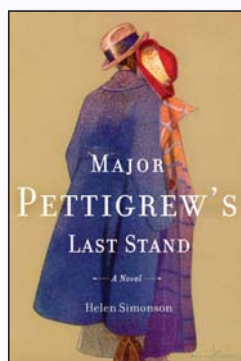
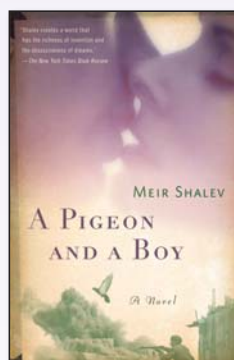


Meir Shalev **A Pigeon and A Boy**

This is a tale of lovers, of how deeply we love, of what home is, and why we, like pigeons trained to fly in one direction only, must eventually return to it. From the internationally acclaimed Israeli writer Meir Shalev comes a mesmerizing novel of two love stories, one taking place during Israel's 1948 War of Independence and one set in present day, separated by half a century but connected by one enchanting act of devotion. *Israel*

978-0-8052-1214-3 | \$14.95/\$16.95C

Schocken | TR | Fiction



Helen Simonson **Major Pettigrew's Last Stand**

When retired Major Pettigrew strikes up an unlikely friendship with Mrs. Ali, the village shopkeeper who is of Pakistani descent, he is drawn out of his regimented world and forced to confront the realities of life in the twenty-first century. Brought together by a shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship on the cusp of blossoming into something more. The Major has always taken special pride in his village, but will he be forced to choose between the place he calls home and a future with Mrs. Ali? *Washington, DC*

978-1-4000-6893-7 | \$25.00 | Random House | HC

978-0-8129-8122-3 | \$14.00 | RH Trade Paperbacks

TR | February 2011



Edith Wharton **The Age of Innocence**

Wharton's masterpiece: a tragic love story and a powerful homily about the perils of a perfect marriage, set in old New York. Adapted to film by Martin Scorsese in 1993.

WINNER: Pulitzer Prize, 1921

978-0-375-75320-6 | \$9.95/\$14.95C

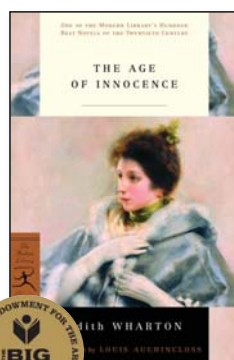
Modern Library | TR | Fiction

978-0-553-21450-5 | \$5.95/\$7.95C | Bantam | MM

978-0-09-951128-1 | \$10.95C | Vintage Classics (Can.) | TR



Selected by: Bloomsburg Public Library, PA; Parsippany Library System, NJ



BOOKS OF LOCAL INTEREST: Regionalized picks for your community



Washington

Jamie Ford
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
(Ballantine, 978-0-345-50534-7)
An innocent love is put to the test when a young Japanese American student from Seattle's Japantown is sent to an internment camp during WWII. For more, page 12.



Illinois

Barack Obama
Dreams from My Father
(Three Rivers Press, 978-1-4000-8277-3)
Then-Illinois-Senator and current President Barack Obama's memoirs of his struggle with race, identity, and the death of his father. For more, page 13.



Michigan

Paul Clemens
Made in Detroit
(Anchor, 978-1-4000-7596-6)
A powerfully candid memoir about growing up white in Detroit and of the conflicted point of view it produced.



New Jersey

C. Vivian Stringer
Standing Tall
(Three Rivers Press, 978-0-307-40627-9)
The incredible story of Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer, who's gone from coalminer's daughter to one of the winningest and most loved coaches in basketball. For more, page 16.



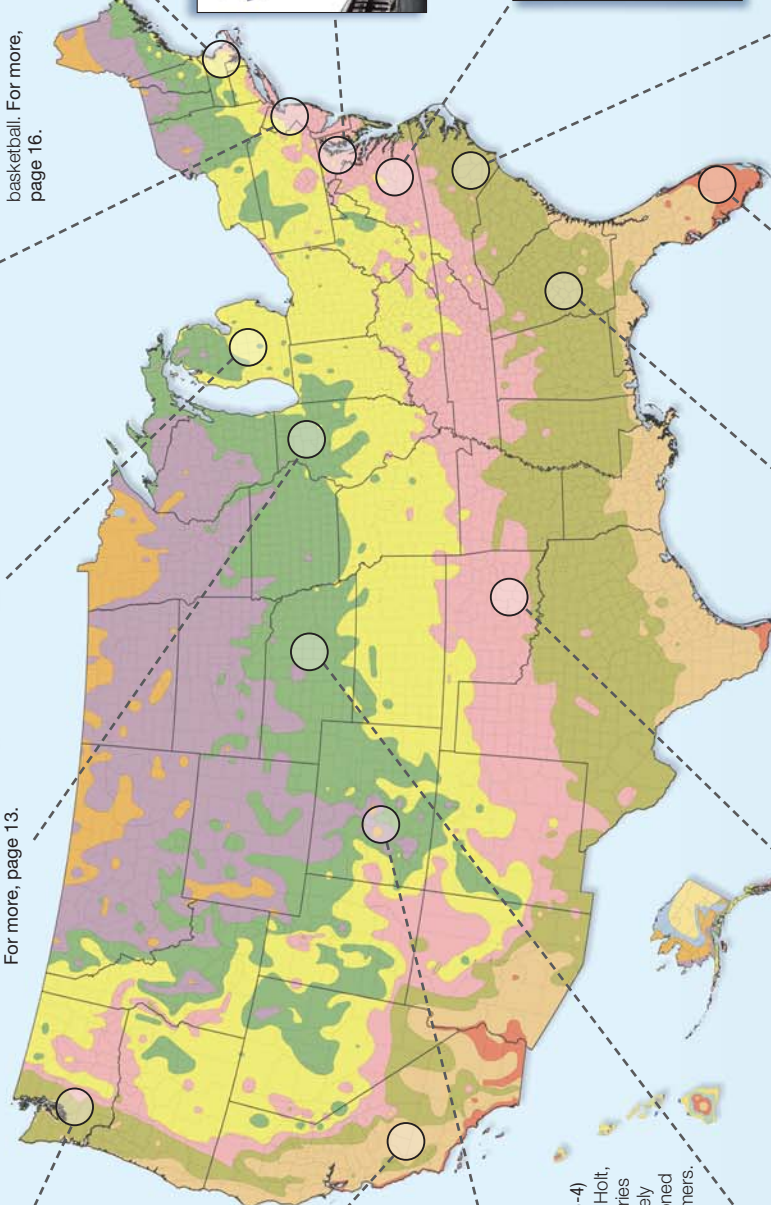
Massachusetts

Stephen Puleo
Dark Tide
(Beacon, 978-0-8070-5021-7)
The story of Boston's little-known (and very surreal) disaster in 1919, when a tank collapsed and a 15-foot wave of 2.3 million gallons of molasses swept over the city, demolishing homes, killing 21 people, and injuring 150.



California

Lisa See
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
(RH Trade Paperbacks, 978-0-8129-8035-6)
This Los Angeles-based author's new-classic story of foot-binding, seduction, and a triumphant female friendship in 19th-century China. For more, page 14.



Colorado

Kent Haruf
Plainsong
(Vintage, 978-0-375-70585-4)
Set on the rural plains of Holt, CO, the intertwining stories of a pregnant teen, a lonely teacher, a pair of abandoned sons, and two crusty farmers. For more, page 20.



Nebraska

Willa Cather
My Antonia
(Bantam Classics, 978-0-553-21418-5 or Vintage, 978-0-679-74187-9)
In a classic American novel, Antonia Shimerda, returning to Nebraska after her father's death, finds happiness against all odds. For more, page 19.



Oklahoma

Carolyn Wall
Sweeping Up Glass
(Delta, 978-0-385-34303-9)
From Oklahoma-based author Carolyn Wall, a tough and tender novel of love, race, and justice, and a ferocious look at the power of family. For more, page 8.



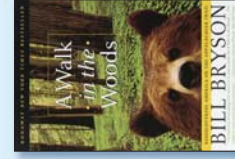
Georgia

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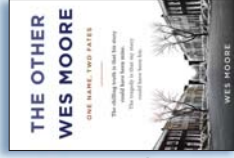
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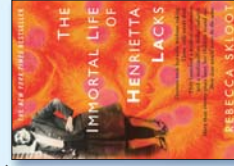
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