

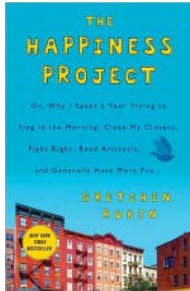


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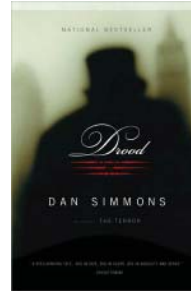
The Happiness Project by Gretchen Craft Rubin

Gretchen Rubin had an epiphany one afternoon, and decided to dedicate a year to her happiness project. In this lively account of that year, Rubin chronicles her adventures while she was test-driving the wisdom of the ages, current scientific research, and lessons from popular culture about how to be happier. Written with charm and wit, *The Happiness Project* is illuminating yet entertaining, thought-provoking yet compulsively readable. HC Reg. \$25.99
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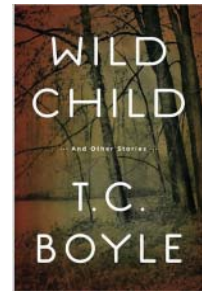
Drood by Dan Simmons

In June 1865, while traveling to London with his secret mistress, 53-year-old Charles Dickens hurtled into a disaster that changed his life. Were his forays into the slums of London and an obsession with corpses, crypts, and the use of lime pits to dissolve bodies mere research? Simmons creates a gloriously engaging and terrifying narrative. *Drood* explores the unsolved mysteries of the author's last years and may provide the key to Dickens's final, unfinished work, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. PB \$15.99



Wild Child by T.C. Boyle

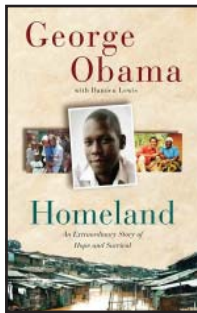
In the title story of this rich new collection, T.C. Boyle has created a vivid retelling of the story of Victor, the feral boy who was captured running naked through the forests of France. The tale is a moving, powerful investigation of what it means to be human. The fourteen stories gathered here display Boyle's range and his imaginative muscle. Brilliant and incisive, Boyle's short stories showcase the humor and conscious sensibility that have made him an acclaimed writer of our time. HC \$25.95



Homeland

An Extraordinary Story of Hope and Survival by George Hussein Obama

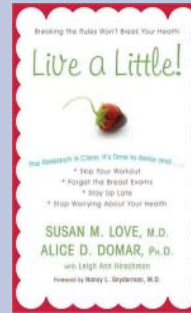
Homeland is the memoir of George Obama, President Obama's Kenyan half brother, who found inspiration to better the lives of his own people in his brother's example. In 2006, George met his older half brother for the second time — the first was when he was five. George was left with a strong impression that Barack would run for the American presidency. George Obama's story describes the seminal influence Barack had on his future. HC \$25.00



Live a Little!

Breaking the Rules Won't Break Your Health by Alice Domar '80 and Susan Love

Later to bed, munching some fries, makes a girl pretty, healthy and wise. Women need to eat healthier, exercise, and get adequate sleep, yet it's equally important for them to relax. In *Live a Little!*, women finally get a dose of realism about what's healthy and what's hype. Breaking down the health “musts” in six areas (sleep, stress, preventive care, exercise, nutrition, and personal relationships), these doctors give us realistic guidelines for a healthy life that includes relaxation. HC \$25.00



62 Projects to Make with a Dead Computer

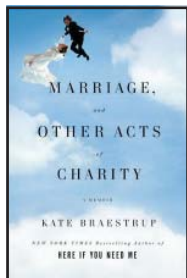
by Randy Sarafan

Computer hacking takes on a new meaning when it involves a screwdriver and hammer! Announcing the most wildly inventive, eco-friendly craft book on repurposing everyday objects. Created by a Parsons design graduate who's obsessed with intersecting art and technology, here are 62 ingenious projects that are irresistibly geek-chic. Each project has complete, step-by-step instructions, is rated by difficulty and is arranged by use, from stuff for the house, to fashion, toys, and more. PB \$14.95



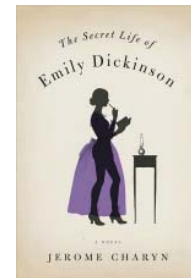
Marriage and Other Acts of Charity by Kate Braestrup

With her inimitable voice, the author of *Here If You Need Me* turns her attention to love and commitment. As a minister, Kate Braestrup regularly performs weddings. She has also, at 44, been married twice and widowed once. From helping a newlywed couple make amends after their first fight to preparing herself for her second marriage, Braestrup offers her insights and experiences on what it truly means to share your life with someone. HC \$24.99



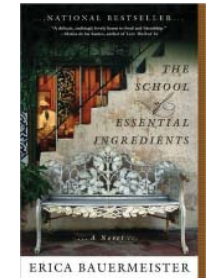
The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson by Jerome Charyn

What if the old maid of Amherst wasn't an old maid at all? Her older brother, Austin, spoke of Emily as his “wild sister.” Jerome Charyn continues to explore history through fiction in a novel that removes Emily Dickinson's mysterious mask and reveals the passions and heartbreak of America's greatest poet, who alternately plays wounded lover and female devil. “Charyn immerses himself in Dickinson's voice, using it to create a beguiling narrative.” — *Library Journal*. HC \$24.95



School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister

A “heartbreakingly delicious” national best-seller about a chef, her students, and the evocative lessons that food teaches about life. Once a month, eight students gather in Lillian's restaurant for a cooking class. Among them is a young mother; a lawyer dealing with loss; and an Italian kitchen designer. The students have come to learn the art behind Lillian's soulful dishes, but it soon becomes clear that each seeks a recipe for something beyond the kitchen. PB \$15.00



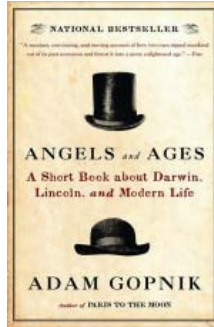
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Angels and Ages

by Adam Gopnik

In this bicentennial twin portrait of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin, Gopnik shows how these two giants altered the way people think about death and time — and about the very nature of earthly existence. Born by coincidence on the same day in 1809, Lincoln and Darwin coauthored our sense of history and understanding of man's place in the world. Here Gopnik reveals these two men as they really were: ambitious manipulators and adventurers, and brilliant scholars witnessing great changes. PB \$15.00



Fallen

by Lauren Kate

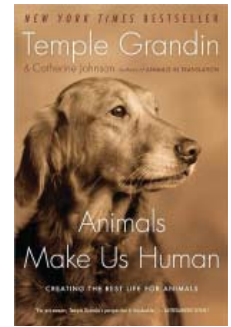
There's something achingly familiar about Daniel Grigori. Mysterious and aloof, he captures Luce Price's attention from the moment she sees him on her first day at boarding school in sultry Savannah, Georgia. He's the one bright spot in a place where cell phones are forbidden, the other students are screw-ups, and security cameras watch every move. Even though Daniel wants nothing to do with Luce, she can't let it go. Drawn to him, she has to find out what Daniel is so desperate to keep secret . . . even if it kills her. HC \$17.99



Animals Make Us Human

by Temple Grandin

Temple Grandin draws on her experience with autism and as an animal scientist to deliver insights into how animals think, act, and feel. Pinpointing emotional distress in animals is difficult. Grandin identifies the core emotional needs of animals, and teaches us to honor our bond with our fellow creatures. *Animals Make Us Human* is the culmination of thirty years of research, experimentation, and experience. This is essential reading for anyone who's ever owned, cared for, or simply cared about an animal. PB \$15.95

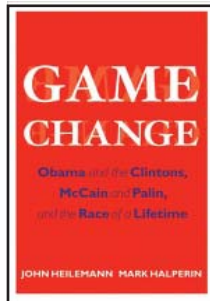


Game Change

Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime

by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin

In 2008, the presidential election became blockbuster entertainment. Despite the media coverage of this spellbinding drama, remarkably little of the real story has been told. In *Game Change*, Heilemann and Halperin use their unrivaled access to pull back the curtain on the Obama and McCain campaigns. *Game Change* lays bare the history of the 2008 campaign. Character driven and dialogue rich, this is the definitive account of the campaign of a lifetime. HC \$27.99



The Easter Egg

by Jan Brett

Jan Brett's lovable bunny hero, Hoppi, and her remarkable Easter Rabbit will enchant readers as they pore over illustrations filled with dazzling eggs made by Flora Bunny, Aunt Sassyfrass and others. A blue robin's egg tumbles out of its nest and Hoppi keeps it safe until the baby bird hatches, and when the Easter Rabbit arrives, he chooses the empty blue eggshell to reward Hoppi for his kindness. A gatefold surprise reveals the Easter Rabbit. Ages 4 – 5. HC \$17.99



The Mystery of Lewis Carroll

by Jenny Woolf

Lewis Carroll was brilliant, secretive and contradictory. He reveled in double meanings, in his fiction and his life. Jenny Woolf's *The Mystery of Lewis Carroll* looks at the creator of *Alice In Wonderland* and brings to life the fascinating human whom some have tried to hide. Using recently discovered sources, such as Carroll's unpublished correspondence with the "real" Alice's family, Woolf answers many intriguing questions about the man behind the Alice books. HC \$27.99

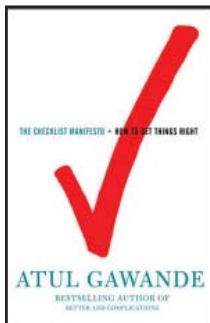


The Checklist Manifesto

How To Get Things Right

by Atul Gawande

Discover the power of the ordinary checklist. In a world of increasing complexity, expert professionals struggle to master tasks. Gawande finds a remedy in a simple technique: the checklist. In these stories, we travel to Austria, where an emergency checklist saved a drowning victim, to Michigan, where a cleanliness checklist in hospitals eliminated a deadly infection. *The Checklist Manifesto* is an intellectual adventure in which one idea makes a tremendous difference. HC Reg. \$24.50 SALE \$18.37

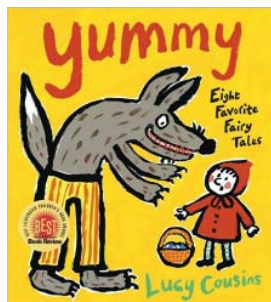


Yummy

Eight Favorite Fairytales

by Lucy Cousins

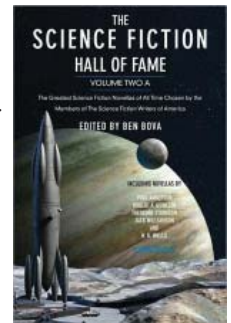
Beware — these fairy tales are not for the faint of heart! Lucy Cousins shifts gears to retell her favorites with vivid, rousing illustrations. Eight classic stories take on new energy. This bold, funny, and unflinching collection retains all the emotion and humor of the original fairy tales: the heroes are courageous, the villains are horrible, and the children are tasty. "There are thrills ... on every color-saturated page." —PW. Ages 4 – up. HC \$18.99



Science Fiction Hall of Fame Volume Two A

by Ben Bova

Eleven essential classics in one volume, the definitive collection of the best science fiction novellas published between 1929 and 1964. No anthology better captures the birth of science fiction as a literary field. Published in 1973 to honor stories that had appeared before the institution of the Nebula Awards, *The Science Fiction Hall of Fame* introduced tens of thousands of young readers to the wonders of science fiction and was a favorite of libraries across the country. PB \$18.99



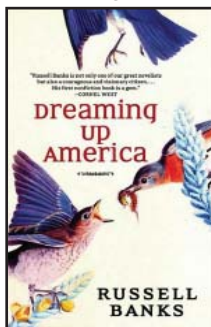
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Dreaming Up America

by Russell Banks

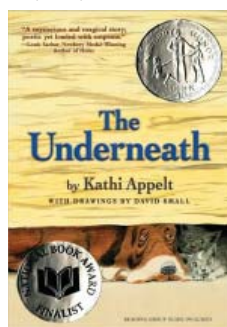
As America undergoes global scrutiny, acclaimed novelist Russell Banks contemplates the questions of our origins, values, heroes, conflicts, and contradictions. Drawing on a deep knowledge of American history, Banks traces the first colonists' differing motives, their points of intersection through the centuries, and the inevitable influence of the existing cultures they encountered or enslaved, building a vision of an empire built upon destructive — though also creative — forces. PB \$13.00.



The Underneath

by Kathi Appelt

A calico cat, about to have kittens, is befriended by a lonely hound. They are an unlikely pair, about to become an unlikely family. The hound urges the cat to hide underneath the porch, and raise her kittens there. They are safe in the Underneath... as long as they stay in the Underneath. Kathi Appelt spins a harrowing yet keenly sweet tale about the power of love — and its opposite, hate — the fragility of happiness and the importance of making good on your promises. Ages 8 – 12. PB \$7.99



Fire

by Kristin Cashore

It is not a peaceful time in the Dells. In King City, the young King Nash is clinging to the throne, while rebel lords build armies to unseat him. War is coming. The mountains and forest are filled with spies and thieves. This is where Fire lives, a girl whose beauty is impossibly irresistible and who can control the minds of everyone around her. Exquisitely romantic, this mystical prequel to *Graceling* has an entirely new cast of characters, save for one person who plays a pivotal role in both books. Ages 14 – 17. HC \$17.99

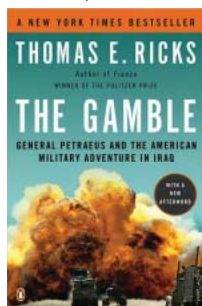


The Gamble

General Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq

by Thomas E. Ricks

Updated to document the Iraq war since 2005, *The Gamble* is a definitive account of the insurgency within the U.S. military that led to a radical shift in strategy. Based on unprecedented access to the military's chain of command, Ricks examines events that took place as the military was forced to reckon with itself, and a very different war began. *The Gamble* offers breaking information, revealing that almost every single officer in the chain of command fought the surge. PB \$17.00

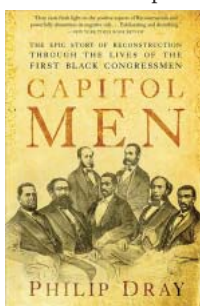


Capitol Men

The Epic Story of Reconstruction Through the Lives of the First Black Congressmen

by Philip Dray

In this compelling new history of Reconstruction, Philip Dray explores an overlooked group of men: the nation's first black members of Congress. These individuals — some of whom were former slaves — played a critical role in pushing for reforms in the wake of a traumatic war. Drawing on congressional records and covering the fraught period between the Emancipation Proclamation and Jim Crow, Dray reclaims the reputations of men who led a valiant struggle for social justice. PB \$15.95



A Dead Hand

A Crime in Calcutta

by Paul Theroux

Jerry Delfont leads an aimless life in Calcutta, struggling in vain against his writer's block, or 'dead hand.' Then he receives a mysterious letter asking for his help: A dead boy was found on the floor of a cheap hotel; a seemingly innocent man is in flight and fearing for his reputation as well as his life. Delfont finds himself lured to the writer's author, the wealthy and charming Merrill Unger, and is intrigued enough to pursue both the mystery and the woman. HC \$26.00

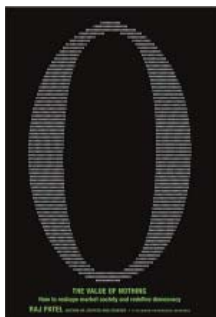


The Value of Nothing

How to Reshape Market Society and Redefine Democracy

by Rajeev Charles Patel

This timely book reveals that our current crisis is not simply the result of too much of the wrong kind of economics. While we need to rethink our economic model, Patel argues that the larger failure beneath the food, climate and economic crises is a political one. *The Value of Nothing* offers a fresh and accessible way to think about economics and the choices we will all need to make in order to create a sustainable economy and society. PB Reg. \$14.00 SALE \$10.50

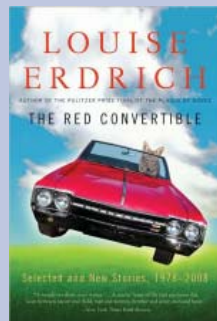


New Fiction from LOUISE ERDRICH

The Red Convertible

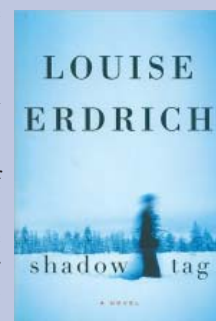
Selected and New Stories, 1978-2008

In Louise Erdrich's fictional world, the mystical can emerge from the everyday, the comic can turn tragic, and violence and splendor inhabit a single emotional landscape. These thirty-six short works selected by the author — including five previously unpublished stories — are ordered chronologically and by theme, each tale spell-binding in its boldness and beauty. "Erdrich is one of our major writers, and this volume is a good demonstration of her... literary cunning." — *Washington Post Book World* PB \$14.99



Shadow Tag

When Irene America discovers that her husband, Gil, has been reading her diary, she begins a secret Blue Notebook, stashed securely in a safe-deposit box. There she records the truth about her life and her marriage, while turning her Red Diary — hidden where Gil will find it — into a manipulative farce. Alternating between these two records, *Shadow Tag* explores the complex nature of love, the fluid boundaries of identity, and one family's struggle for survival and redemption. HC \$25.99



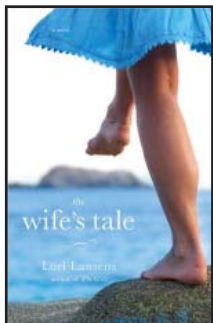
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The Wife's Tale

by Lori Lansens

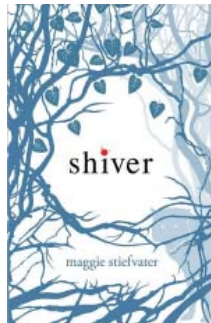
Over the years, disappointment and worry have brought Mary Gooch's life to a standstill. But when her husband disappears, Mary is startled out of her inertia. For the first time in her life, she boards a plane and flies across the country to find her lost husband. So used to hiding from the world, Mary is forced to look up from the pavement. And what she finds fills her with inner strength she's never felt before. "Those who loved *The Girls* will be pleased that Lansens is back. Highly recommended." — *Library Journal*. HC \$24.99



Shiver

by Maggie Stiefvater

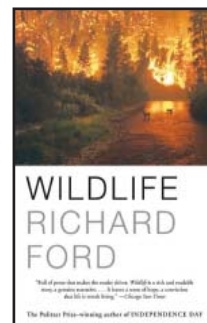
For years, Grace has watched the wolves in the woods. One yellow-eyed wolf is a chilling presence she can't seem to live without. Meanwhile, Sam has lived two lives: In winter, the frozen woods, the protection of the pack, and the silent company of a fearless girl. In summer, a few precious months of being human until the cold makes him shift back again. Now, Grace meets a yellow-eyed boy whose familiarity takes her breath away. It's her wolf. But as winter nears, Sam must fight to stay human or risk losing himself, and Grace, forever. HC \$17.99



Wildlife

by Richard Ford

When Joe Brinson was sixteen, his father moved the family to Great Falls, Montana, the setting for this harrowing, transfixing novel by the acclaimed author of *Rock Springs*. Filled with an abiding sense of love and family, and of the forces that test them to the breaking point, *Wildlife* — first published by Atlantic Monthly Press in 1990 and now reissued as a Grove Press paperback — is a book whose spare poetry and expansive vision established it as an American classic. PB \$14.95

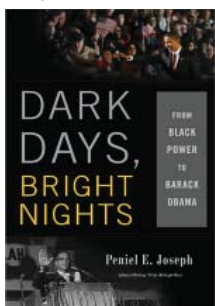


Dark Days, Bright Nights

From Black Power to Barack Obama

by Peniel E. Joseph

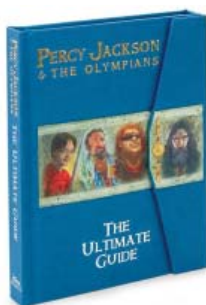
The Civil Rights Movement is now remembered as a long-lost era. In *Dark Days, Bright Nights*, Peniel E. Joseph shows the 60s to be the catalyst of a movement that culminated in the inauguration of Barack Obama. Told through the lives of activists, intellectuals, and artists, including Malcolm X, Amiri Baraka, Tupac Shakur, and Barack Obama, *Dark Days, Bright Nights* will make coherent a fraught half-century of struggle, reassessing its impact on American democracy. HC \$26.00



Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Ultimate Guide

by Rick Riordan

Humans and half-bloods alike agree — *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* is a series fit for heroes, mixing classic Greek mythology with modern adventure. Now here is the handbook no half-blood should be without: a fully illustrated, in-depth guide to gods, monsters, and all things Percy Jackson. This novelty companion to the best-selling series comes complete with trading cards, full-color diagrams, and maps, all packaged in a "manual-size" box with a crisp, magnetic flap enclosure. HC \$12.99

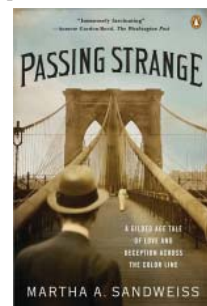


Passing Strange

A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line

by Martha Sandweiss

Clarence King was a nineteenth-century scientist and explorer, but he hid a secret: for thirteen years he lived a double life — the first as the prominent white geologist Clarence King, and a second as the black porter and steelworker named James Todd. The fair son of a wealthy trader passed across the color line, revealing his secret to his black wife, Ada Copeland, only on his deathbed. In *Passing Strange*, Sandweiss tells a tale of a family built along the fault lines of race. PB \$17.00

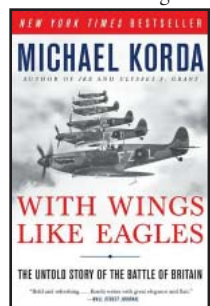


With Wings Like Eagles

The Untold Story of the Battle of Britain

by Michael Korda

In the summer of 1940, fewer than three thousand young fighter pilots of the Royal Air Force stood between Hitler and the victory that seemed almost within his grasp. In this superb history, Michael Korda brilliantly re-creates the intensity of combat in the sky above southern England — while tracing the entire complex web of political, diplomatic, and human decisions that inexorably led to the world's first and most decisive air battle. *With Wings Like Eagles* brings to life the extraordinary people on both sides of the conflict. PB \$14.99

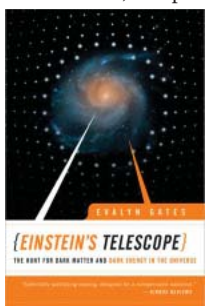


Einstein's Telescope

The Hunt for Dark Matter and Dark Energy in the Universe

by Evalyn Gates

Evalyn Gates, a talented astrophysicist, explores the revolutionary tool that is unlocking the secrets of the Universe. Einstein's telescope, or gravitational lensing, is named for the way gravity causes space to distort and allow massive objects to act like "lenses," amplifying the images of objects behind them. By allowing for the detection of mass where no light is found, scientists can map out the distribution of dark matter and come a step closer to finding the effects of dark energy on the Universe. PB \$16.95

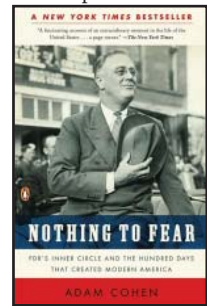


Nothing to Fear

FDR's Inner Circle and the Hundred Days That Created Modern America

by Adam Cohen

This acclaimed work of history brings to life Franklin Roosevelt's first hundred days in office, when his inner circle launched the New Deal, reinventing the role of the federal government. As Cohen reveals, five fiercely intelligent, often clashing personalities presided over this transformation and pushed the president to embrace a bold solution. *Nothing to Fear* is the definitive portrait of the men and women who engineered the nation's recovery from the worst economic crisis in American history. PB \$16.00



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