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tender recollections.
—*The Language of Flowers* (catalog page 4)

**Suggested Titles for Community Reads
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COMMUNITY READING PROJECTS BENEFIT A LIBRARY

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.

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.

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.

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 or books in which the main character is forced to make a decision that will provoke strong agreement or disagreement with the readers or books that challenge our complacency or are controversial or disturbing in subject matter.

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.

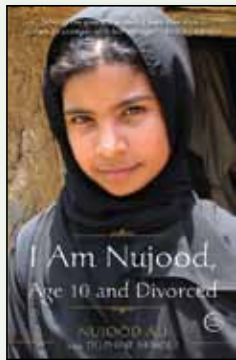
Or perhaps there's a local author whose work is particularly relevant and therefore makes a good book for the project.

Sometimes committees narrow down their choice to a few books and let the public vote on the final 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



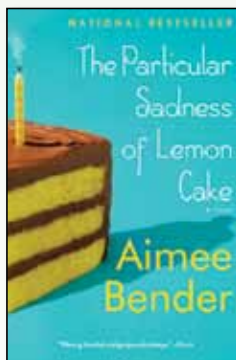
Nujood Ali with Delphine Minoui
I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced

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.

Sanaa, Yemen

978-0-307-58967-5 | \$12.00/\$15.00C | Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction

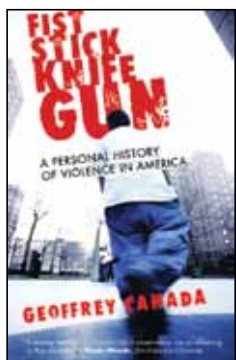


Aimee Bender
The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake: A Novel

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. *Los Angeles, CA* Winner: ALA ALEX Award

978-0-385-72096-0 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Anchor | TR | Fiction



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

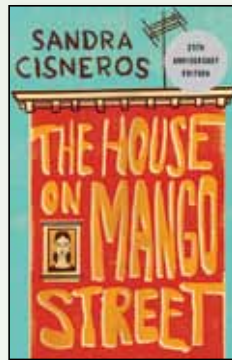
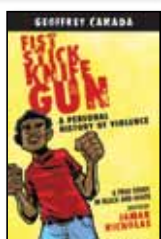
Long before *U.S. News and World Report* named him one of America's Best Leaders and Oprah Winfrey called him "an angel from God," Geoffrey Canada was a small, vulnerable, scared boy growing up in the South Bronx. In this candid and riveting memoir, Canada relives a childhood in which violence stalked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

New York

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 Beacon Press | TR | Nonfiction

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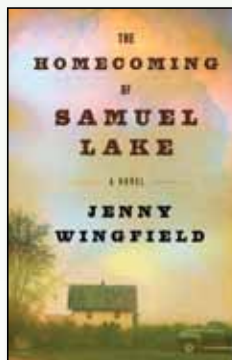
Sandra Cisneros
The House on Mango Street

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



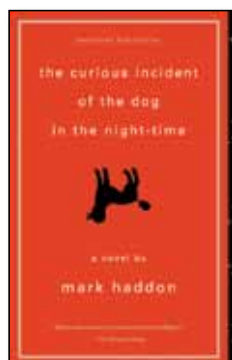
Jenny Wingfield
The Homecoming of Samuel Lake: A Novel

Samuel Lake is a preacher with a powerful relationship to God. For all his goodness and devotion to his friends and family, however, he has one flaw—rigid rules about right and wrong. His fixed moral code comes strongly into play when Swan Lake, Samuel's twelve-year-old daughter, befriends and hides eight-year-old Blade Ballenger, a boy from down the road who is being physically brutalized by his father. Samuel is forced to act outside

of code and break through to what really matters in life—family. *Texas*

978-0-385-34408-1 | \$25.00/\$28.95C | Random House | HC

978-0-385-34409-8 | \$15.00/\$18.95C | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction | June 2012



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

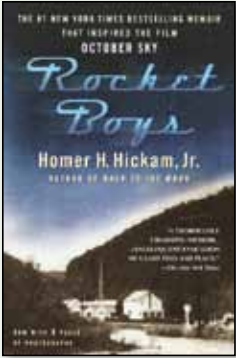
WINNER: YALSA Best Books for Young Adults.

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






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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
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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

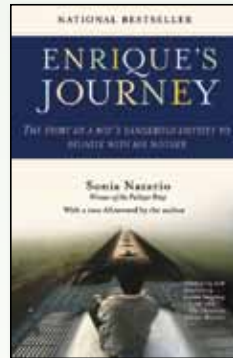


Henry James
Washington Square

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
 

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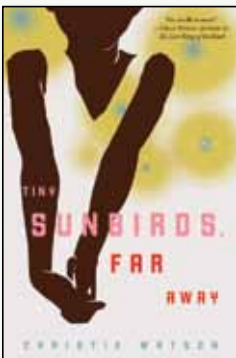


Sonia Nazario
Enrique's Journey

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
  

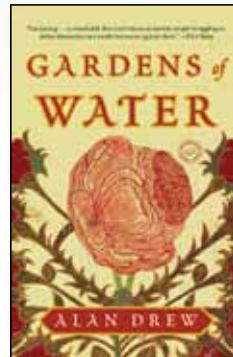
SELECTED BY: Yuma, AZ; Glendale, CA; Laredo, TX; Santa Fe, NM



Christie Watson
Tiny Sunbirds, Far Away




Tiny Sunbirds, Far Away takes an intimate look at twelve-year-old Blessing's coming-of-age experiences in modern Nigeria. Blessing realizes that life is fragile and can change at a moment's notice. She's a character whose authenticity and charm will remind you of Francie Nolan from *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. *London, England*

978-1-59051-466-5 | \$15.95/17.95 | Other Press | HC Fiction
 

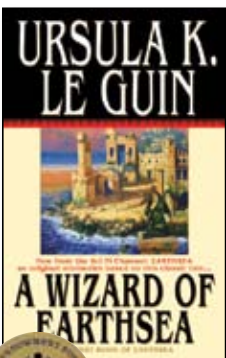


Alan Drew
Gardens of Water: A Novel

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



Ursula K. Le Guin
A Wizard of Earthsea

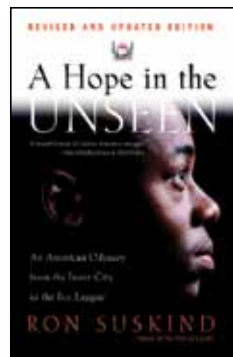
Ged was the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea, but once he was called Sparrowhawk, a reckless youth, hungry for power and knowledge, who tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tale of his testing. *Portland, OR*

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)



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, DC*

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



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. *New York*

WINNER: ALA Alex Award
A Washington Post Best Book of 2008
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2008
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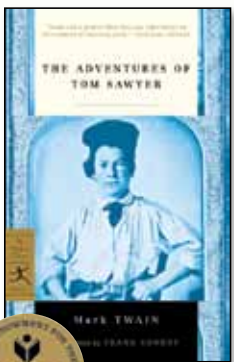
Mark Twain
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

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

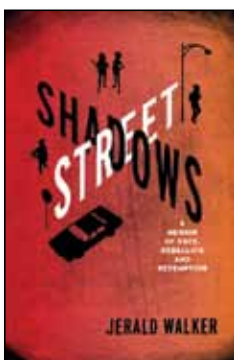


Mark Twain
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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
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978-0-553-21128-3 | \$5.50/\$7.50C
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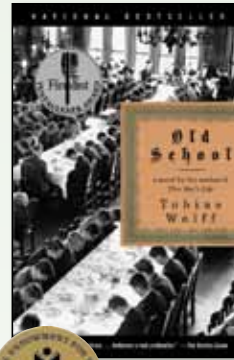
SELECTED BY: Fresno County Public Library (CA), Norwalk Public Library (CT), Massanutten Regional Library (VA), Muscogee County Friends of Libraries (GA), Heermance Memorial Library (NY), Galesburg Public Library (IL)



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. *Bridgewater, MA*

978-0-553-80755-4 | \$25.00/\$29.95C
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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

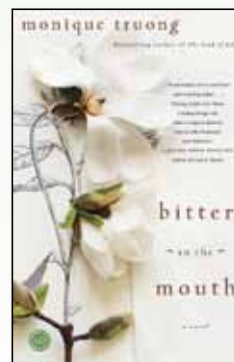
WINNER: Booklist Editor's Choice for Young Adults

WINNER: PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction

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

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



Monica Truong
Bitter in the Mouth: A Novel

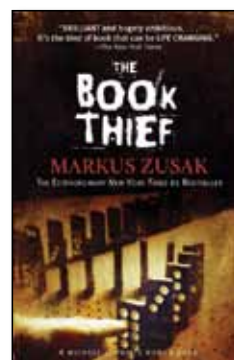
Growing up in a small North Carolina town in the 1970s and '80s, Linda Hammerick believes that she is profoundly different from everyone else. She can "taste" words, and her body is a mystery to her in other ways as well. Feeling isolated in her community and in her own family, Linda finds her way through life with the help of her beloved great uncle and her best friend, Kelly, with whom she exchanges almost daily letters. Years later, drawn back to North Carolina from her new

home in New York City by a family tragedy, Linda finally uncovers the startling story of her life. *Brooklyn, NY*

A 2010 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Selection (Adult Fiction Honor).

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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

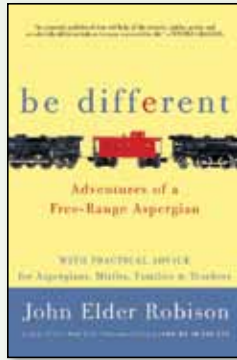
he is marched to Dachau. *Sydney, Australia*

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

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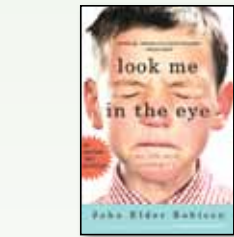
John Elder Robison
Be Different: Adventures of a Free-Range Aspergian With Practical Advice for Aspergians, Misfits, Families & Teachers

With disarming honesty and wit, Robison argues that Asperger's syndrome is not so much about disability as it is about difference, offering anecdotes and stories drawn from his life, and the lives of other Aspergians, to illustrate his claim. Aspergians will find much to support them here as they navigate the world of "neurotypicals," while all readers will come away with a deeper understanding of the attributes of Asperger's—and of a truly unique mind. *Amherst, MA*

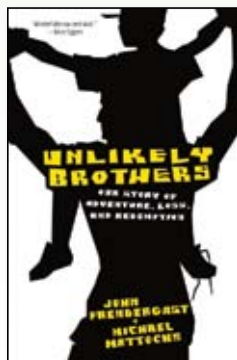
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Look Me In the Eye: My Life with Asperger's
978-0-307-39618-1 | \$14.95/\$16.95C | Three Rivers Press | TR

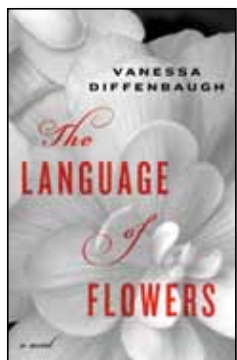


John Prendergast and Michael Mattocks
Unlikely Brothers: Our Story of Adventure, Loss, and Redemption

Become a mentor today! Back when he was twenty years old, human rights activist and Africa peace negotiator John Prendergast did something absolutely life-changing. He forged a "Big Brother/Little Brother" relationship with a seven-year-old boy named Michael Mattocks who was living out of plastic bags in a homeless shelter in Washington, D.C. From the moment John met Michael, they began forming a bond that would

continue for over twenty-five years. These are two lives that will inspire you, impress you, and move you so deeply you'll read the book in one sitting. *Washington, DC*

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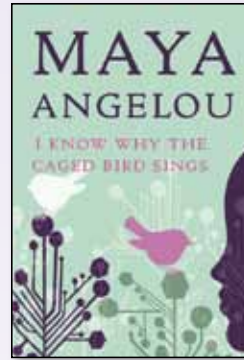
Vanessa Diffenbaugh
The Language of Flowers: A Novel

In Victorian times, the language of flowers was used to express a wide range of romantic emotions. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating things like grief, mistrust, and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only solace is in flowers and the meanings they convey. But it takes meeting a mysterious vendor at the flower market for Victoria to realize what's

been missing in her own life, and as she starts to fall for him, she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, and decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

www.camellianetwork.org *Cambridge, MA*

978-0-345-52554-3 | \$25.00/\$28.95C | Ballantine | HC | Fiction | August 2011



Maya Angelou
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

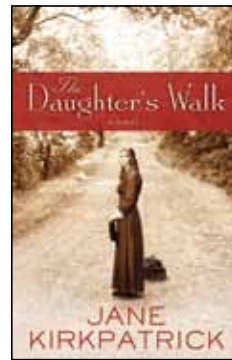
A phenomenal #1 bestseller, this memoir traces Maya Angelou's childhood in a small, rural community in Arkansas during the 1930s. Filled with images and recollections that point to the dignity and courage of black men and women, Angelou paints a sometimes disquieting, but always affecting, picture of 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



Jane Kirkpatrick
The Daughter's Walk: A Novel

In 1896, in order to save the family farm, Clara Estby reluctantly accompanies her mother on a cross-country journey that redefines a mother's tragedy and a daughter's desire. Over two decades, friends and faith help Carla move through a family betrayal and into a future of her own design. But will the tentacles of the past keep her from finding the real joy in forgiveness? The walk Helga and Clara took is only the beginning of the story and it impacted their lives long after the

last step was taken. And a walk could do the same for you! *Oregon*

"Kirkpatrick is a master at using fiction to illuminate history's truths. This beautiful and compelling work of historical fiction deserves the widest possible audience."
 —*Publishers Weekly (Starred Review)*

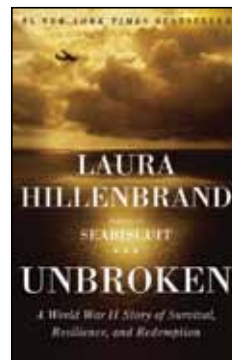
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The Daughter's Walk Kit

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- Postcards
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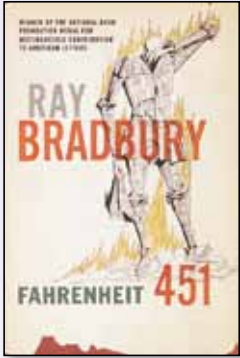


Laura Hillenbrand
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving a young lieutenant, Louis Zamperini afloat. Ahead of him lay thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, a floundering raft, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and, beyond, a trial even greater. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion. Telling an unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity, *Unbroken* is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit. *Washington, D.C.*

978-1-4000-6416-8 | \$27.00/\$31.00C | Random House | HC | Nonfiction





Ray Bradbury
Fahrenheit 451

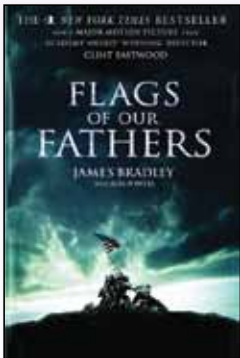
The landmark novel of a future society where books are outlawed and only one man awakens to the evils of censorship. An important novel for readers of all ages that is pertinent to today's society where some books are still censored. This title is perfect for libraries interested in reaching out to students in the community. *Los Angeles, CA*

978-0-345-41001-6 | \$13.95/\$21.00
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



SELECTED BY: Bakersfield, CA; Long Beach, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Nevada County, CA; Silicon Valley, CA; Eastern Connecticut; Jacksonville, FL; Miami, FL; Palm Beach, FL; Boise, ID; Allen County, IN; Carmel, IN; Lafayette, IN; East Lansing, MI; Kalamazoo, MI; Omaha, NE; New Jersey; Buffalo, NY; Utica, NY; Wake County, NC; Cleveland, OH; Delaware County, OH; Enterprise, OR; Multnomah County, OR; Erie, PA; Houston, TX; Tacoma, WA



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
Bantam | TR | Nonfiction

0-553-58934-4 | \$7.99/\$10.99C | Bantam | MM

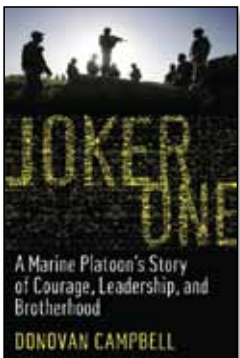
Also adapted for Young Adults by Michael French:

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



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 | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction



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

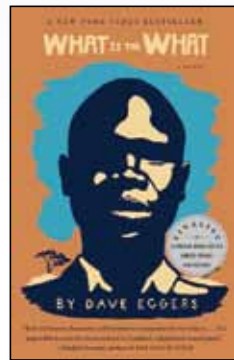


E.L. Doctorow
Homer & Langley: A Novel

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



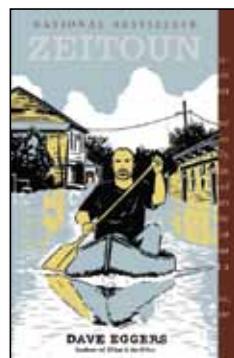
Dave Eggers
What is the What

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. *San Francisco, CA*

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



SELECTED BY: San Francisco, CA



Fabio Geda

In the Sea There Are Crocodiles: The Story Enaiatollah Akbari

Based on a true story this incredibly moving narrative portrays a young refugee boy's extraordinary will to survive on a harrowing journey from Afghanistan to Italy that started when he was ten. In order to save him his mother abandons him and he makes his way through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, and finally to Italy. Reveals the triumph of the human spirit. A classic. *London, UK*

978-0-385-53473-4 | \$21.95/\$24.95C | Doubleday | HC Fiction | August 2011



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*

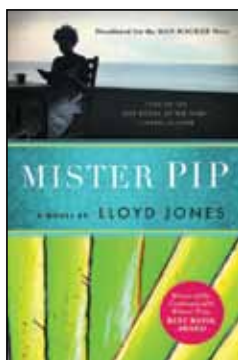
"What Irène Némirovsky's *Suite Française* did for wartime France after six decades in obscurity, Fallada does for wartime Berlin."

—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

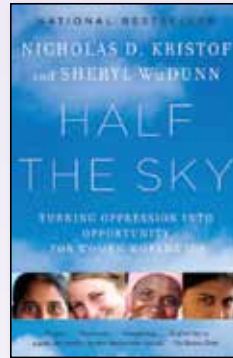
Mister Pip

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. *Scarsdale, NY*

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



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,

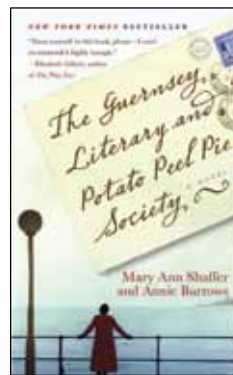
longing, and the remarkable endurance of love that recreates one of the most controversial characters in American literature. *Seattle, WA*

An ALA Alex Award Winner.

978-1-4000-5401-5 | \$12.95/\$17.95C | Three Rivers Press | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Seattle, WA



Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

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*

Additional web-based resources available at www.GuernseyLiterary.com

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



Jack London

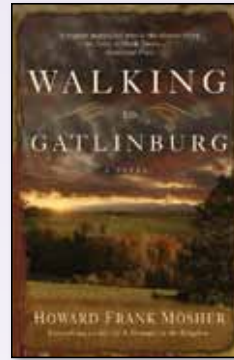
The Call of the Wild

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)

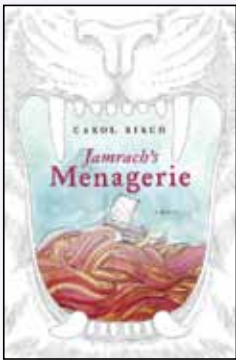


Howard Frank Mosher

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*

978-0-307-45068-5 | \$15.00/\$17.50C
Three Rivers Press | TR | Fiction



Carol Birch

Jamrach's Menagerie: A Novel

Many themes from the classics unite in the story of nineteenth-century street urchin Jaffy Brown. Following an extremely unusual incident with an escaped tiger, he goes to work for Mr. Charles Jamrach, famed importer of exotic animals. A long sea voyage, a fabled dragon, whale hunting – result in a haunting novel about friendship, sacrifice, and survival.

Lancaster, UK

978-0-385-53440-6 | \$26.95/NCR | Doubleday | HC Fiction



Carolyn Wall

Sweeping up Glass

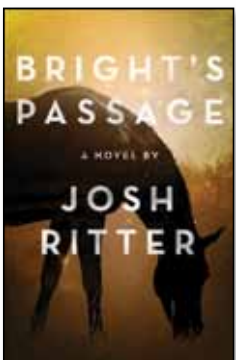
Destined to be a classic—and receiving comparisons to *To Kill A Mockingbird*—this is a tough and tender novel of love, race, and justice, and a ferocious, unflinching look at the power of family. An ideal discussion book, given its social relevance, examining the long-lasting ramifications of bigotry,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

Oklahoma

978-0-385-34303-9 | \$14.00/\$16.50C
Delta | TR | Fiction



Selected by: Thousand Oaks, CA



Josh Ritter

Bright's Passage

Henry Bright is newly returned to West Virginia from the battlefields of the First World War. Grief struck by the death of his young wife and unsure of how to care for the infant son she left behind, Bright is soon confronted by the destruction of the only home he's ever known. His only hope for safety is the angel who has followed him to Appalachia from the trenches of France and who now promises to protect him and his son. Together, Bright and his newborn, along with a cantankerous goat

and the angel guiding them, make their way through a landscape ravaged by forest fire toward an uncertain salvation. *New York*

978-1-4000-6950-7 | \$22.00/\$25.00C | Random House | HC | Fiction

978-0-8129-8184-1 | \$14.00/\$16.00C | Dial Press | TR | May 2012



Nevil Shute

On the Beach

We are reintroducing Shute's classic novels to a new generation, beginning with *On the Beach* and *A Town Like Alice*. Nevil Shute's most powerful and famous novel—a bestseller for decades after its 1957 publication—is an unforgettable vision of a post-apocalyptic world. After a nuclear World War III has destroyed most of the globe, the few remaining survivors in southern Australia await the radioactive cloud that is heading their way. A remarkably convincing portrait

of how ordinary people might face the most unimaginable nightmare.

Deceased

978-0-307-47399-8 | \$15.00/\$18.95C | Vintage | TR | Fiction



ALSO AVAILABLE BY THIS AUTHOR:



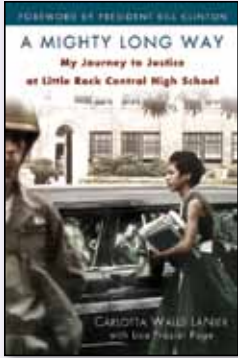
A Town Like Alice

978-0-307-47400-1 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
Vintage | TR | Fiction



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.



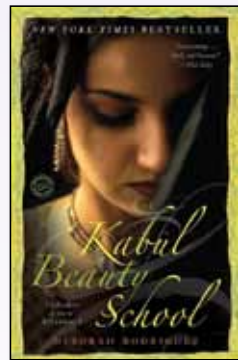
Carlotta Walls Lanier
and Lisa Frazier Page;
Foreword by Bill Clinton

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

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



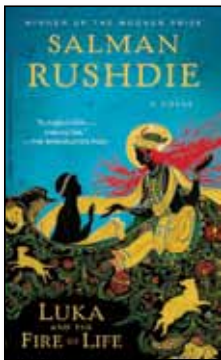
Deborah Rodriguez and Kristin Ohlson
Kabul Beauty School:

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



Salman Rushdie
Luka and the Fire of Life:

A Novel

This breathtaking novel centers on Luka, who must save his father from certain doom. For Rashid Khalifa, the legendary storyteller of Kahani, has fallen into deep sleep from which no one can wake him. To keep his father from slipping away entirely, Luka must travel to the Magic World and steal the ever-burning Fire of Life. Thus begins a quest replete with unlikely creatures, strange alliances, and seemingly insurmountable challenges. Filled with mis-

chievous wordplay and delving into themes as universal as the power of filial love and the meaning of mortality, *Luka and the Fire of Life* is a book of wonders for all ages. *New York, NY*

978-0-679-78347-3 | \$15.00 | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



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.

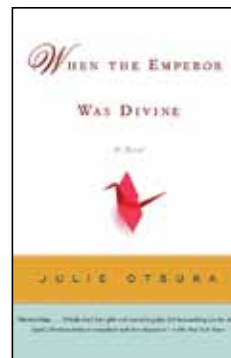
Deceased

978-0-375-75341-1 | \$7.95/\$10.95C
Modern Library | TR | Fiction

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



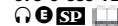
SELECTED BY: Colorado Springs, CO; Allen County, IN; Valparaiso, IN; Duluth, MN; Ithaca, NY; Milwaukee, WI; Tacoma, WA



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; Cheshire, CT; Johnson County, IA; Topeka, KS; Concord NH; Logan, UT; Salt Lake city, UT; Ipswich, MA; Glendale, CA; Howard County, MD



Julie Otsuka
The Buddha in the Attic:
A Novel

In six unforgettable, incantatory sections the reader follows a group of women brought from Japan to San Francisco in the early 1900s as mail-order brides. Nothing has prepared them for the tremulous first nights with their new husbands—backbreaking toil as migrant workers or servants—the struggle to learn a new language—having children who reject their heritage—and finally, the arrival of war and the agonizing prospect of

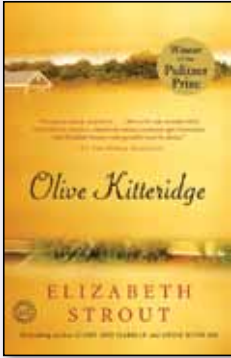
internment. *New York City.*

978-0-307-70000-1 | \$22.00/\$25.00C | Knopf | HC | Fiction | August 2011



TIPS FROM NANCY PEARL:

- DO choose a character driven book.
- DO know your capacity for programming before you begin planning.



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*

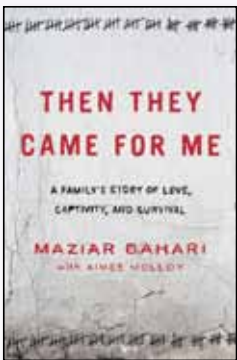
WINNER: Pulitzer Prize

WINNER: An ALA Notable Book

978-0-8129-7183-5 | \$14.00/\$16.50C | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: readME stories: Maine Center for Creativity



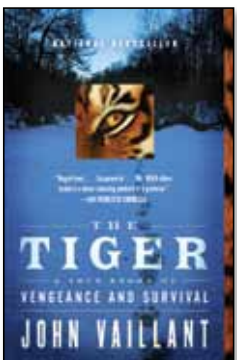
Maziar Bahari and Aimee Molloy
Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival

In this riveting account of three generations of a family's persecution, Maziar Bahari writes of his incarceration for 118 days in an Iranian prison in 2009, and of his father and sister's imprisonment by earlier political regimes. Drawing on their courage to inspire him, Bahari survived, and since his release has become one of the most outspoken critics of human rights abuses in Iran.

London, England

978-1-4000-6946-0 | \$27.00/\$31.00C | Random House | HC | Nonfiction

978-0-8129-8180-3 | \$17.00/\$19.00C | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | June 2012

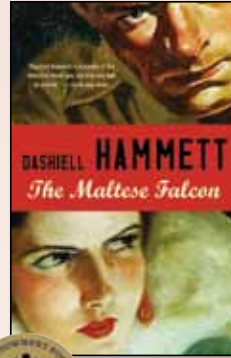


John Vaillant
The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival

When Yuri Trush was called to investigate an attack by a Siberian tiger in Russia's remote Far East, he was stunned to find nothing remaining of the victim but stumps of bone protruding from his boots. Even more chilling was evidence that the attack was carefully orchestrated and it happened again! An unforgettable work of narrative nonfiction that presents of riveting portrait of a stark and mysterious region where man and

nature have clashed. *Vancouver.*

978-0-307-38904-6 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Vintage | TR | Nonfiction



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."

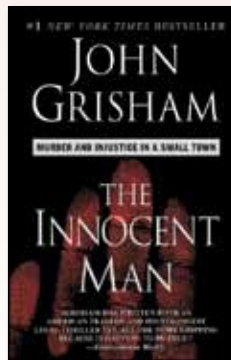
—*The Times Literary Supplement (London)*

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

Vintage | TR | Fiction



SELECTED BY: Sno-Isle Libraries, NE; Grand Rapids Public Library, MI; Phoenix Public Library Foundation, AZ; City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, CA; Scranton Public Library, PA; Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, NY; Peoria Public Library, NC; Champaign Public Library, IL; Caldwell County Public Library, AZ



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



Walter Van Tilburg Clark
The Ox-Bow Incident

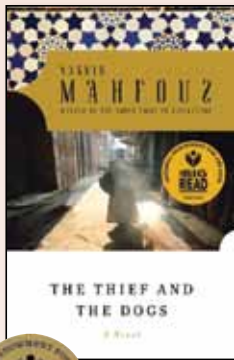
Set in 1885, *The Ox-Bow Incident* is a realistic portrait of frontier life and mob violence in the American West. First published in 1940, it focuses on the lynching of three innocent men and the tragedy that ensues when law and order are abandoned. The result is an emotionally powerful, vivid, and 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



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
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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



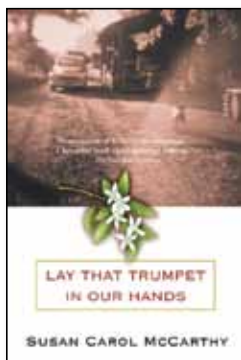
Alexander McCall Smith
The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

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



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*

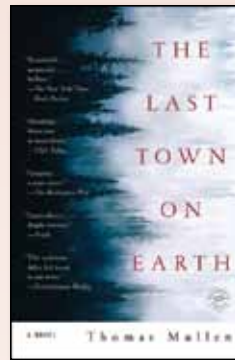
"Reminiscent of *To Kill A Mockingbird*... McCarthy realistically portrays race in a small southern town, showing how good people are tainted by generations of hate... a tale of growth and triumph."

—*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



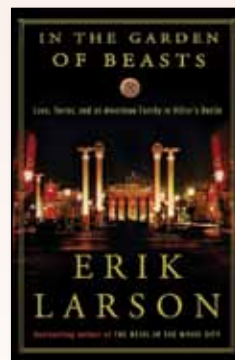
Thomas Mullen
The Last Town on Earth

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



Erik Larson
In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin

Berlin, 1933. William E. Dodd is a mild-mannered academic from Chicago who to his own and everyone else's surprise becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany, in a year that proves to be a turning point in history. Suffused with the tense atmosphere of the times, and with brilliant portraits of Hitler, Goebbels, Goering, and Himmler, *In the Garden of Beasts* lends a unique, eyewitness perspective on events as they unfold in real time, revealing an era of surprising nuance and complexity. The result is an unforgettable, addictively readable work of narrative nonfiction. *Seattle, WA*

978-0-307-40884-6 | \$26.00/\$30.00C | Crown | HC Nonfiction



ALSO AVAILABLE:

Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America

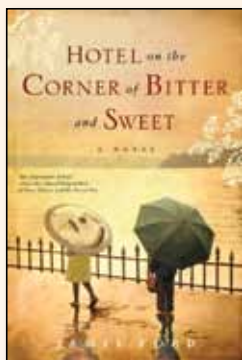
978-0-3075-72560-9 | \$15.95/\$17.95C | Vintage | TR

SELECTED BY: Sharon, MA; Downers Grove, IL; Stoughton, MA; Lincoln, NE



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.



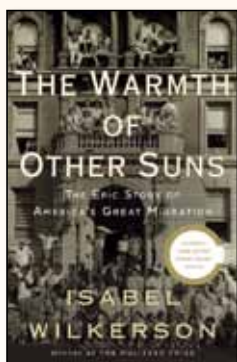
Jamie Ford
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel

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

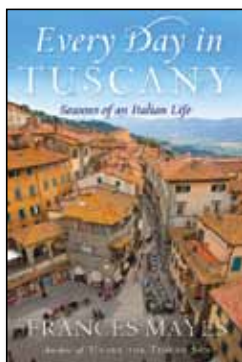


Isabel Wilkerson
Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

In the tradition of works by Taylor Branch and J. Anthony Lukas, this magnificent epic by Pulitzer Prize-winner Isabel Wilkerson chronicles a watershed event in American history—the decades-long migration of African-Americans from the South to the North and West, from World War I through the 1970s—through the stories of three individuals and their families. *Atlanta, GA*

978-0-679-44432-9 | \$30.00/\$34.00C | Random House | HC | Nonfiction

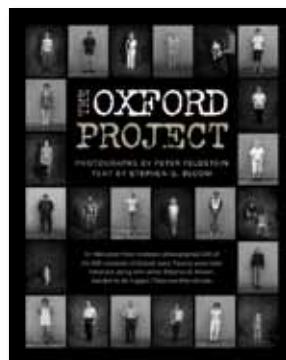
978-0-679-76388-8 | \$16.95/\$18.95C | Vintage | TR | October 2011



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. *Corona, Italy; Durham, NC*

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



Stephen G. Bloom and Peter Feldstein
The Oxford Project

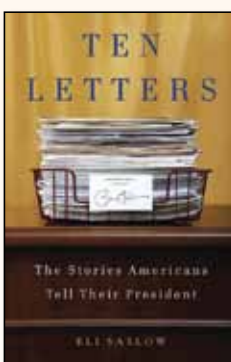
The Project began in 1984, when photographer Peter Feldstein set out to photograph every single resident of his town, Oxford, IA (pop. 676). Twenty years later, he went back to do it again. What emerges is a living composite of a quintessential Midwestern community, told through the words and images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



Eli Saslow
Ten Letters: The Stories Americans Tell Their President

An exceptionally relevant and poignant book that looks at the misfortunes, needs, opinions, and – anger, over the current state of the country. Told through the perspective of ten of the thousands of letters that are written to the President every day, this reveals the astounding endurance and optimism of the American people. A book for our time that tells the real American stories. *Washington, DC*

978-0-385-53430-7 | \$25.95/\$29.00C | Doubleday | HC | Nonfiction | October 2011



Dan Chaon
Await Your Reply

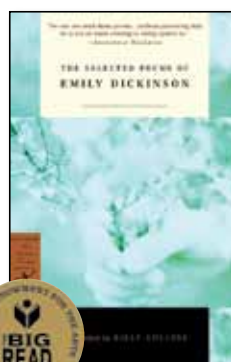
From National Book Award-nominated author comes a spellbinding literary novel of three strangers, drawn into a world in which identities are invented and reinvented, pasts are erased, and the future is both seductively uncharted and perilously unmoored. *Cleveland, OH*

WINNER: An ALA Notable Book

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



SELECTED BY: Columbia, MO; Boone County, MO



Emily Dickinson
Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson

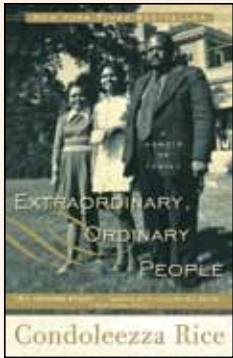
While relatively unknown during her life, the oft-quoted Emily Dickinson is now considered one of the finest poets of the 20th century. This slim volume highlights her greatest works.

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



SELECTED BY: New York Botanical Garden





Condoleezza Rice
Extraordinary, Ordinary People:
 A Memoir of Family

In this *New York Times* bestseller, Condoleezza Rice illuminates her upbringing in the context of the extraordinary efforts made by her parents and other people in the community to raise children against a backdrop of explosive racial tension. Former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice evokes in rich detail her remarkable childhood, which began in the placid late 1950s, when Birmingham, Alabama blacks lived in a segregated parallel

universe, and continued through the shockingly violent '60s, when Rice saw her girlhood friends lose their lives to the bloodshed.

978-0-307-88847-1 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction | October 2011



ALSO AVAILABLE:

Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me

978-0-385-73880-4 | \$7.99/\$8.99C | Random House Children's Books | TR | January 2012



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 first-hand 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



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



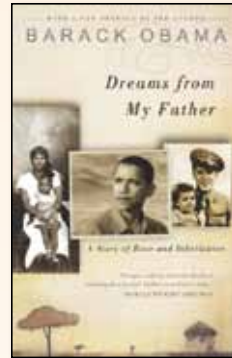
ALSO AVAILABLE:

Laughing Without an Accent

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



SELECTED BY: Concord, NH



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

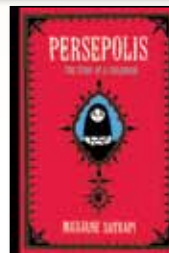


Marjane Satrapi
The Complete Persepolis:
 The Story of a Childhood

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

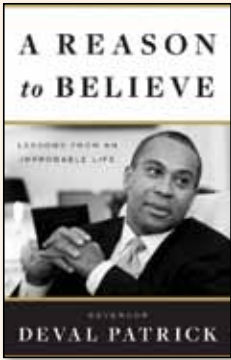
978-0-375-71466-5 | \$11.95/\$16.95C
 Pantheon | TR | Nonfiction

SELECTED BY: Miami, FL



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

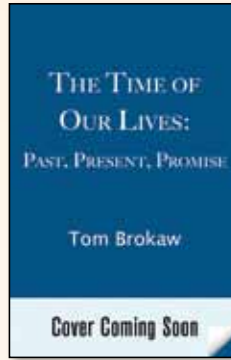
DO understand what your goals of the community reading program are.



Governor Deval Patrick
A Reason to Believe: Lessons from an Improbable Life
 From the south side of Chicago to the Nubian Desert, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick has lived a rich life marked by both obstacle and opportunity. Here, he shares the lessons he has learned from the places he's been and the people he's met, the challenge of relief work in Africa, and the long road to becoming the first black governor of Massachusetts. Governor Patrick's story will inspire readers to shape their own happiness,

empower themselves, and encourage the happiness and empowerment of others. *Boston, MA*

978-0-7679-3112-0 | \$21.99/\$24.99C | Broadway | HC | Nonfiction
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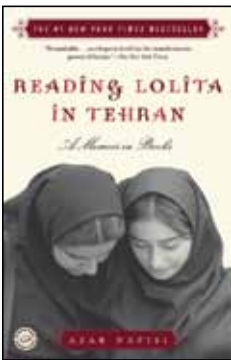


Tom Brokaw
The Time of Our Lives: Past, Present, Promise

Tom Brokaw's mother grew up on a farm in South Dakota during the Great Depression. But by the 1950s, the Brokaws had an easier life. The generation of Tom's grandchildren, born into the great prosperity of the late twentieth century, have almost the opposite kind of life and expectations. Now, the idea that each generation will enjoy more than the last has been discredited. So where do we go from here? In this wonderful book, Tom

Brokaw writes about where we have been, where we are now, where we ought to go, and how we can get there, through stories of four generations in his family and other families. *New York, NY; Montana*

978-1-4000-6458-8 | \$27.00/\$31.00C | Random House | HC | Nonfiction | November 2011
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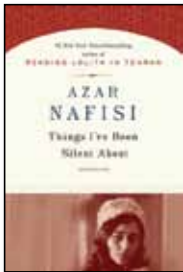


Azar Nafisi
Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books
 Every Thursday morning for two years in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a bold and inspired teacher named Azar Nafisi secretly gathered seven of her most committed female students to read forbidden Western classics. A remarkable exploration of the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

978-0-8129-7106-4 | \$15.00 /\$17.00C
 RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction

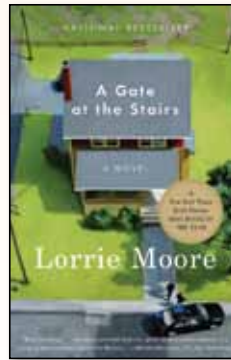


SELECTED BY: Bloomington, IN; Hartford, CT; Rolette, ND; South Hadlet, MA



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*

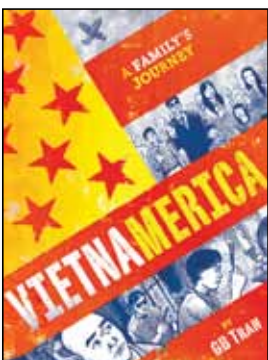
978-0-8129-7390-7 | \$16.00/\$19.95C
 RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction



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. *Wisconsin*

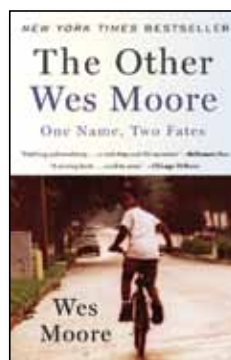
978-0-375-70846-6 | \$15.00/NCR | Vintage | TR | Fiction



GB Tran
Vietnam: A Family's Journey
 GB Tran knew that his parents had fled Vietnam during the fall of Saigon, but now that they were rebuilding their lives in America, they preferred to forget the past—and focus on their children's future. But on a trip to Vietnam for his grandmother's funeral, GB began to learn the tragic history of his family, and of the homeland they left behind. This graphic memoir is a story of survival, escape, and

reinvention — and of the gift of the American dream, passed on from first-generation immigrants to their children. *Brooklyn, NY*

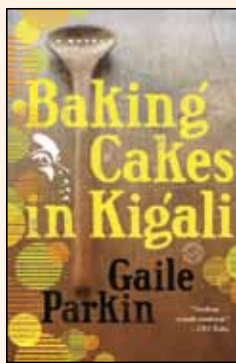
978-0-345-50872-0 | \$30.00/\$34.00C | Villard | HC | Nonfiction



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. *Jersey City, NJ* Visit www.theotherwesmoore.com for author videos and more info.

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





Gaile Parkin

Baking Cakes in Kigali

In 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*

978-0-385-34344-2 | \$15.00/NCR
Bantam | TR | Fiction



Lisa See

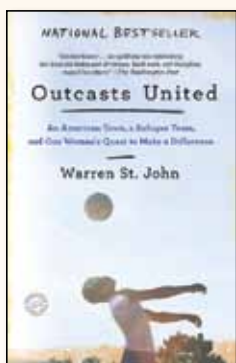
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel

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



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



ALSO AVAILABLE:

Dreams of Joy

978-1-4000-6712-1 | \$26.00/\$30.00C
Random House | HC | Fiction

978-0-8129-8054-7 | \$15.00/\$17.00C
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | February 2012

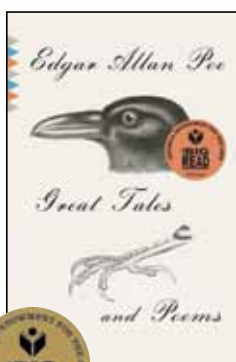


Shanghai Girls

978-0-8129-8053-0 | \$15.00/\$18.95C
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SELECTED BY: One Book, One Glendale (CA)

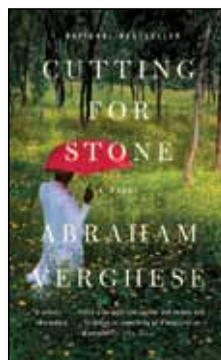


Edgar Allan Poe

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



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

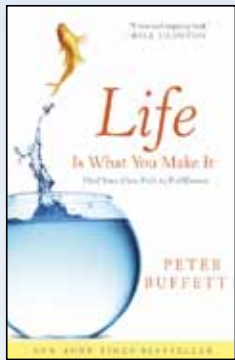


SELECTED BY: Marin County, CA



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



Peter Buffett

Life is What You Make It: Find Your Own Path to Fulfillment

Most people probably think that having billionaire investor Warren Buffett as a father makes life far from average. But, as Peter Buffett explains, an individual's success has more to do with building personal character than using a family platform to get ahead. Buffett, a musician, composer, and philanthropist, shares the important lessons learned from his parents. With his wife Jennifer, he is co-chairman of the NoVo Foundation,

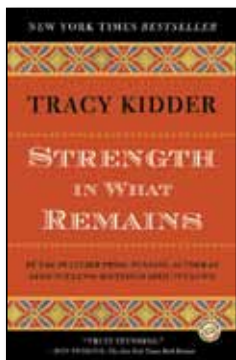
an organization which seeks to promote equality, end violence, and combat exploitation of women globally by empowering females as agents of change.

"Peter Buffett has given us a wise and inspiring book that should be required reading for every young person seeking to find his or her place in the world..." —Bill Clinton

"...it's the kind of dialogue about our life's purpose and opportunity we're having with our children. We will have everyone in our family read and discuss *Life Is What You Make It*." —Bill and Melinda Gates

www.peterbuffett.com

978-0-307-46472-9 | \$14.00/\$16.00C | Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction



Tracy Kidder

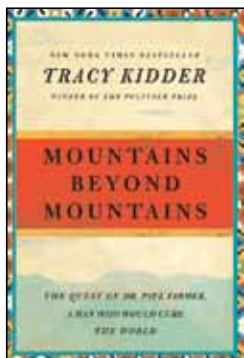
Strength in What Remains

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



SELECTED BY: Hanover, NH



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

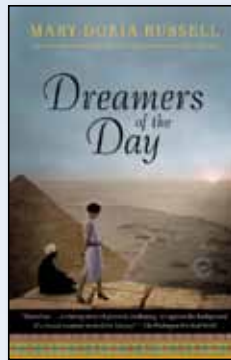
RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction

978-0-8129-8055-4 | \$18.00/\$21.00C

RH Trade Paperbacks | Deluxe TR | Nonfiction



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



Maria Doria Russell

Dreamers of the Day

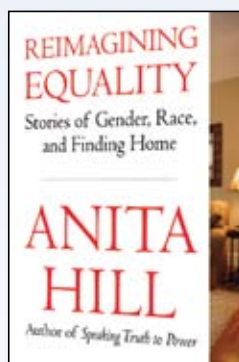
"All men dream, but not equally," wrote Lawrence of Arabia. "Those who dream at night awaken to find it vanity, but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men..." Mary Doria Russell's fourth novel, *Dreamers of the Day*, takes us behind the scenes at the 1921 Cairo Peace Conference when Winston Churchill, 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; Traverse City Reads (MI)



Anita Hill

Reimagining Equality

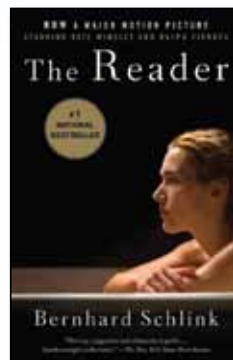
Stories of Gender, Race, and the Search for Home

From the heroic lawyer who spoke out against Clarence Thomas in the historic confirmation hearings twenty years ago, Anita Hill's first book since the best-selling *Speaking Truth to Power*.

Descended from slaves and born to black farmers, Anita Hill shares the stories of her own family's quest for home, from her great grandmother who was born into slavery to

her own flight from the nest of small-town Oklahoma. She draws on literature, popular culture, and personal experience to argue that equality cannot be achieved merely by fighting for rights; it must be repositioned at the heart of the American Dream. *Waltham, MA*

978-0-8070-1437-0 | \$25.95/29.00 | Beacon Press | HC | Nonfiction | October 2011

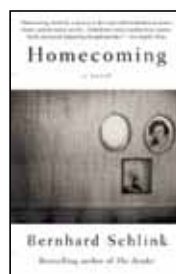


Bernhard Schlink

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



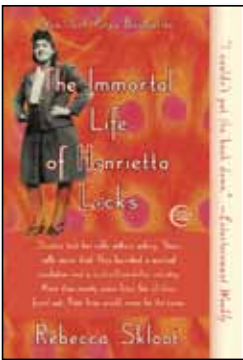
ALSO AVAILABLE:

Homecoming

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

Vintage | Fiction



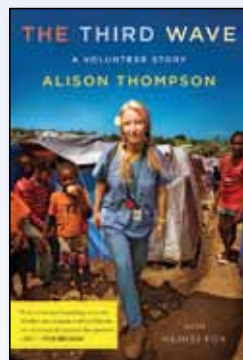


Rebecca Skloot
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

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. *Chicago, IL* www.RebeccaSkloot.com
978-1-4000-5218-9 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | TR | Nonfiction



Selected By: Baton Rouge, LA; Columbia, MS; Dayton, OH; Detroit, MI; Madison, WI

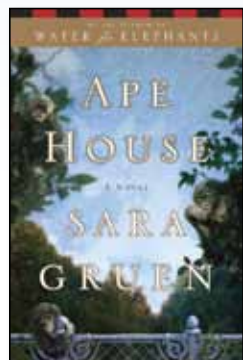


Alison Thompson
The Third Wave: A Volunteer Story

The Third Wave tells the inspiring story of how volunteering changed Thompson's life. It begins with her first real introduction to disaster relief after 9/11 and ends with her more recent efforts in Haiti, where she has helped create and run, with Sean Penn, an internally-displaced-person camp and field hospital for more than 65,000 Haitians who lost their homes in the 2010 earthquake.

In *The Third Wave*, Thompson provides an invaluable inside glimpse into what really happens on the ground after a disaster—and a road map for what anyone can do to help. *New York, NY; Haiti*

978-0-385-52916-7 | \$25.00/\$28.95C | Spiegel & Grau | HC | Nonfiction



Sara Gruen
Ape House: A Novel

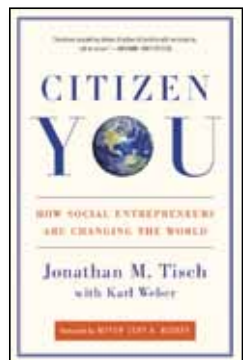
The story of a family of bonobo apes that is violently torn from their laboratory by animal liberation activists and placed on a TV reality show. Like Gruen's phenomenal bestseller *Water for Elephants*, this novel explores humans' relationships with animals and shows that animals have much to teach people about what it means to be human. *North Carolina*

978-0-385-52322-6 | \$15.00

Spiegel & Grau | TR | Fiction



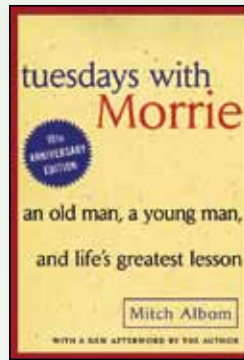
SELECTED BY: Highland Park, IL



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*

978-0-307-58849-4 | \$13.00/\$16.00C | Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction



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.

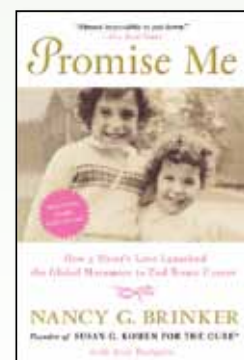
Michigan

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

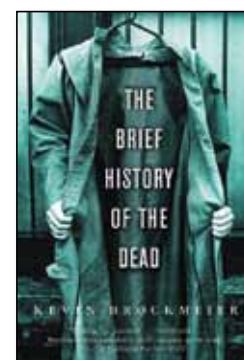


Nancy G. Brinker
Promise Me: How a Sister's Love Launched the Global Movement to End Breast Cancer

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.

978-0-307-71813-6 | \$15.00/17.00C | Crown Archetype | TR | 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.

Little Rock, AK

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

Vintage | TR | Fiction

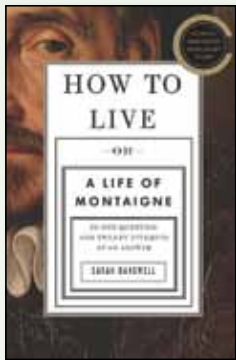


SELECTED BY: Arkansas State-Wide Reading Program



TIPS FROM NANCY PEARL:

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



Sarah Bakewell
How to Live

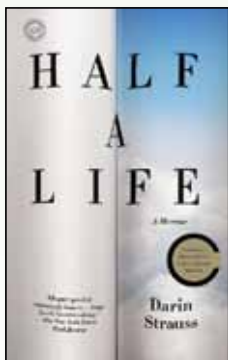
Or a Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer

An unorthodox biography of the fascinating sixteenth-century philosopher and essayist Michel de Montaigne that attempts to answer the universal question of: how to live? How to get along with people, how to deal with violence, how to adjust to losing someone you love—such questions arise in most people's lives. They are all versions of the

bigger question: how do you live? Readers come in search of companionship, wisdom and entertainment—and in search of themselves. *London, England*

2010 National Book Critics Circle Award Winner

978-1-59051-425-2 | \$25.00 | Other Press | HC | Nonfiction

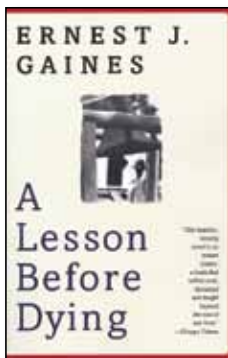


Darin Strauss
Half a Life: A Memoir

Half my life ago, I killed a girl. In this powerful, unforgettable memoir, acclaimed novelist Darin Strauss recounts a tragedy and its aftermath. In his last month of high school, just after turning eighteen, Strauss is behind the wheel of his father's Oldsmobile, driving with friends—having “thoughts of mini-golf, another thought of maybe just going to the beach.” Then out of the blue: a collision that results in the death of a bicycling classmate that shadows the rest of his life. In spare and

piercing prose, Darin Strauss explores loss and guilt, maturity and accountability, hope and acceptance—and the result is a staggering, uplifting tour de force. *Brooklyn, NY*

978-0-8129-8253-4 | \$13.00/\$15.00C | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Nonfiction



Ernest J. Gaines
A Lesson Before Dying:
A Novel

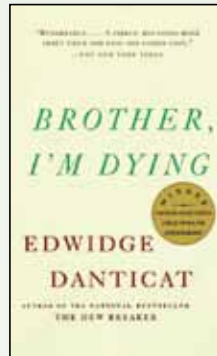
This is the story of two African-American men struggling to attain manhood in a small prejudiced Cajun community in the late 1940s. Grant Wiggins, a sophisticated and educated man comes to the aid of Jefferson, a mentally slow, barely literate young man, who is convicted of murder and sentenced to die,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



Edwidge Danticat
Brother, I'm Dying

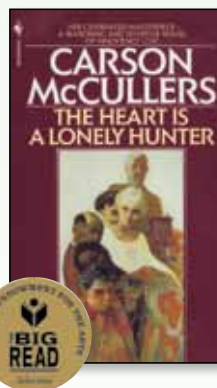
From the best-selling author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory* and *The Dew Breaker*, her first major work of nonfiction: a deeply moving family story that centers around her father and her uncle—the two brothers who shared in raising her when her parents left Haiti for the United States. It is a universal tale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



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



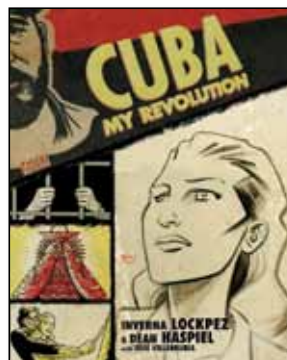
Kyung-sook Shin
Please Look After Mom: A Novel

On a visit to Seoul, Mom is right behind her husband when the train pulls out of the station without her, and she is lost, possibly forever. This stunning, deeply moving story of a family's search for their mother, and the desires, heartaches, and secrets they discover she harbored within, will result in you never thinking of your mother in the same way again. *New York City*

New York City

978-0-307-59391-7 | \$24.95 | Knopf | HC | Fiction

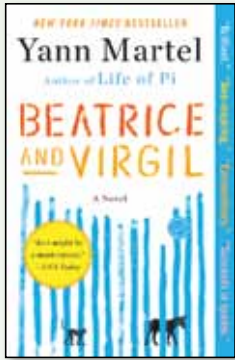
978-0-307-33919-3 | \$29.95C | Random House Canada | HC




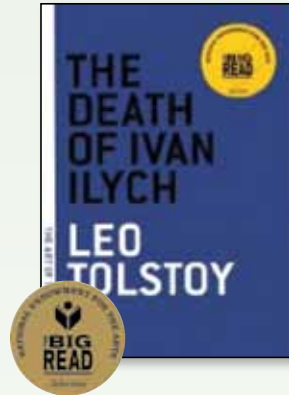
Dean Haspiel and Inverna Lockpez
Cuba: My Revolution


A roman à clef based on Inverna Lockpez's astonishing early life in her native Havana, where her world was upended by the Cuban Revolution Seventeen-year-old Sonia, a medical student with dreams of becoming a modernist painter, is caught up in Fidel Castro's revolution. April 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion, this a great time to reflect and learn about the first hand accounts of the invasion and its aftermath.

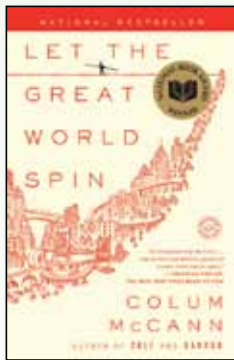
978-1-4012-2218-5 | \$17.99/19.99C | Vertigo | TR | Fiction | September 2011



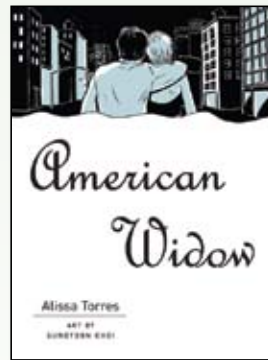
Yann Martel
Beatrice & Virgil: A Novel
 The follow-up to the international bestseller and Booker Prize-winning *Life of Pi*, this is another novel that uses animals to discuss the human condition, in this case, to address the atrocities of the Holocaust. Heartbreaking and utterly original, the novel asks enduring questions about life and art, truth and deception, responsibility and complicity.
Canada
978-0-8129-8154-4 | \$15.00/NCR
 Spiegel & Grau | TR | Fiction




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*




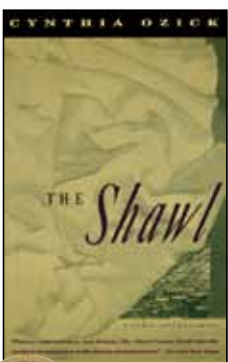
Alissa Torres; Illustrated by Choi
American Widow
 An autobiographical graphic novel written by Alissa Torres, who, when she was nearly eight months pregnant, lost her husband in the World Trade Center attack. The story and art powerfully portray a woman's very private crisis against a backdrop of events 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 – Graphic Novel

WINNER: National Book Award
 An ALA Notable Book
978-0-8129-7399-0 | \$15.00 | RH Trade Paperbacks | TR | Fiction





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*

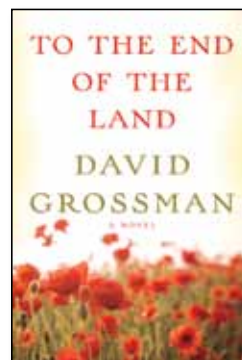
WINNER: ALA ALEX Award
978-0-307-39605-1 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Three Rivers Press | TR | Nonfiction





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


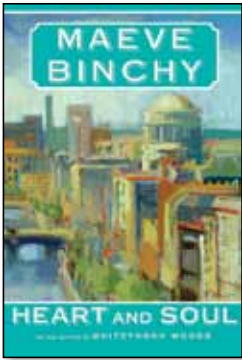
SELECTED BY: Gadsden Reads, AL; Caldwell Public Library, NJ; Writers & Books, NY; New Rochelle Public Library, NY; Worcester County Library, MD



David Grossman
To the End of the Land
 This much honored book is a brilliant novel of family life—and the cost of war. An Israeli mother is on the verge of celebrating her son's release from army service when he returns to the front. In a fit of preemptive grief and magical thinking, she sets out for a hike in the Galilee, isolating herself from any possibility of hearing bad news. She brings with her a former best friend and lover and gives him the gift of her son, word by word. *Israel.*
978-0-307-47640-1 | \$15.95 | Vintage | TR | Fiction
 September 2011




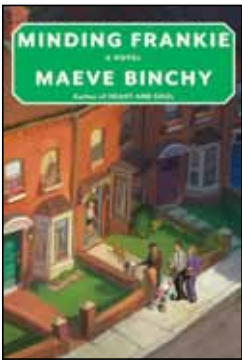
TIP FROM NANCY PEARL:
 DO involve the larger community in your planning and implementation of the program.
 DO consider selecting a nonfiction title.



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*

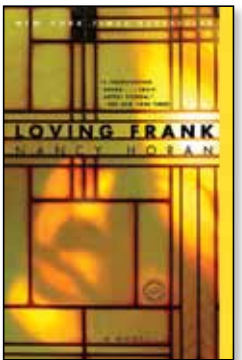
978-0-307-74283-4 | \$14.95/NCR | Anchor | TR Fiction
978-0-307-27842-5 | \$7.99/NCR
Anchor | MM



Minding Frankie

Noel, a former alcoholic, learns that his former flame is both pregnant and terminally ill. His close-knit Dublin neighborhood rallies round to take care of the baby girl, including old friends from *Heart and Soul*. All goes well until a nosy social worker becomes convinced that Frankie would be better off in a foster home. An examination of what indeed defines a family.

Dalkey, Ireland
978-0-307-27356-7 | \$26.95/NCR | Knopf | HC
978-0-307-47549-7 | \$7.99/NCR | Anchor | MM



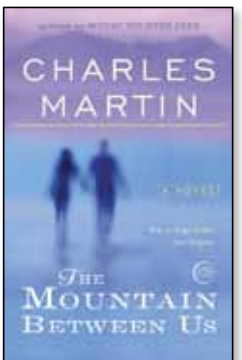
Nancy Horan
Loving Frank: A Novel

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*

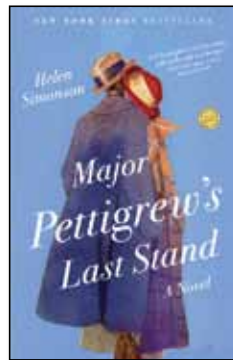
978-0-7679-2702-4 | \$12.95/\$16.00C | TR | Fiction



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
978-0-307-46322-7 | \$15.00/\$17.50C
Three Rivers Press | TR | Fiction

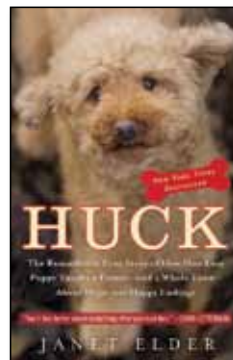


Helen Simonson
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

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*

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



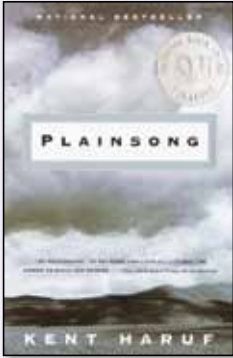
Janet Elder
Huck: The Remarkable True Story of How One Lost Puppy Taught a Family – and a Whole Town – About Hope and Happy Endings

Janet Elder had recently overcome breast cancer and finally succumbed to her young son's relentless pleas for a puppy. But when the nine-month-old poodle runs away the dream dog scenario turns into a nightmare. They are soon joined by the residents of small town Ramsey, NJ- everyone from the police chief to the local school children join

in the frantic hunt. But finding a nine-pound dog in a densely wooded area proves to be an incredible test of faith. This page-turning story is a poignant reminder that hope is rewarded and happy endings still happen. This engaging book is a rich exploration of family, the definition of community, and hope. *New York, NY* Huckthebook.com

978-0-7679-3135-9 | \$15.00/\$17.00C | Broadway | TR | Nonfiction | October 2011





Kent Haruf
Plainsong

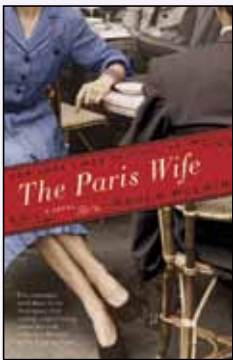
Set on the rural plains of Holt, CO, this stirring meditation on the true nature and necessity of family comprises several story lines that flow into one. The seven characters featured in this tight narrative teach us how families can be made between people who are not necessarily blood relatives. *Salida,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

WINNER: National Book Award

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



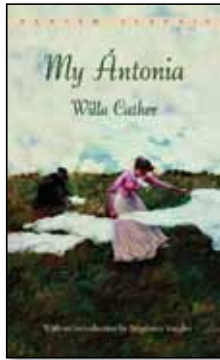
SELECTED BY: The State of Arizona; Gunnison, CO; Loveland, CO; Springfield, IL; Vigo County, IN; Cedar Rapids, IA; Manhattan, KS; Grand Rapids, MI; Boone & Callaway Counties, MO; Kansas City, MO; Wahpeton and Breckenridge, ND; Lincoln, NE; Dallas/Fort Worth, TX; Salt Lake City, UT; Spokane, WA



Paula McLain
The Paris Wife: A Novel

No twentieth-century American writer has captured the collective imagination as much as Ernest Hemingway. In this novel, told in the voice of his first wife, Hadley, Paris of the Lost Generation and characters such as F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and Gerald and Sara Murphy provide the vivid background to this engrossing, emotionally wrenching story of love and betrayal. *Cleveland, OH*

978-0-345-52130-9 | \$25.00 | Ballantine | HC | Fiction
978-0-345-52131-6 | \$15.00 | Ballantine | TR
January 2012



Willa Cather
My Ántonia

In this powerful novel, Willa Cather creates one of the most winning yet thoroughly convincing heroines in American fiction. Ántonia 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, Ántonia 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

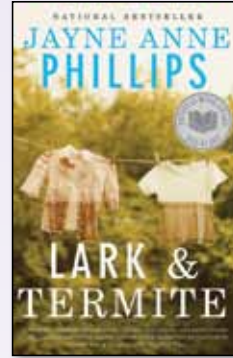
ALSO AVAILABLE:

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

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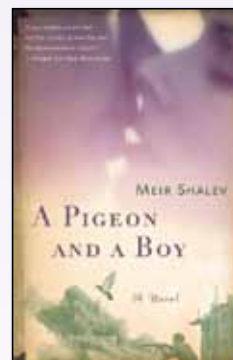
SELECTED BY: Brownsburg, IN; Howard County, IN



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*

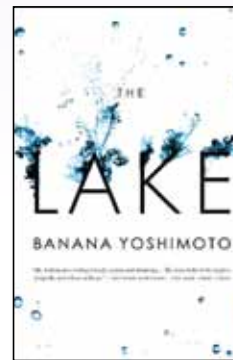
978-0-375-70193-1 | \$14.95/\$18.95C | Vintage | TR | Fiction



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



Banana Yoshimoto;
Translated by Michael Emmerich
The Lake

A quietly stunning tour de force about the redemptive power of love. Two young lovers overcome their troubled past to discover hope in the beautiful solitude of the lake in the countryside. But the past presents itself with hints of childhood trauma that may have something to do with a bizarre religious cult. . . . With its echoes of the infamous, real-life Aum Shinrikyo cult (the group that released poison gas in the Tokyo subway system)

Tokyo, Japan

978-1-933633-77-0 | \$23.95/\$26.95C | Melville House | HC | Fiction



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

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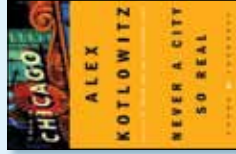
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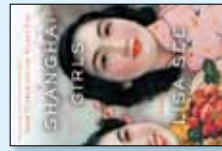
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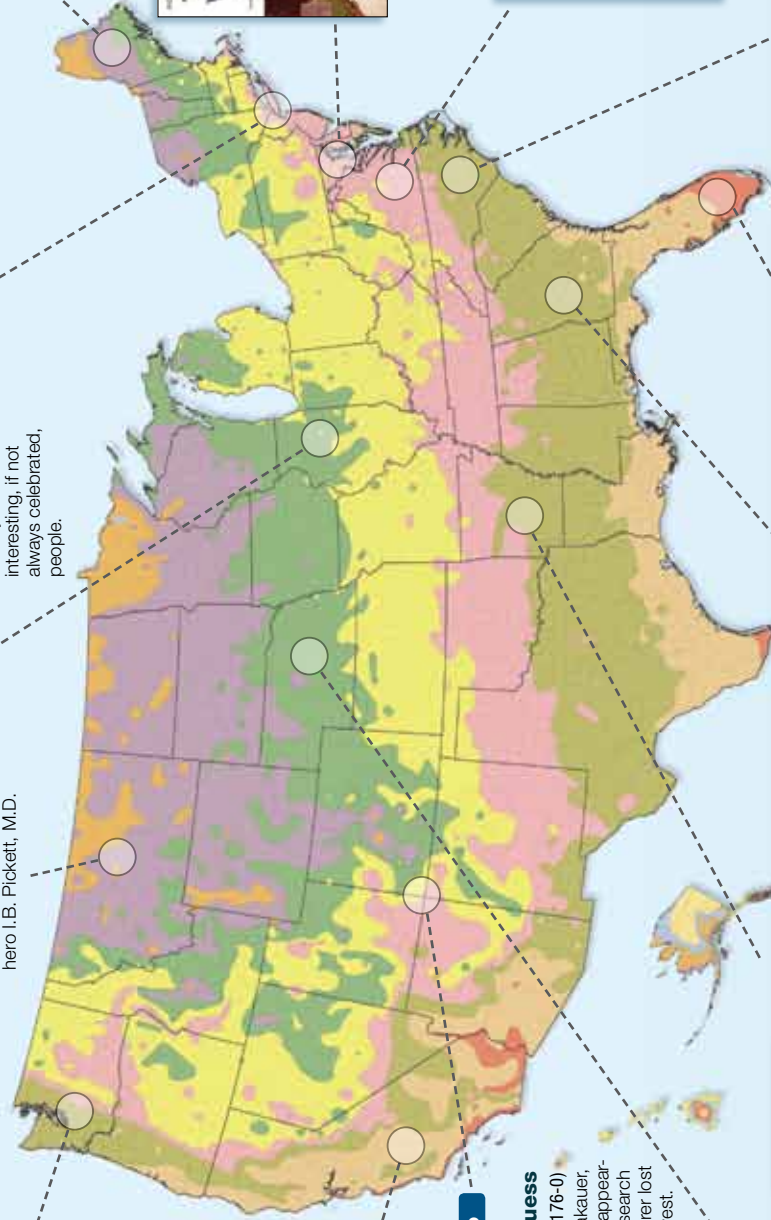
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