# ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

January 2010 (Books purchased for December 2009)

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#### EDITED BY BARRIE KERPER

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# **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

FACES IN STONE ROBERT ARTHUR KING

A collection of the architectural sculptures found all over New York City. It includes maps of the city for planning easy walking tours and sight seeing.

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ANNE C. HELLER

A deeply researched biography of legendary author Rand and the cult of personality that grew around her and her views on objectivist ethics and economist theory. Heller includes lots of details about love affairs to keep readers engaged.

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The life and career of one of Hollywood's most talented actresses, Grace Kelly. This biography goes into detail about her career until its end at age twenty-six when she married, becoming a princess of Monaco and a mother. Includes interviews with Grace and the friends and colleagues that were major parts of her fairy tale life.

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The dramatic lives of Ellen Terry, Henry Irving and their remarkable families.

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# **HISTORY & POLITICS**

# THE BATTLE FOR AMERICA 2008

#### **DAN BALZ & HAYNES JOHNSON\***

The presidential campaign of 2008, from the battles over Iowa and New Hampshire to when Obama was declared winner. Balz and Haynes look at Clinton's mistakes as well as McCain's struggles. Has exclusive interviews with the candidates and voters from the battleground states.

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**NEIL SHEEHAN** 

Publishers Weekly includes this latest work by Pulitzer Prize winner (A Bright Shining Lie) Neil Sheehan, on their list of the 10 Best Books of 2009. It chronicles Air Force officer Bernard Schriever's leadership of the nuclear arms race and the development of the ICBM.

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TOBY LESTER

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STIEG LARSON

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**KATE WALBERT+** 

A profound portrayal of the complicated legacies of mothers and daughters, chronicling five generations of women from late nineteenth century into the twentieth.

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The discovery of a headless corpse and a sighting of a bizarre creature lead the Peculiar Crimes Unit to get back together and try to connect the puzzle. Their obstacles include having no legal authority, not having use of computer technology and the case's unlikely link to gang-crime.

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#### ANNE PERRY+

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THE COMPLAINTS IAN RANKIN

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#### **BARBARA ISENBERG**

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ABIGAIL ADAMS WOODY HOLTON

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## THOMAS FLEMING

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#### **STEPHEN FRY**

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# **HISTORY & POLITICS**

#### **BEYOND AMERICA'S GRASP**

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**TAMI HOAG** 

A group of California children discover a woman's body in 1985 and the FBI agent brought in to help uses the new technique of profiling to track a serial killer.

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Theresa MacLean is investigating the mysterious death of a new bride, found in the woods with no obvious cause of death. When the woman's former boyfriend expresses suspicions about his ex-lover's death, both he and Theresa worry about the safety of the woman's young daughter.

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# FEATURED SELECTION

BIRTHRIGHT A. ROGER EKIRCH

In 1728, 12-year-old James Annesley, scion to the mighty House of Annesley, is kidnapped from Dublin and sent to the American colony of Delaware as an indentured servant. Thirteen years later, he returns to claim what is rightfully his. In an age without DNA laboratories or fingerprinting, James desperately tries to prove his identity. The story that inspired Robert Louis Stevenson's *Kidnapped*.

258 p., ill.

# **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

#### FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

#### **BRUCE BROOKS PFEIFFER**

Rare photographs and imaginative drawings from 1920-1932, considered to be Wright's most creative period.

239 p., ill.

#### **IMAGINING PHILADELPHIA**

#### EDITED BY SCOTT GABRIEL KNOWLES

Essays on Philadelphia's past, present and future urban planning. Included is Edmund Bacon's visionary 1959 piece, which couldn't predict the economic and racial struggles that would challenge his vision.

178 p., ill.

#### A LIVING LEGACY

KENNETH F. RAINIERE ◆

Photographs and drawings of the work of architect A.W. Leh, of Bethlehem, PA.

269 p., ill.

# **BIOGRAPHY**

COMMITED ELIZABETH GILBERT

At the end of her last book, *Eat, Pray, Love*, divorcee Elizabeth Gilbert had fallen in love with a Brazilian man named Felipe. When Felipe is threatened to be thrown out of the country for lack of American citizenship, Elizabeth wrestles with having to revisit the institution that she thought she's left behind: marriage. 285 p.

LADY IN THE TOWER ALISON WEIR

Historian Weir takes a fresh look at Anne Boleyn, especially the role her religious fervor may have played in her unfortunate end.

434 p., ill.

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT HARRIET REISEN

Reisen provides a detailed biography of Alcott, author of *Little Women*, and enlightens us on Alcott's abolitionist views, drug addiction, secret writings, and her rags to riches story.

362 p., ill.

POPS TERRY TEACHOUT

This biography examines the life of Louis Armstrong, the larger-than-life jazz musician who was tougher and more sharp-edged than his worshipping fans ever knew.

475 p., ill.

# **TRAVEL**

FROMMER'S CALIFORNIA 2010

**MATTHEW R. POOLE+** 

787 p., ill.

FROMMER'S MONTREAL AND QUEBEC CITY 2010

LESLIE BROKAW AND ERIN TRAHAN+

307 p., ill.

# **HISTORY & POLITICS**

AMERICANS IN PARIS CHARLES GLASS+

A riveting account of the Americans who remained in Paris during one of her darkest times, 1940-1944

524 p., ill.

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258 p., ill.

OUR TIMES A.N. WILSON

A cultural and political look at Britain in the age of Elizabeth II, covering everything from the Suez crisis and the Thatcher era to the Beatles and Princess Diana.

482 p., ill.

### SOLDIER FROM THE WAR RETURNING

**THOMAS CHILDERS** 

Told by historian Thomas Childers (a past winner of the Athenaeum Literary Award), this is the story that shatters the myths surrounding the American veterans returning home from World War II. 340 p., ill.

#### TEARS IN THE DARKNESS

# MICHAEL NORMAN AND ELIZABETH M. NORMAN

Tears in the Darkness captures the story of the Bataan Death March during World War II, starting with the Americans' first major land battle for the tiny Philippine peninsula of Bataan. This book exposes the myths of war and shows the extent of loss and suffering on both sides.

463 p., ill.

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

THE HIDDEN BRAIN SHANKAR VEDANTAM

A look at a host of brain functions, emotional responses and cognitive processes that happen outside our conscious awareness but have a decisive effect on how we behave.

270 p., ill.

I.O.U. JOHN LANCHESTER+

This book examines the reasons for the sudden collapse of our economy, not only domestically but in the global economy overall. The author revels that we've only just begun to get ourselves back on track. 260 p.

#### STONES INTO SCHOOLS

**GREG MORTENSON** 

Mortenson continues the story of his efforts to promote peace by establishing schools. In this follow-up to the best-selling *Three Cups of Tea*, he moves from his central work in Pakistan to include Afghanistan as well.

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# **FICTION**

**ALICE I HAVE BEEN** 

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Alice Liddell Hargreaves will always be known as just Alice, forever immortalized in the story *Alice in Wonderland.* This historical fiction captures the life of a woman who discovered that life beyond the rabbit hole was an amazing journey.

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ECLIPSE STEPHENIE MEYER ★

Sink your teeth into *Eclipse*, the 3<sup>rd</sup> installment of Stephenie Meyer's riveting vampire love saga. 629 p.

A FAIR MAIDEN JOYCE CAROL OATES+

What does Marcus Kidder, a rich, silver-haired gentleman artist, really want with young working-class Katya, who begins posing for him?

NOAH'S COMPASS ANNE TYLER

Anne Tyler brings us another of her eccentric Baltimore characters. This time it is Liam Pennywell, a teacher forced into early retirement. His first night in his new condo goes awry when he wakes up in the hospital with a bandaged head and no memory of how he got there.

#### **REBELS AND TRAITORS**

LINDSEY DAVIS

Set against the English Civil War, this is the story of the people and the hopes and dreams that carried them through.

742 p., ill.

THE RED APPLE JONATHAN LEVITAN ▲

A young Greek boy is conscripted into the elite Ottoman Janissaries 20 years before the conquest of Constantinople. When he falls in love with a peasant girl he finds there is more to life than battles. 320 p.

#### REMARKABLE CREATURES

TRACY CHEVALIER

A woman with a remarkable gift for spotting fossils is rejected by the scientific community of the nineteenth century but finds an unlikely friend who shares her interest. From the bestselling author of *Girl With a Pearl Earring*.

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SMALL WARS SADIE JONES +

The author of *The Outcast* lets us see the impact of war on both soldiers and their families in this tale of a British officer posted to Cyprus with his wife and daughters in 1956.

THE SWAN THIEVES ELIZABETH KOSTOVA

A psychiatrist tries to unravel the meaning behind artist Robert Oliver's bizarre attack on a painting at the National Gallery of Art, but receives little help from Oliver himself. An intriguing story by the author of *The Historian*.

#### THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF SCONES

#### ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

McCall Smith offers another installment of the *44 Scotland Street Series*, complete with Bertie and the rest of the quirky Edinburgh residents.

344 p., ill.

# UNFINISHED DESIRES GAIL GODWIN+

Two girls form a friendship at an all-girls school in 1951 and 50 years later the former headmistress reflects on that eventful year.

THE UNNAMED JOSHUA FERRIS

Tim Farnsworth is aging gracefully, has a strong marriage and family and a satisfying job until he is struck by a recurrence of a mysterious illness that compels him to keep walking.

313 p.

#### WHERE THE GOD OF LOVE HANGS OUT

AMY BLOOM+

Amy Bloom follows her bestseller *Away* with this collection of stories covering love and the people who experience it in different ways.

201 p.

WILD CHILD T.C. BOYLE+

The author of *The Women* grabs the reader with this collection of 14 imaginative stories.

#### 304 p.

#### WORST CASE

# JAMES PATTERSON AND MICHAEL LEDWIDGE

Detective Michael Bennett is on the case of one of the deadliest killers in New York City. The criminal mastermind kidnaps the son of wealthy family, but as Bennett races to crack the case the killer changes his game. (*Large print edition*)

402 p.

# **DETECTIVES**

BLACKLANDS BELINDA BAUER

Billy Peters' murder 18 years ago has torn his mother to pieces, as she carries on the belief that he is still alive. Her 12 year old grandson, determined to help her, hides his identity and begins a correspondence with the man who confessed to the murder, hoping he will lead him to Billy's body. A dangerous cat-and-mouse game ensues.

221 p.

THE BONE CHAMBER ROBIN BURCELL

Special Agent Sydney Fitzpatrick's need to find the answers to a case that she had mysteriously been dismissed from leads her from Washington to Rome, straight into the world of the Freemasons and the Vatican's Holy See, where a unimaginably terrible secret is hidden.

338 p.

#### CEMETERY ROAD GAR ANTHONY HAYWOOD

Erroll "Handy" White must return out of exile for a funeral when his friend, R.J. Burrow, is brutally murdered in Los Angeles. Erroll is afraid that his secret from the past is about to be revealed. Was R.J.'s murder related to the dark past they shared?

DARK FIRE C.J. SANSOM\*

In 1540 England, Lawyer Matthew Shardlake is about to lose a case. He is granted a reprieve by Thomas Cromwell, the king's feared vicar general. In exchange, Shardlake must find "Dark Fire", an ancient weapon of mass destruction.

502 p.

DEATH OF A VALENTINE M.C. BEATON+

Police Sergeant Hamish Macbeth, one of Scotland's most famous bachelors, is finally to be married. He wouldn't even be getting married if it hadn't been for a murder in a neighboring village that drew Josie McSween, his bride to be, to him. As the investigation gets deeper, Hamish learns how deadly love can truly be.

DISSOLUTION C.J. SANSOM\*

It's 1537. England is divided down the middle between the devout Catholics and the followers of the newly formed Church of England. When royal members are murdered, Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's feared vicar general, summons Matthew Shardlake to lead the inquiry.

DOORS OPEN IAN RANKIN+

One night over cocktails, three friends decide to steal three paintings from the National Gallery in Edinburgh. As the plan unfolds, the three encounter more than they anticipated: wealth, betrayal, jail, seduction, wisdomeven death.

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THE FIRST RULE ROBERT CRAIS+

When Frank Meyers and his family are the latest casualties in a series of murders with not-so-innocent victims, Joe Pike, ex-military mercenary and Frank's friend, sets out to clear Frank's name and punish those responsible.

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PAGANINI'S GHOST PAUL ADAM

When an art dealer is found dead with a scrap of an award-winning violin composition, it's up to Detective Antonio Guastafeste, along with violin maker Gianni Castiglione, to navigate the curious world of classical music to solve the case.

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# **AUDIOBOOKS**

TRUE BLUE DAVID BALDACCI●

After being framed for a crime, ex-D.C. cop Mason Perry will do anything in her power to become a cop again. Lawyer Roy Kingman used to work for the poor until he took a high-paying job at a law firm. As the two uncover the meaning behind a violent murder, they uncover surprising secrets about the nation's capital. CD's

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Henrietta Lacks' cells remain alive today, though she died sixty years ago. Now utilized in labs globally, HeLas were the first human cells to be successfully reproduced. The Polio vaccine, cancer treatments, and gene mapping are all possible through the use of Lacks' cervical tumor sample. The author shares her dogged 30-year quest to discover the details left out of scientific texts, exploring medical history as well as racial struggles and cultural differences.

369 p., ill.

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268 p.

# **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

# ARTS AND CRAFTS RUGS FOR CRAFTSMAN INTERIORS LINDA PARRY AND DAVID CATHERS

A collection of rugs influenced by *The Craftsman*, the popular Arts and Crafts magazine published by Gustav Stickley from 1901-1916.

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**EDITED BY MINA RIEUR WEINER** 

More than one hundred new photographs of the American Renaissance muralist's work.

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THE ICONIC HOUSE DOMINIC BRADBURY

A look at 100 of the most important and influential architectural designs in the world. Ranging in style, materials, and traditions, it includes drawings, informative text, floor plans and vivid photographs. **This book does not circulate by mail.**351 p., ill.

#### PHILADELPHIA'S WASHINGTON SQUARE

**BILL DOUBLE\*** 

Photographs and histories of Washington Square's buildings, including the Athenaeum. This book is part of the *Images of America* series.

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

#### THE STRANGEST MAN

**GRAHAM FARMELO** 

A peek into the bizarre mind of Paul Dirac, the scientific genius who was a colleague of Einstein and winner of the 1933 Nobel Prize for physics.

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## FROMMER'S NEW ORLEANS

MARY HERCZOG+

The 2010 guide includes walking tours and architectural highlights.

339 p., ill.

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#### THE EMPEROR'S LAST CAMPAIGN

**EMILIO OCAMPO** 

An examination of the Bonapartist migration to the Western Hemisphere after Napoleon's defeat. 503 p., ill.

# THE IMPERIAL CRUISE

JAMES BRADLEY

Bradley (*Flags of Our Fathers*) reconstructs President Rooevelt's Pacific cruise of 1905. Accompanied by his media-distracting daughter, Alice, and Secretary of War Howard Taft, a series of secret agreements were negotiated that would influence American Pacific involvements in the future.

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**JEFFREY H. JACKSON** 

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#### THE POKER BRIDE

CHRISTOPHER CORBETT

The forgotten history of Chinese sojourners during the gold rush of the American West is illuminated through this account of Polly, the Poker Bride. Discover the facts behind the lore of the concubine who was sold as a slave, wagered in a poker match, and eventually became the wife of a Connecticut Yankee. 218 p., ill.

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An examination of three nations at the crossroads of history: Britain's struggle with India after its humiliating defeat in America; France's near bankruptcy and descent into chaos on the eve of revolution; and the new United States' declaration of the Bill of Rights, in the age of the tensions of slavery.

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#### THE TIME TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO MEDIEVAL ENGLAND

IAN MORTIMER

An extensive and lively social history of 14<sup>th</sup> century England. The daily lives of serfs, merchants, and aristocrats are illuminated through accounts of mealtime rituals, fashion, medical curiosities, and occupation and income.

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# **SCIENCE & MEDICINE**

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# **MISCELLANEOUS**

GO ORGANIZE! MARILYN BOHN

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#### THE POSSESSED ELIF BATUMAN

If you love the notion of a funny book about reading Russian literature, then *The Possessed: Adventures with Russian Books and the People who Read* them is for you!

296 p.

# **REPORTING AT WIT'S END**

ST. CLAIR McKELWAY

Collects 18 of St. Clair McKelway's timeless pieces from *The New Yorker*, spanning from the 1930s to the 1960s. Together, they comprise a tribute to a long-forgotten New York, and renew the memory of one of its consummate chroniclers.

# **FICTION**

CAIRO MODERN NAGUIB MAHFOUZ

Impoverished student Maghub's small deceptions become a runaway train as he attempts to scale the societal ladder during a time of major inequality in 1930's Cairo.

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A DEAD HAND PAUL THEROUX

A travel writer finds himself playing detective on the dark streets of Calcutta when a dashing and mysterious woman requests his help.

EIGHT WHITE NIGHTS ANDRÉ ACIMAN

Intrigue, hope, and tension are explored as two Manhattan strangers take their guarded first steps together during the magic of the holiday season.

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A young girl disappears and the Triple Threat, headed by reporter Cassidy Shaw, is on the case vying to find the girl alive before they become the next victims.

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The political and religious struggles of fifteenth-century Prague can be felt as a Talmudic scholar searches for clues when a Christian girl is found murdered in a Jewish shop on Passover. 387 p.

THE INFINITIES JOHN BANVILLE+

A playfully inventive medley of mischievous immortals and complex human relationships as a family gathers around the grandfather's deathbed. 273 p.

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Set in WWII Malta, a British officer investigates the murder of a young Maltese woman. Given that Malta is a stepping-stone for Nazi Germany to reach North Africa, the stakes are high as the officer races to maintain the country's loyalty.

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#### THE MIDNIGHT HOUSE ALEX BERENSON

CIA agent John Wells is rushed in when two members of the Midnight House, a secret base used in interrogation of the toughest jihadis, are murdered. Clues lead him to Cairo and to a web of questions regarding the base's integrity.

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MONSIEUR PAIN ROBERTO BOLAÑO

Bolaño masterfully weaves historical figures of 1939 Paris into this darkly ironic tale of artists and occultists.

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#### ONE AMAZING THING

#### CHITRA BANERJEE DIVAKARUNI+

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# **DETECTIVES**

## **ASSASSINS OF ATHENS**

**JEFFREY SIGER** 

Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis explores the underbelly of Athens nightlife while investigating the murder of the son of one of Greece's most prominent families. 275 p.

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**CARA BLACK** 

Someone wants revenge on P.I. Aimée Leduc. A mysterious sum of money appears in the firm's bank account following the near fatal shooting of her partner. When her alibi doesn't check out, she struggles to persuade the detective that she is being framed.

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**SIMON BRETT** 

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#### WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

#### **MEGAN SMOLENYAK**

Family secrets, black sheep, and royal lineage of popular celebrities such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Susan Sarandon are uncovered. The process of genealogical research is comprehensively unveiled to aid the amateur genealogist.

204 p., ill.

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#### **CORDELIA FRANCES BIDDLE\***

Heiress Martha Beale investigates a decapitation murder at Joseph Bonaparte's estate in this robust and meticulously researched historical mystery set in and around 19th century Philadelphia. 269pp.

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#### THE AMERICAN LEONARDO

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La Belle Ferronniere is enveloped in a sea of lawsuits, forensic tests, gossip columns, and the inextinguishable contest between art and money. Meet the curators, schemers, and connoisseurs vying to establish the painting's origin in the controversy that began in 1919 and lasted for decades.

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# **JUDITH B. TANKARD**

Born into a wealthy early twentieth century family, Ms. Farrand eschewed the silver spoon for a rusty trowel. Her formal, English influenced gardens have become legendary.

## CITY BY DESIGN: AN ARCHITECTURAL PERSPECTIVE OF CHICAGO

Fine works of recent architecture by many of the city's leading firms, focusing on mixed-use buildings.

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PHYLLIS ROSS

Beautifully illustrated and detailed description of the life and work of modernist furniture designer who experimented with novel materials and modular components. 274p., illus.

#### SHAPING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

An encyclopedia of 149 designers whose contributions in architecture, planning, journalism and more have molded the public arenas of America. A Cultural Landscape Foundation project.

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#### **SUNNYLANDS**

## **EDITED BY DAVID DE LONG**

Architect A. Quincy Jones, interior designers William Haines and Ted Graber, and philanthropists Walter and Leonore Annenberg were the 1960 dream team behind the iconic mid-century modernistic Californian estate.

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# **BIOGRAPHY**

# THE HYPOCHONDRIACS

**BRIAN DILLON** 

How paranoia and the fear of disease affected the minds of nine famous authors and artists, including Darwin, Bronte, Warhol and Gould.

# **AUDIOBOOKS**

#### KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL

**ANTHONY BOURDAIN** 

A funny and revealing memoir by the famous New York City chef. (CD's)

# **TRAVEL**

## **EVERY DAY IN TUSCANY**

**FRANCES MAYES** 

Updates of the hidden joys and daily rhythms in the world Mayes summoned in *Under The Tuscan Sun* and *Bella Tuscany.* 306pp.

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The 2010 edition includes foldout maps and insider tips.

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# **HISTORY & POLITICS**

# THE ARTIST, THE PHILOSPHER, AND THE WARRIOR

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This history of renaissance Italy extrapolated from the notebooks of Niccolo Machiavelli, Leonardo da Vinci, and Cesare Borgia, during their brief journey together in 1502.

## **EMANCIPATION**

MICHAEL GOLDFARB

For five centuries preceding Napoleon, the Jews of Europe had been confined to ghettos or small, remote villages. Follow their extraordinary rise and influence on art, science, and culture in the years after they were granted freedom.

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#### **HOLY WARRIORS**

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A biographical look at the people and events that inspired Evelyn Waugh's Bridehead Revisited.

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A 75-year-old woman, recently divorced by her husband of nearly 50 years, and her two aging daughters move together into a shabby Westport, CT beach house where they try to survive emotionally and financially. 292 p.

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## **FEATURED SELECTION**

#### MURDER IN OCEAN HALL

**JOE FLOOD** 

The list of murder suspects stacks up after a famous but unpopular explorer is crashed under a whale skeleton at the Smithsonian. Detective Thomas explores two areas he has come to know well in his 20 years as DC investigator: deceit and deception.

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249 p., ill.

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DEADLIEST SEA KALEE THOMPSON+

The true story of a man versus nature ordeal, for both shipwrecked fishermen and their rescuers. As the *Alaska Ranger* sank into the turbulent Bering Sea, two Coast Guard teams rushed to save lives (despite twenty-foot swells and freezing water) during this exceptionally courageous rescue mission.

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A young woman moves between her newlywed, professional life in London and her former life in Singapore in search of a feeling of belonging.

INNOCENT SCOTT TUROW

In this sequel to *Presumed Innocent*, Rusty Sabich and Tommy Molto are pitted against each other again when Sabich's wife is found dead.

THE KILLER TOM HINSHELWOOD+

As a professional hitman, Victor has his job down to a science. This time, the job proceeds as planned until Victor becomes the one being hunted. Now he trots the globe to discover the secrets behind his last murder.

336 p.

LIES OF THE HEART MICHELLE BOYAJIAN+

A wife wades through psychological trauma when her estranged husband is murdered by one of his patients. 346 p.

#### THE MAP OF TRUE PLACES

**BRUNONIA BARRY+** 

Following the suicide of a patient, psychotherapist Zee Finch experiences an emotional whirlwind that kicks up her dusty past.

406 p.

THE OTHER FAMILY JOANNA TROLLOPE

When a famous pianist dies, his will reveals a long-estranged wife and son to his three shocked daughters.

321 p.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR

**NICCI FRENCH+** 

MARTIN AMIS

When a summer of friendship and romance dissolves into betrayals, a conflicted group of friends must confront their own deceptions to solve a murder.

375 p.

THE PATIENCE STONE ATIG RAHIMI

While a man lies in a coma, his dutiful wife begins confessing the frustrations of being subject to the social, marital, and religious pressures of Afghanistan.

141 p.

THE POSTMISTRESS SARAH BLAKE

During WWII, three women's lives intertwine: Frankie, a radio dispatcher in London, working to bring the reality of war to the American people; Iris, who carries the mail and news through her Cape Cod town; and Emma, whose lover joined the resistance in London.

326 p.

THE PREGNANT WIDOW

This bittersweet, witty, and perceptive novel examines the sexual revolution of the 1970s. Through its characterization, *The Pregnant Widow* depicts the freedoms and burdens conferred upon young people growing up within a movement.

366 p.

THE PRIVATE LIFE JANE SMILEY+

The Pulitzer Prize winning author explores the institution of marriage and what it meant to be a woman in America's Midwest between 1880-1940.

STORM PREY JOHN SANDFORD+

In addition to Lucas Davenport's usual detective responsibilities, this case requires him to provide extra protection to his wife, who may have been witness to a robbery-turned-murder at the hospital where she is a surgeon.

416 p.

SUPREME JUSTICE PHILLIP MARGOLIN+

A legal thriller starring characters from Margolin's bestselling *Executive Privilege*. Dana Cutler investigates a mysterious attack on a Supreme Court Justice and uncovers a dangerous and far-reaching plot. 312 p.

## **DETECTIVES**

BLUE-EYED DEVIL ROBERT B. PARKER+

A showdown between the original cowboys of the west and a new breed of law enforcement officials who muddy their hands with politics and power. 276 p.

A COLOURFUL DEATH CAROLA DUNN+

Painter Nick Gresham is accused of the murder of a rival artist in Cornwall, but it soon appears that there are other suspects with motive as well.

337 p.

A DARKER GOD BARBARA CLEVERLY

Archaeologist Laetitia Talbot digs for clues in 1920's Athens when the performance she attends in Dionysus' theatre results in an actual murder.

397 p.

FREEZE FRAME PETER MAY

Enzo MacLeod heads to a French island near Brittany to solve a 20 year old murder.

286 p.

HUSH KATE WHITE

A one-night-stand ends horribly when Lake awakens to find her lover, who is also her boss, murdered. After lying to authorities she is forced to battle this new, unexpected obstacle along with a tumultuous divorce and custody fight.

341 p

LAUGHED 'TIL HE DIED CAROLYN HART

The twentieth Death on Demand mystery finds Annie and Max Darling enlisting the help of a local mystery writer to find clues about two deaths in Broward's Rock, South Carolina.

384 p.

THE NEAREST EXIT OLEN STEINHAUER+

Espionage in Europe for the CIA is the mundane way Milo pays his bills, until he receives an order to murder a 15-year-old girl in Berlin without asking any questions.

404 p.

A QUESTION OF BELIEF DONNA LEON

Guido Brunetti needs a vacation. This 19th installment finds the commissario in the mire of violence, corruption, and tourists.

262 p., ill.

#### A STRANGER IN THE FAMILY

**ROBERT BARNARD** 

While on her deathbed, Kit Philipson's mother alludes to a family secret that will unravel what he thought to be the facts behind his adoption at age three. 256 p.

STRIP THOMAS PERRY+

Joe Carver moved to LA for a fresh start in life. Falsely suspected in the burglary of a strip-club owner mob boss, he finds himself outmaneuvering a wily cast of characters.

344 p.

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## **FEATURED SELECTIONS**

HELLUVA TOWN RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

World War II turned glitzy Manhattan into an important Navy Yard. New York City was as robust as always when her streets played host to three million servicemen, Broadway productions promoting wartime optimism, European artists escaping the atrocities abroad, and Mafia men enlisted by the Navy as additional watchdogs of the ports.

321 p., ill.

THE LOST CYCLIST DAVID V. HERLIHY

Pittsburgh's Frank Lenz set out on a round-the-world bicycle trip in 1887, disappearing in Turkey. William Sachtleben peddles the same route, illuminating the dangers and glories of the trip and eventually discovering Lenz's fate.

326 p., ill.

## **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

LEO AND HIS CIRCLE ANNIE COHEN-SOLAL

Leo Castelli transformed the business side of the art world when he opened his New York gallery shortly after WWII. The author examines his Jewish-Italian roots, and his famous medley of business partners and friends, from Lichtenstein, to Warhol, to Shafrazi.

#### LOCKWOOD DEFOREST ROBERTA A. MAYER

The New York decorative artist of the Gilded Age whose work was richly intertwined with Indian craftwork.

238 p., ill.

#### LOUIS I. KAHN'S JEWISH ARCHITECTURE

SUSAN G. SOLOMON

The architectural transformation of American synagogues between the 1950s and 1970s. Khan's unrealized plans for Philadelphia's Sephardic Orthodox congregation Mikveh Israel were the highlight of innovation.

215 p., ill.

#### PEABODY & STEARNS ANNIE ROBINSON

A display of 80 of the Boston architectural firm's public and private masterpieces.

247 p., ill.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

## THE SECRET LIVES OF SOMERSET MAUGHAM

**SELINA HASTINGS** 

The biography of the popular 20th century writer whose works were influenced by the many roles he played in life: society man, Broadway playwright, secret intelligence officer, and many more.

626 p., ill.

#### A TICKET TO THE CIRCUS

#### **NORRIS CHURCH MAILER+**

As Norman Mailer's fifth wife, the length of their marriage was unpredictable. Her memoir chronicles their thirty year relationship which lasted until his death in 2007.

## **TRAVEL**

**EYEWITNESS TRAVEL: SEVILLE AND ANDALUSIA** 

288 p., ill.

#### **BUSINESS**

#### THE GREATEST TRADE EVER

#### **GREGORY ZUCKERMAN**

The true story of John Paulson's investment against the real estate market that paid off in more that 15 billion dollars. Through keen intelligence and the bravery to oppose Wall Street, Paulson ended up with "the greatest trade in financial history".

## **HISTORY & POLITICS**

#### **ELSIE AND MAIRI GO TO WAR**

#### **DIANE ATKINSON**

As the only women to serve on WWI's western front, Elsie Knocker and Mairi Chisholm were celebrities. Atkinson retraces their footprints on the field and as they acclimated back into British society after the war.

280 p., ill.

#### THE GREAT SILENCE

JULIET NICOLSON

Daily life in Britain during the two years immediately following Armistice, as the country seeks hope and prosperity after years of despair.

302 p., ill.

HELLUVA TOWN RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

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321 p., ill

#### HITLER'S HOLY RELICS

#### SIDNEY D. KIRKPATRICK

The never-before-told story of Lieutenant Walter Horn, an art history professor at U.C. Berkeley, who was summoned by General Eisenhower to recover the Crown Jewels of the Holy Roman Empire that were plundered by Hitler.

316 p., ill.

#### **HOPES AND PROSPECTS**

**NOAM CHOMSKY** 

327 p.

Chomsky highlights the positive movements and potential dangers of current world affairs.

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326 p., ill.

## MRS. ADAMS IN WINTER

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

A chronicle of Mrs. John Quincy Adams' 1815 snowy carriage ride from Russia to France to meet her husband, the future president at the tumultuous time of Napoleon's return from Elba. 364 p., ill.

#### PARISIANS GRAHAM ROBB

The author of recent bestseller *The Discovery of France* turns his deft hand to Paris. The collection of narratives of the city's famous and forgotten individuals will give a robust view of Parisian life throughout history.

#### **PRICELESS**

#### ROBERT K. WITTMAN WITH JOHN SHIFFMAN

As founder of the FBI's Art Crime Team, Wittman was dubbed "the most famous art detective in the world". With the assistance of *Inquirer* writer Shiffman, he shares tales of his priceless recoveries all over the world.

324 p., ill.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

LIFE IN YEAR ONE SCOTT KORB

First-century Palestine through a sociological lens. Prepare to abandon your notions of daily life, politics, death and taxes during the advent of Christianity.

## **FICTION**

AS HUSBANDS GO SUSAN ISAACS+

When a Manhattan plastic surgeon's body is found in a hooker's apartment, his wife enlists her zany grandmother to help her fill in the gaps that the investigators overlooked.

352 p.

#### **BEAUTIFUL MARIA OF MY SOUL**

**OSCAR HIJUELOS** 

The follow-up to the Pulitzer Prize winner *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love* tells Nestor Castillo's heartbreaking romance from the vantage of the infamous Maria.

340 p.

BLOOD HARVEST S.J. BOLTON

Here is another modern gothic thriller by the author of *Awakening*. When a young family moves to a small English village, the peaceful paradise they were expecting turns out to be unwelcoming and dangerously mysterious.

424 p.

THE BOOK OF SPIES GAYLE LYNDS

Rare books curator Eva Blake is enlisted by the CIA after a tome from Ivan the Terrible's Library of Gold appears. Despite a death threat, she races across the globe to find the lost library, and the powerful secret club of terrorists adamant on keeping it hidden.

390 p.

#### THE BRADSHAW VARIATIONS

RACHEL CUSK

Enter a year in the life of Tonie and Thomas Bradshaw. Intellectual Tonie is the breadwinner while Thomas is a stay-at-home father to their 8 year old daughter. The critiques of their extended families bring confrontation of how the life we build echoes our childhoods.

234 p.

CONSPIRATA ROBERT HARRIS

From the vantage point of Cicero's private secretary comes the second of the Roman trilogy that illuminates the political unrest and danger of ancient Rome. 340 p., ill.

ELYSIANA CHRIS KNOPF

The author of the popular Sam Acquilla Hamptons mystery series departs from the usual episodes and pens a novel full of wily characters along a New Jersey barrier island.

ICE COLD TESS GERRITSEN+

Boston detective Jane Rizzoli investigates the death of a friend in the eerie Wyoming mountain town, Kingdom Come.

322 p.

#### IN THE NAME OF HONOR

#### RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON

From Vietnam to current Middle East, the McCarran and Gallagher families have been intertwined on the front lines and on home turf. An affair, a murder, and a high-profile court battle will test the strength of their bonds.

401 p.

THE INHERITANCE SIMON TOLKIEN+

When an Oxford man is fingered for his father's murder, a retired police inspector travels to a quaint French village seeking a WWII artifact that may be key to solving the case.

325 p.

INSIDE OUT BARRY EISLER+

A stray CIA agent blackmails the government with stolen torture tapes, putting Blackwater, the CIA, and everyone in the White House's shadow scrambling to find him. Our protagonist seems to be the only innocent detective in the malicious bunch.

345 p.

INTELLIGENCE SUSAN HASLER+

Hasler puts her twenty-plus years of CIA experience to good use in this brazen take of the war on terror. She presents a novel about terrorism, an election year, and what gets swept under the rug.

310 p.

#### THE LOST BOOKS OF THE ODYSSEY

**ZACHARY MASON** 

The events of Homer's classic tome are re-imagined with witty and hypnotic prose.

228 p.

## **NEVER BREATH A WORD**

**CAROLINE BLACKWOOD** 

A collection of fiction and autobiographical stories by the artfully haunting Caroline Blackwood. Includes three previously unpublished pieces.

366 p

**PRIVATE** 

#### JAMES PATTERSON & MAXINE PAETRO+

Jack Morgan, a renowned investigator, drops his high-profile cases to solve the murder of his former lover. This is an intricate novel of revenge, and intelligence as Morgan investigates this deeply personal crime. 385 p.

#### THE SCENT OF RAIN AND LIGHTNING

**NANCY PICKARD+** 

Judy and Collin have avoided eye-contact for twenty years - no small task in their tiny Kansas town. Collin is a lawyer who has spent much of his career trying to acquit his father from chargers of murdering Jody's parents. As layers of pain peel back, they realize the similarities of their experiences.

SHADOW PRINCESS INDU SUNDARESAN

The sequel to *The Twentieth Wife* returns to 17th century India to find the emperor's daughters pitting against each other to be heir to the throne.

332 p.

## **SPIES OF THE BALKANS**

ALAN FURST+

Costa Zannis, a senior police official in Northern Greece deals with spies arriving daily from around the world as a Nazi invasion becomes inevitable.

268 p.

WALKS WITH MEN ANN BEATTIE

Two writers shack up together in a Chelsea brownstone in 1980. Here begins the education of a fresh Harvard graduate whose lover is 20 years her senior.

#### **DETECTIVES**

#### THE AMATEUR HISTORIAN

**JULIAN COLE+** 

Two brothers, one a private eye and the other a chief inspector, feel the friction of sibling rivalry as they become engrossed in a 100-year-old murder mystery.

262 p.

THE CITY OF LOST GIRLS

**DECLAN HUGHES** 

In the fifth Ed Loy mystery, the Dublin investigator goes to L.A. to look into a series of murders that have all taken place where his film-director friend shot his movies.

A CURTAIN FALLS STEFANIE PINTOFF

The second murder on Broadway has Captain Mulhaney looking for a serial killer during criminology's infancy at the turn of the 20th century.

390 p.

DEATH WATCH JIM KELLY

On the 18th anniversary of his sister's disappearance, Bryan Judd's body is found in the hospital incinerator.

Detective Shaw enlists the help of his father's ex-partner, Detective Sergeant Valentine.

455 p.

THE GRAVE GOURMET

**ALEXANDER CAMPION+** 

Dine at the chicest Parisian cafes while Capucine investigates a corporate murder. This Capucine Culinary mystery is as indulgent in gastronomy as it is in suspense.

MEMORY DONALD E. WESTLAKE

A "noir masterpiece" by award-winning Westlake that explores the uncertainty and pain of recovery. After a violent accident, Paul Cole is hospitalized with a damaged memory, struggling to retain his liberty, volition, and even identity.

366 p

THE MILLS OF GOD DERYN LAKE

Twenty-eight year old Reverend Nick Lawrence is the fresh appointee in the Sussex village of Lakehurst. Soon after his arrival, the local police inspector enlists his help as the body count rises.

REVELATION C.J. SANSOM\*

King Henry VIII is working on wife number six while Matthew Shardlake searches Bedlam hospital and the book of Revelation for leads on a murder.

549 p., ill.

SIZZLING SIXTEEN JANET EVANOVICH+

As a bounty hunter in Trenton, New Jersey, Stephanie Plum doesn't mind an occasional feisty moment. When Uncle Pip wills her a lucky bottle, life heats up. 320 p.

SOVEREIGN C.J.SANSOM\*

Matthew Shardlake and his assistant Jack Barak must transport a dangerous prisoner from York to London during the time of King Henry VIII. 583 p., ill.

THE TULIP VIRUS DANIËLLE HERMANS

An engaging, historically-savvy mystery based on the tulip trade of 17th century Holland and its present day consequences. When his uncle is murdered, Alec traces the tulip references found on his uncle's body to a controversy that has lasted for centuries.

278 p.

## **AUDIOBOOKS**

## **GETTING THINGS DONE FAST (CDs)**

**DAVID ALLEN** 

An 8-CD guide to help you clear your mind and unleash your highest productivity and creative potential.

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## **FEATURED SELECTIONS**

BAYSHORE SUMMER PETE DUNNE

Forget the crowds and noise of the boardwalks and explore the Bayshore area of New Jersey. Dunne invites readers to discover the resplendent world of floral and faunal treasures that many of us have unwittingly bypassed en route to the shore. He also introduces us to the great migrations, predators, fishermen and farmers of the Garden State.

262 p., ill.

#### TWILIGHT AT THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

**JAMES MAURO** 

Summer 1939: a time of optimism, inventions, and dreams brought on by the New York World's Fair. Unfortunately these great things would soon spiral into hidden drama, failures, and eventually global fear with World War II brewing. The history unfolds alongside accounts of the politicians, scientists, and celebrities of the time.

401 p., ill.

## **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

AESOP'S MIRROR MARYALICE HUGGINS

The purchase of a wonderfully carved mirror ignites a search for the details behind the masterpiece. Delving into the smallest nooks of 19<sup>th</sup> century American history, Huggins, a gilder and antiques restorer, shares the sometimes inglorious world of high-end antiquing.

270 p., ill.

#### EDGAR MILLER AND THE HANDMADE HOME

**RICHARD CALAN & MICHAEL WILLIAM** 

This book contains over 400 color photographs focused on the novel designs (stained-glass, mosaic, sculptures, murals, and carvings) that Miller used to decorate four art studios in Chicago. *(\*Does not circulate by mail.)*391 p., ill.

GOLDEN GATE KEVIN STARR

The history of the iconic bridge and the formidable obstacles engineers faced: ocean currents, gusty winds, and the infamous fog. 215 p., ill.

PICTURING PLANTS GILL SAUNDERS

Botanical illustration features a history not to be missed! The stunning images, some of which are previously unpublished, have been taken from varied sources from field guides to gardening manuals, made as woodcuts, scientific drawings, or vivid seed packets.

153 p., ill.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### CATHERINE DEMEDICI: RENAISSANCE QUEEN OF FRANCE

**LEONIE FRIEDA\*** 

An engaging portrait of Catherine's role in shaping 16<sup>th</sup> century France. In Frieda's debut biography, Catherine's courage, ruthlessness, and determination to survive the political tumult of her era shine through.

440 p., ill.

CHEERFUL MONEY TAD FRIEND

With a family legacy of academically brilliant boozehounds and depressives, this memoir reveals one WASP's coming-of-age journey during the 1970s, while trying to break free from his inherited darkness. 351 p., ill

THE TEMPTRESS PAUL SPICER+

Spicer presents a tantalizing, captivating biography of Alice de Janzé, a Midwestern socialite heiress who threw herself into the scandalous Happy Valley of Kenya in 1925. By 1941, she was caught up in the murder of British earl Joss Erroll, leading to her reckless demise.

262 p., ill.

## **AUDIOBOOKS**

### THE REMBRANDT AFFAIR (10 CDs)

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Gabriel Allon planned for a relaxing getaway with his wife along the cliffs of Cornwall. Instead he is roped into an art-world murder that sends him across the globe in search of clues.

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Bryson poses burning questions to experts of varying scientific fields (paleontology, chemistry, astronomy, physics) and relates them with entertaining comprehensibility.

## **TRAVEL**

EYEWITNESS TRAVEL: LONDON 447 p., ill.

EYEWITNESS TRAVEL TOP TEN: BUDAPEST 128 p., ill.

EYEWITNESS TRAVEL TOP TEN: ST. PETERSBURG 128 p., ill.

## **BUSINESS**

FREEFALL JOSPEH E. STIGLITZ★

As the recipient of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics, Stiglitz shares his authoritative and insightful eye on the Great Recession.

361 p.

## **HISTORY & POLITICS**

#### **BLOOD, IRON & GOLD**

**CHRISTIAN WOLMAR** 

An extensive history of the innovations of railway technology that shaped transportation across the globe.

376 p., ill.

## **CITIZENS OF LONDON**

LYNNE OLSON

This book illustrates the amazing influence of personal diplomacy, and how three men built the bridge that held the USA and UK together during the darkest hours of World War II.

471 p., ill.

## **EMPIRE OF THE SUMMER MOON**

S. C. GWYNNE

Here are two tales from the American West. The first is the history of the masterful Comanche Indians. The second traces Quanah, the mix-blooded final chief of the Comanches.

371 p., ill.

THE PACIFIC HUGH AMBROSE★

Here is a thoroughly-researched account of the Pacific War, and a companion book to the HBO miniseries. Ambrose uses the photographs and letters of five American combatants to trace the personal impact of World War II.

489 p., ill.

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#### THE WAR THAT KILLED ACHILLES

#### **CAROLINE ALEXANDER**

Using Achilles' sacrifice as her lens, classics scholar Caroline Alexander discusses the themes of Homer's *Illiad*. She provides insightful commentary on questions posed by the text (the consequences and context of glory through warfare) and urges present-day society to turn a similar lens on itself.

#### WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED

**GAIL COLLINS+** 

Collins recounts the fascinating journey of American women beginning in 1960 and ending with our current First Lady. The timeline is punctuated with testimonies from both women who made their mark as well as everyday woman-next-door types.

471 p., ill.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

BAYSHORE SUMMER PETE DUNNE

Explore the Bayshore area of New Jersey and all of its tucked-away treasures. Pete Dunne creates this surprising portrait of the Bayshore to spread appreciation and knowledge of the beauty it has to offer. 262 p., ill.

#### THE GARDENER'S COLOR PALETTE

**TOM FISCHER** 

This beautifully photographed gardening guide suggests 100 flowers that could add colorful themes to a lackluster garden. The guide groups flowers by color for easy design coordination and includes planting/maintenance tips as well.

236 p., ill.

97 ORCHARD JANE ZIEGELMAN

Follow the struggle of five immigrant families in one New York tenement at the turn of the twentieth century. The ingenuity of the immigrant cooks shines as they follow traditions yet always allow for innovation. 251 p., ill.

TELLING TIMES NADINE GORDIMER

This stunning compendium contains all ninety-one pieces of Gordimer's perceptive, politicized journalism.

Gordimer's contributions to South African literature and her emotional genius won her the 1991 Nobel Prize for Literature.

742 p.

## **FICTION**

AN AMERICAN TYPE HENRY ROTH

This Depression-era novel follows Ira Stigman as he meanders from New York City to Los Angeles, struggling to reconcile his immigrant roots and the plush life he built. This is Roth's posthumously published final novel.

283 p.

#### THE CONCUBINE'S DAUGHTER

PAI KIT FAI

As the daughter of a concubine in rural China, Li-Xia's prescribed destiny is to follow in her mother's footsteps. Denying her fate, the young girl runs away on a journey that takes her to mountain refuges and perilous Hong Kong during World War II. 496 p.

#### THE COOKBOOK COLLECTOR

ALLEGRA GOODMAN

Sisters Emily and Jessamine Bach are polar opposites in every aspect of life, from career paths to romance. The two intertwine in a charismatic story that explores the negotiations of personal virtues in the modern world.

#### **CORDUROY MANSIONS**

ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH+

The author of The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency brings another equally engaging cast of characters, this time set amidst mansions in London's Pimlico neighborhood. 353 p., ill.

A FIERCE RADIANCE

LAUREN BELFER+

In the early days of World War II, Claire Shipley works as a New York photojournalist following the story of the new "miracle drug," penicillin. Along the way she finds herself caught in a whirlwind of new love, painful memories, and a suspicious murder that may have links to her own family. 530 p.

**FLY AWAY HOME** JENNIFER WEINER+

Follow the roller coaster journey of the three Woodruff women: Sylvie, Diana, and Lizzie. As the wife and daughters of politician Richard Woodruff, they are thrown into the harsh spotlight following Richard's extramarital affair, fostering a bond between them stronger than ever before. 401 p.

KINGS OF THE EARTH

In an upstate New York town, the three Proctor brothers live a rather primitive lifestyle. Their seemingly static world is shaken when the middle of the three is found dead in his sleep, throwing the remaining two brothers into a whirlwind of suspicion and a deeply intimate search for support. 393 p.

LAYOVER IN DUBAI

**DAN FESPERMAN+** 

Sam Keller has been hired to spy on a fellow employee while traveling with their company. Surrounded by the not-so-glamorous lifestyle of Dubai, he tries to simultaneously wrestle with the city's mysterious forces and solve the case at hand. 287 p.

#### LET THE GREAT WORLD SPIN

A tightrope walker teeters between the Twin Towers while the author leaps between characters, providing a robust view of New York lifestyles in August of 1974. 375 p.

THE MARKS OF CAIN

TON KNOX

A young lawyer unearths horrific murders when he follows an ancient map of Basque country given to him by his dying grandfather. 438 p.

**POINT OMEGA** 

**DON DELILLO** 

Retired defense intellectual Richard Elster is the lone subject of a documentary. Joined in the desert by his daughter and the filmmaker, tender intimacy is disrupted by tragedy. 117 p.

THE REMBRANDT AFFAIR

**DANIEL SILVA+** 

Gabriel Allon planned for a relaxing getaway with his wife along the cliffs of Cornwall. Instead he is roped into 484 p., ill. an art-world murder that sends him across the globe in search of clues.

#### RULES OF BETRAYAL CHRISTOPHER REICH

The third book in the series finds Jonathan Ranson with a major conflict. He must choose between searching for his missing wife (a double-agent who recently betrayed him) or preventing a weapon of mass destruction from being acquired by a dangerous terrorist, both of which have an uncertain outcome.

372 p.

SHADOW ZONE IRIS & ROY JOHANSEN+

Marine architect Hannah Bryson is on a mission to discover what caused the demise of the lost city Marinth. When a lethal artifact is stolen, she must regain its possession before it alters the world as we know it.

372 p.

STAR ISLAND CARL HIAASEN+

Cherry Pye is a 22-year-old pop singer who has had her fair share of encounters with drugs and alcohol recently. Ann, Cherry's stunt double who distracts the paparazzi on the darkest days, is kidnapped in a case of mistaken identity. Will Ann be rescued or is Cherry's entourage too under the influence to notice?

337 p.

## THE THOUSAND AUTUMNS OF JACOB DEZOET

DAVID MITCHELL

Dejima, Nagasaki Harbor, 1799: a place of natural disaster and human deceit. Young tradesman Jacob DeZoet falls for a Japanese midwife, despite a fiancée awaiting his return in Holland. As social mores entangle their courtship, the stage moves from the small Dutch enclave to the mainland.

479 p.

## **DETECTIVES**

## THE BLACK MINUTES MARTÍN SOLARES

This highly praised debut novel is a tale of the cop underworld and the search for truth. Solares' macabre, complex writing enriches this insightful Latin American crime novel.

435 p.

#### THE BLOOD OF LORRAINE

#### **BARBARA CORRADO POPE**

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Magistrate Bernard Martin and his wife move to the town of Nancy in Lorraine, France, only to realize the racial and political tensions overwhelming their new locale. Members of Nancy's Jewish community are being found dead. Martin must get to the head of the operations before the town is completely ravaged by anti-Semitism.

#### **BONES OF CONTENTION**

#### **JEANNE MATTHEWS**

This densely plotted mystery, set in the remote Australian Outback, revolves around Dinah Pelerin's family. Secrets and complications come out of the woodwork when Dinah's uncle reveals his desire to commit suicide. 304 p.

## **DEATH ON THE AEGEAN QUEEN**

#### MARIA HUDGINS+

The third in the Dotsy Lamb travel mystery series takes place on an archaeologically-themed cruise ship. The travelers thought that they were headed for relaxation off the coast of Mykonos, but instead they find themselves upon a ship full of murders and stolen artifacts.

272 p.

## FACES OF THE GONE

BRAD PARKSΩ

Four bodies are found in Newark, New Jersey: a drug dealer, hustler, dancer, and mama's boy. The newspaper prints a hasty story, but one journalist conducts a more thorough investigation, engaging a wily cast of characters amidst Newark's roughest patches.

330 p.

#### FAITHFUL PLACE TANA FRENCH

Detective Frank Mackey returns to the family and community he abandoned 22 years ago to solve the mystery of his former love's abrupt disappearance. French, author of bestsellers *In The Woods* and *The Likeness*, shows that you can never completely forget what you leave behind.

THE ICE PRINCESS CAMILLA LÄCKBERG

A writer works alongside a detective to confront dark mysteries surrounding the death of a friend in Fjaelbacka, Sweden.

393 p.

LIARS ALL JO BANNISTER

A murderous jewelry robbery is investigated by both Brodie Farrell's friend, Daniel Hood, and her partner, Detective Superintendent Jack Deacon. The mystery unravels into a story of guilt, dilemma, and determination.

#### THE MAN FROM BEIJING

**HENNING MANKELL** 

The scene is January of 2006 in the small Swedish town of Hesjövallen, and the crime is a massacre of 19 people. Judge Birgitta Roslin begins to discover links between her ancestors and the brutal Chinese slave trade as her family's past brings her closer to unveiling the recent murders.

365 p.

THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JUDGEMENT

JAMES PATTERSON WITH MAXINE PAETRO ©

Detective Lindsay Boxer and her foxy partner, Rich, are hot on the heels of a killer who targets women and children.

355 p.

OFF TRACK CLARE CURZON

More secrets and dark twists for Superintendent Yeadings and the Thames Valley Serious Crime Squad as they investigate an accident between a marine biologist and a public transport driver. 331 p.

#### THE WOLVES OF FAIRMOUNT PARK

**DENNIS TAFOYA** 

It's a tale told many times in the local newspapers: two teenagers are victims of a drive-by shooting in a sketchy Philadelphia neighborhood. Local author Tafoya delves into the tumultuous aftershock, seen through the eyes of the victims' fathers.

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## **FEATURED SELECTIONS**

#### THE HARE WITH AMBER EYES: A HIDDEN INHERITANCE

**EDMUND DE WAAL** 

A gripping original memoir by de Waal, revolving around a stunning collection of treasures and its travels through centuries of war and love.

354 p., ill.

THE MURDER ROOM MICHAEL CAPUZZO

Capuzzo assembles for us the invigorating and unfathomable tales of cold case crimes the Vidocq Society sought to solve. A diverse group of experts meets in Philadelphia to help hunt down ruthless killers and multiple murders who have outsmarted the police for years.

439 p., ill.

## **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

#### APOSTLES OF BEAUTY

**JUDITH A. BARTER (ED.)** 

From the curators of American Art at the Art Institute of Chicago: five essays and elaborative examination of 200 objects spanning the Arts and Crafts movement.

207 p., ill.

DESIGN AND ART ALEX COLES (ED.)

This paperback quickly surveys the latest trend in the hybrid practice of "design art", which merges elements of art, graphic design, product design and architecture. Contains interviews of many of the leading practitioners and critics of this movement.

208 p., ill.

#### MORE NOT SO BIG SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR HOME

**SARAH SUSANKA** 

A collection of articles originally written for home magazines, full of practical solutions for home interior challenges. Included are Susanka's sketches for such solutions.

153 p., ill.

#### **RICHARD WOODS (1715-1793)**

**FIONA COWELL** 

Forging his own landscape design style throughout the eighteenth century, key components of Woods' concentration were pleasure grounds and kitchen gardens.

283 p., ill.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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KOESTLER MICHAEL SCAMMELL

Koestler is the first authorized biography of the controversial twentieth century intellectual, Arthur Koestler, written by award-winning author Michael Scammell. The work is an astounding account of not only Koestler's literary achievements, but his turbulent, yet fascinating, downfall.

689 p., ill.

#### **ROSALIE EDGE: HAWK OF MERCY**

#### DYANA Z. FURMANSKY

A "long overdue tribute" to Rosalie Edge, an unforgettable female pioneer in the 1930's conservation movement who influenced the very first environmentalist generation. Edge is remembered for her courage and monumental contributions to wildlife conservation in the U.S., including the establishment of eastern Pennsylvania's well-known Hawk Mountain Sanctuary (the world's first refuge for birds of prey) in 1934. 312 p., ill.

## **TRAVEL**

ENCOUNTER: AMSTERDAM\* 192 p.,ill.

ENCOUNTER: ROME\* 232 p.,ill.

## **HISTORY & POLITICS**

ARISTOCRATS LAWRENCE JAMES

Lawrence James timelines a history of British aristocracy for us at its finest: a history doused in power, wealth, and extremes of greed and selflessness. From scandals to sports lovers, become enthralled with this influential culture of sophistication.

437 p., ill.

DARK HARBOR NATHAN WARD

Ward discusses the social and political impact of organized crime on the 1940's New York waterfront with both structured data and a stylistic approach.

## FDR'S FUNERAL TRAIN ROBERT KLARA

The date was April of 1945 as the United States witnessed a thousand-mile journey of FDR's funeral train, a time of grief for the country to say the least. Klara carefully reveals what went on inside that train as its passengers, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, discovered secrets FDR never shared with them during his lifetime.

#### THE GIRLS OF MURDER CITY

**DOUGLAS PERRY+** 

An account of women surrounded by fame and lust who inspired the celebrated musical *Chicago*. Writer Maurine Watkins covered the stories of two murderous wives who gunned down their husbands, and who both, to her surprise, received rampant attention from men all over town once their names were infamous.

304 p., ill.

#### THE ICARUS SYNDROME

PETER BEINART

Beinart compares for us three moments in Washington where the entire country held their breath, their fate depending on the executive decision of their leader: the eves of WWI, Vietnam, and Iraq. Each of these moments were linked by their consequences of war and inevitably, tragedy.

482 p.

### THE LEGACY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

**JOHN LUKACS** 

The acclaimed historian addresses aspects of WWII that remain enigmatic even today. Essay topics include Hitler's original vision, collaboration between Heisenberg and Bohr, and inevitability of the Cold War. 201 p.

#### THE THIRTY YEARS WAR: EUROPE'S TRAGEDY

PETER H. WILSON

An insightful history of the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). Wilson examines not only the conflict, but also the deeply rooted political tensions that preceded the war and which shaped Europe in the aftermath. 996 p., il

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

THE LAST MUSTER MAUREEN TAYLOR

Flip through a collection of rare nineteenth-century images of the Revolutionary War, including ambrotypes, carte de visite paper photographs, and daguerreotypes, all of which inform readers of untold stories. 177 p., ill.

#### MORTUARY CONFIDENTIAL

## KENNETH McKENZIE AND TODD HARRA §

A shockingly funny, and sometimes disturbing, compilation of stories told by undertakers; the accounts range from dead mothers brought in pick-up trucks to those bottled (and corked) in a wine bottle. 234 p.

THE MURDER ROOM MICHAEL CAPUZZO

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439 p., ill.

## **FICTION**

THE ASTRONOMER LAWRENCE GOLDSTONE

A confrontation of religious danger and doubts in sixteenth-century Paris.

293 p., ill.

BLISS, REMEMBERED FRANK DEFORD

The beautiful Sydney Stringfellow, an American athlete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, falls deeply in love with the son of a Nazi diplomat, only to have their affair left in tatters due to political turmoil. She returns, shattered, to the U.S. and tries to move on, but cannot seem to forget the German fellow who swept her off her feet. 351 p.

THE COBRA FREDERICK FORSYTH+

Master suspense writer Frederick Forsyth delivers us an intriguing thriller about the fight against the cocaine industry. Paul Devereaux, "the Cobra", must fight this secret war and win by any means necessary. 364 p.

A CURABLE ROMANTIC JOSEPH SKIBELL+

Dr. Jakob Sammelsohn, a seemingly incurable romantic, embarks on a journey of courtships from the epitome of Austrian culture (found in Vienna) all the way to the Warsaw Ghetto fifty years later. His passions lead him to become involved with the neuroses-suffering Emma Eckstein and the stunning Loë Bernfeld, whom he engages with in a complicated marriage, but he is constantly haunted by his past.

THE EXECUTOR JESSE KELLERMAN

A philosophy grad-student answers an ad for a conversationalist. When his elderly employer lets him move in, he becomes so accustomed to her old-world lifestyle that he'll do anything to stay.

341 p., ill.

FREEDOM JONATHAN FRANZEN

Franzen portrays the troubles of contemporary society's freedom-filled lifestyle through the Berglund family: a modern family who appears to be the perfect sketch of involvement and unity. Underneath, this family of three is slowly becoming unhinged by the liberties and temptations of today.

562 p.

DEAD LINE STELLA RIMINGTON

MI5 officer Liz Carlyle is thrown into a suspenseful desperate search to identify terrorists who plan to violently disrupt a peace conference in Scotland before it's too late. Carlyle uses her keen intuition to steer clear from disaster on the horizon.

#### I'D KNOW YOU ANYWHERE

LAURA LIPPMAN+

Eliza Benedict's peaceful life is disrupted by a single occurrence: a letter received from the kidnapper who abducted her back in 1985 when she was only fifteen. Questions race through Eliza's mind as she daringly chooses to contact the man (now on death row) who, oddly enough, killed other young girls but allowed her to live.

373 p.

#### I CURSE THE RIVER OF TIME

PER PETTERSON

The place and time: Norway, 1989. The situation: the end of Communism. Arvid Jansen struggles to come to terms with recent changes around him—he's in the midst of divorce, his mother is diagnosed with cancer, and memories of his idealist communist youth linger.

233 p.

#### LAST NIGHT AT CHATEAU MARMONT

LAUREN WEISBERGER+

Best-selling author of *The Devil Wears Prada*, Weisberger delivers a dramatic story of a marriage struggling to remain through the turmoil of fame and spotlight. Brooke's husband, Julian, finally reaches the point of stardom with his music career, but this change of lifestyle forces the abandoned wife to question the difficult changes she might have to make herself.

370 p.

LONG TIME COMING

ROBERT GODDARD

In this suspenseful and intricate novel, a young man is reunited with the uncle he thought had perished in WWII. The uncle's recollections of war, imprisonment, and conspiracy soon endanger both of their lives. 420 p.

PERCIVAL'S PLANET

MICHAEL BYERS

Percival's Planet is a charismatic and powerful retelling of the discovery of Pluto—a discovery made by a determined amateur astronomer during The Great Depression.

414 p.

RICH BOY

SHARON POMERANTZ

Pomerantz presents readers with the gripping story of a boy of working-class background determined to reach greatness. Robert Vishniak uses his gifts to reach elite status socially and monetarily, until one sole happening brings his climb to a halt, threatening to discard all he has achieved.

517 p.

#### THE SONDERBERG CASE

**ELIE WIESEL** 

Elie Wiesel, the acclaimed author of *Night*, portrays the enthralling thought processes of a man's obsession with unanswered questions regarding his family. Yedidyah is consumed by his past as he covers the murder trial of the German expatriate Sonderberg—a lengthy experience that becomes imprinted in his mind.

#### **DETECTIVES**

**BAD BOY** 

PETER ROBINSON+

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks and his partner Annie Cabbot are thrown into an intertwined world of personal and professional troubles with one single investigation. Involved is one loaded gun, one worried mother, one suspected roommate...and Banks' daughter's life.

341 p.

**BROKEN** 

KARIN FOSSUM

There is a woman, a writer, paralyzed by fear in her own bed, and there is a character she has hallucinated standing at her feet. He demands for his story to be written, and he will become a 42-year-old gallery worker named Alvar...and so she begins to write.

265 p.

BURN

**NEVADA BARR** 

Anna Pigeon takes a break from her normal gig to visit a friend in New Orleans. Finding herself surrounded by dark magic, Anna's wilderness survival skills come in handy.

378 p.

#### **CROSSFIRE**

#### DICK FRANCIS AND FELIX FRANCIS+

Army captain Tom Forsyth returns home to his racehorse-training mother after being terribly wounded in a roadside bomb accident. He finds himself in the midst of a different battlefield at home: this one involving his mother's training business.

336 p.

#### THE GOOD THIEF'S GUIDE TO VEGAS

**CHRIS EWAN+** 

Part-time crime writer, part-time thief, and full-time magician Charlie Howard is compelled to make an important decision after his "magical" thievery backfires: he must either play his luck at the casino tables, or be banished to the Nevada desert.

291 p.

HANGMAN FAYE KELLERMAN+

Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus head to L.A. on two cases: one involves the disappearance of a friend with whom they have a complicated history. The second: a murder that might be the first act of a serial killer. 422 p.

#### THE LEAVENWORTH CASE

**ANNA KATHARINE GREEN** 

Sherlock Holmes' senior by nine years, Ebenezer Gryce was the first American series detective. This classic original encompasses murder and inheritance in New York.

326 p.

SPIDER BONES KATHY REICHS+

The 13<sup>th</sup> installation of the series and the continued inspiration for the Fox TV Series *Bones* from best-selling novelist Kathy Reichs. Temperance Brennan investigates the mysterious recoveries of multiple corpses in various locations, all identified as John Lowery who was declared dead in 1968 (and consequently "buried").

STORK RAVING MAD

**DONNA ANDREWS** 

At 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  months pregnant, Meg Langston is recruited by the local authorities to solve a crime instigated by her houseguest, a rowdy Spanish playwright who is a university colleague of her husband. Can she save her husband's tenure before her twins are due?

#### **AUDIOBOOKS**

## 109 EAST PALACE (5 CDs abridged)

JENNETT CONANT+

A story rich in success and failure about the thousands of scientists, soldiers, and families who called a remote New Mexico mesa home. It was on this mesa that some of the world's leading physicists would figure out a way to change the atom to a weapon of mass destruction, changing the boundaries of science forever. 422 p.

#### THE WHEEL OF DARKNESS (5 CDs)

#### DOUGLAS PRESTON AND LINCOLN CHILD

FBI agent Aloysius Pendergast and his ward, Constance Greene, must recover a stolen relic from a Tibetan monastery before its evil spirit has a chance to annihilate all of human kind.

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## FEATURED SELECTION

#### THE VIOLIN OF AUSCHWITZ

#### MARIA ÀNGELS ANGLADA

In the winter of 1991, at a concert in Krakow, Poland a musician hears an outstanding instrument. As he learns about its history the story of Daniel, a skilled violin craftsman imprisoned in Auschwitz, emerges. Despite his weakened condition, Daniel must make a violin to please the camp Kommandant, knowing the consequences of failure are devastating. Originally published in Catalan, now available in English for the first time.

## **ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN**

### THEOPHILUS P. CHANDLER, JR.

#### **JOAN CHURCH ROBERTS**

A catalog of Chandler's renowned architecture, with information on his personal life as well, for the Athenaeum's September 13-November 12, 2010 exhibition. A look at his residential, ecclesiastical and commercial work, along with selected paintings and drawings to show his artistic ability.

60 p., ill.

#### WHARTON ESHERICK: THE JOURNEY OF A CREATIVE MIND

#### MANSFIELD BASCOM

This biography, written by Esherick's own son-in-law, is a comprehensive look at the colorful life and work of this fascinating artist-craftsman. \*Does not circulate by mail.\* 275 p., ill.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

THE MASCOT MARK KURZEM★

The gripping true story of a young Jewish boy's will to survive at 5 years old after his mother had been killed and his father sent to Auschwitz. Alex Kurzem and his son retrace the brutal story of his survival as a Nazi mascot, living among the soldiers and desperately trying to hide his Jewish identity.

418 p., ill.

SIMON WIESENTHAL TOM SEGEV

An in-depth biography of the celebrated Nazi hunter, Simon Wiesenthal, filled with captivating information obtained from private papers, archives, and records from multiple secret services.

482 p., ill.

WASHINGTON: A LIFE RON CHERNOW

This book is an intriguing portrait of George Washington that carries the reader through his boyhood, his feats in the French and Indian War, the creation of Mount Vernon, through his presidency. Additionally discussed in depth is Washington's family and private life.

904 p.

### TRAVEL

#### **UNEXPECTED NEW YORK**

**SANDY MILLER** 

What do you most often associate New York with? Flip through the pages of this book to discover the overlooked, yet essential, sights and sounds of the vibrant city, and marvel at the vivid photographs on almost every page. 281 p.,ill.

## **HISTORY & POLITICS**

#### A JOURNEY: MY POLITICAL LIFE

**TONY BLAIR+** 

Former Prime Minister Tony Blair's firsthand account on his personal and political life and how these two entities have intertwined, from his emergence as Labour Party Leader in 1994 to his place in the present year. 699 p., ill.

#### THE COMPANY TOWN

HARDY GREEN

American business buff Hardy Green discusses company towns and their impact on American economy. His in-depth analysis of these business-driven communities across the country looks at two major types. Those with a utopian bent were interested in building strong, desirable communities for workers. The second type of company town, which Green refers to as "Expoitationville" was more strictly profit-driven, with workers often in debt to the company story for basic necessities. 248 p., ill.

THE COURTIERS **LUCY WORSLEY** 

The author illuminates the family battles and secrets hidden beneath the powdered wigs and elegant clothing of the courtiers during the reigns of George I and George II. These stories of royal mistresses, expulsions, and a feral boy being kept as a curiosity are uncovered fully for the reader to consume. 402 p., ill.

**RUTH HARRIS DREYFUS** 

Harris presents a thorough account of the 1894 Dreyfus scandal involving the French Jewish army officer, Alfred Dreyfus. Wrongfully accused of being a spy for Germany, Alfred Dreyfus' imprisonment on Devil's Island drove France to a breaking point, with riots on the streets and words of anger from both sides of the scandal being written down for years. 541 p., ill.

#### ROBERT SACKVILLE-WEST INHERITANCE

Thirteen generations of one aristocratic family, one 365-room house, and innumerable stories behind the walls. Robert Sackville-West accounts for us the intricate history of his family and the Knole House purchased by the first Earl of Dorset, Thomas Sackville, in 1604. 293 p., ill.

#### THE LAST GOOD SEASON

MICHAEL SHAPIRO+

Shapiro tells the story of the 1956 Brooklyn Dodgers' reign of power and their unfortunate fall from greatness. Off the field their owner tangled with planning czar Robert Moses over a proposed new stadium. Shapiro weaves a compelling tale of baseball, political dealings, and the evolution of Brooklyn. 356 p., ill.

### THE RAILROAD THAT NEVER WAS

HERBERT H. HARDWOOD, JR.

Based on original letters, documents, and newspaper reports, this book uncovers the truth behind the South Pennsylvania Railroad, a proposed 19<sup>th</sup> century railroad that was never completed, despite the interest of major industrialists such as William H. Vanderbilt and Andrew Carnegie. Learn how and why this railroad that was to connect Pittsburgh with Harrisburg never carried a train, but, helped to form the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

165 p., ill.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### THE BOOKSHOP AT 10 CURZON STREET

#### JOHN SAUMAREZ SMITH (Ed.) \*

A collection of letters written between bookshop owner Heywood Hill and novelist Nancy Mitford during the years of 1952-73. These charming letters are full of joie de vivre on every page, not to mention insightful comments on literature and life.

191 p., ill.

#### THE GRAND DESIGN

#### STEPHEN HAWKING AND LEONARD MLODINOW+

Stephen Hawking presents us with yet another thought-provoking, belief-threatening book that truly questions why and how we exist in this universe. He and Mlodinow offer a scientific explanation as to how the grand design of our universe came to be and how multiple universes have appeared spontaneously...just like our own.

198 p., ill.

#### JUST LIKE SOMEONE WITHOUT MENTAL ILLNESS ONLY MORE SO MARK VONNEGUT, M.D. +

The author, son of famed novelist Kurt Vonnegut, recounts his battle with mental illness on the way to finding his calling as a pediatrician. Suffering bouts of schizophrenia, Vonnegut writes with his father's wit about the voices and delusions that led to his psychotic breakdowns.

203 p., ill.

THANKSGIVING JAMES W. BAKER

Baker, an expert on the subject with access to original, insightful sources, sweeps away the competitive voices of Native Americans, Mayflower descendents, and modern commercialization to provide an unbiased survey of the history of Thanksgiving. He uncovers fascinating truths and busts the most famous myths about this debated holiday through his proficient research, and discusses how the views of such a holiday have and will always be constantly shifting.

273 p., ill.

#### **WAWA**

#### MARIA M. THOMPSON AND DONALD H. PRICE A

An illustrated portrayal of Wawa documenting the evolution of the company as it adapted to changing economic and social conditions.

128 p., ill.

## **AUDIO**

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