

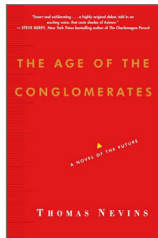


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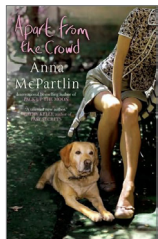


The Age of the Conglomerates A Novel of the Future, by Thomas Nevins

(Ballantine, \$14 paper, 9780375503917/0375503919)

"In a country dominated by corporations, genetic engineering has become the norm. The aged, known as 'The Coots,' are sent off to camps to wither away. Anyone breaking from the accepted societal norms (particularly children) can become a Dyscard: yanked from their family and dumped into the underground to fend for themselves or die. The story begins with respected doctor Christine Salter, whose hidden passion for a colleague inadvertently launches a revolution."

—Geoffrey B. Jennings, Rainy Day Books, Fairway, KS

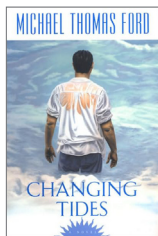


Apart From the Crowd by Anna McPartlin

(Downtown Press, \$15 paper, 9781416569725/1416569723)

"Set in a small Irish town, Anna McPartlin's story features complex, and believable, characters coping with tragedy and pain and follows their awakenings to a great ending. I loved this book!"

—Pam White, Skyland Books, West Jefferson, NC

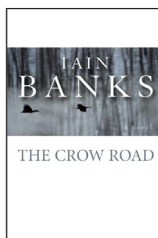


Changing Tides by Michael Thomas Ford

(Kensington, \$15 paper, 9780758210609/0758210604)

"Set in Monterey, California, this well-written, breezy novel follows its three main characters—a father, a teenage daughter, and a visiting scholar—through a summer of discovery as Ford explores the common need in all of us to love."

—Joe Eichman, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO

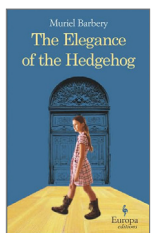


The Crow Road by Iain Banks

(MacAdam/Cage, \$14 paper, 9781596923072/1596923075)

"This delightful and complicated novel begins, 'It was the day my grandmother exploded,' and just gets better from there. Weaving between two generations of family secrets, with an innocence and charm that's rare in modern fiction, I can't remember the last time I enjoyed a book this much!"

—Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI

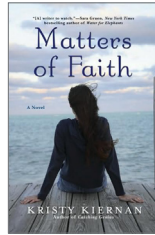


The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

(Europa, \$15.95 paper, 9781933372600/1933372605)

"The Elegance of the Hedgehog is a beautifully written novel, translated from the French, with unforgettable characters, Renee, a concierge with a rich inner life, and Paloma, a surprisingly talented young girl. Read it and get a reality check on who we are beneath our images of age, class, and occupation."

—Jane Jacobs, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA

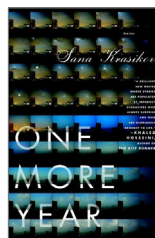


Matters of Faith by Kristy Kiernan

(Berkley, \$14 paper, 9780425221792/0425221792)

"This story of what happens to a family in the aftermath of a crisis that puts one child in harms way asks tough questions about faith, marriage, love, and forgiveness. Kiernan's characters are complex and fully-realized, and her South Florida setting is almost like another character."

—Beth Simpson, Cornerstone Books, Salem, MA

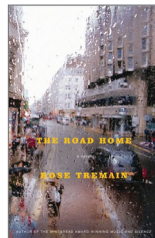


One More Year Stories by Sana Krasikov

(Spiegel & Grau, \$21.95, 9780385524391/0385524390)

"Sana Krasikov has a serious knack for writing characters so realistic you feel like you are watching them. What resonates most profoundly about One More Year are the ways in which the characters attempt to connect to one another, as they search for familiarity where it will not be found, and the familiar appears in the place where they never thought to look."

—J. Wells, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA

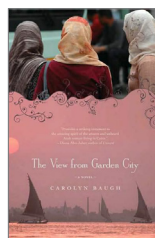


The Road Home by Rose Tremain

(Little Brown, \$24.99, 9780316002615/0316002615)

"Lev, a recent immigrant from Eastern Europe to London, washes dishes in a posh restaurant, works as a migrant laborer, learns to love to cook, falls in love, and is one of the most magnificent, heartfelt, and melancholy men you could ever hope to meet."

—Patricia Burns Balmer, Annie Bloom's Books, Portland, OR

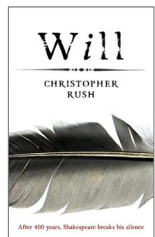


The View From Garden City by Carolyn Baugh

(Forge, \$24.95, 9780765316578/0765316579)

"Through the eyes of an American student living in Cairo, we meet a group of Egyptian women, women who endure, struggle alone and in family groups, and tell their amazing personal stories with grace and grim good humor. I can just imagine the lively book club discussions that will arise from Carolyn Baugh's The View from Garden City."

—Laura Hansen, Bookin' It, Little Falls, MN



Will by Christopher Rush

(Overlook, \$25.95, 9781590200971/1590200977)

"This is a highly personal, beautifully written, insightful glimpse into the character that has perhaps had the greatest impact on historical and contemporary literature. Rush captures what one imagines Shakespeare's candid voice might have sounded like—witty, profound, lyrical, and full of wordplay—and immerses us in the politics as well as the prose that influenced and inspired the playwright. Throughout, it is the voice of Will himself that resonates."

—Kelly Wells, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT

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Zoe's Tale

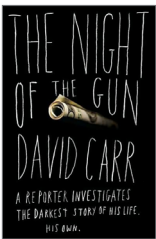
by John Scalzi

(Tor; \$24.95, 9780765316981/0765316986)

"This coming-of-age tale of a teenage girl in a frontier colony on the edge of space is nothing short of remarkable. The voice is pitch-perfect, the plot is compelling, and the resolution of the tale is deeply moving. A stellar work from one of the luminaries in the realm of science fiction."

—Joe Drabiyak, Chester County Book & Music Company, West Chester, PA

NONFICTION



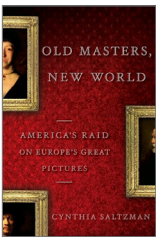
The Night of the Gun

A Reporter Investigates the Darkest Story of His Life. His Own, by David Carr

(Simon & Schuster; \$26, 9781416541523/1416541527)

"A scary tale of his years of drug, alcohol, and, let's face it, general abuse of himself and all around him. A fascinating examination."

—Sue Zumberge, Common Good Books, St. Paul, MN



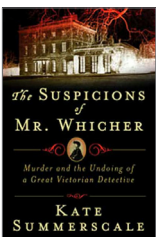
Old Masters, New World

America's Raid on Europe's Great Pictures, by Cynthia Saltzman

(Viking; \$27.95, 9780670018314/0670018317)

"In the late 19th century, flush with money, an elite group of Americans began to purchase Old Master paintings from Europe. The stories of these luminaries are illuminated in this fascinating and colorful book."

—Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI



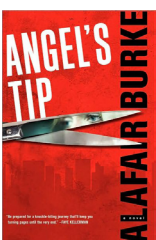
The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher
A Shocking Murder and the Undoing of a Great Victorian Detective, by Kate Summerscale

(Walker; \$24.95, 9780802715357/0802715354)

"This haunting, true story of the detective who gave rise to our obsession with murder mysteries is the perfect tale for mystery readers everywhere."

—Alex Green, Back Pages Books, Waltham, MA

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE



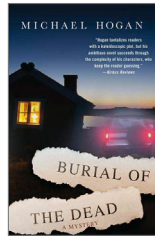
Angel's Tip

by Alafair Burke

(Harper; \$23.95, 9780061561023/0061561029)

"This story of a rookie detective trying to solve the case of a murdered college student blew me away by twists, turns, and guessing that kept me riveted until the last page was turned. NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher is such a great character, and this is a great title for suspense fans."

—Patricia Worth, River Reader LLC, Lexington, MO



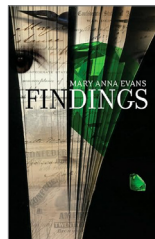
Burial of the Dead

by Michael Hogan

(St. Martin's Minotaur; \$26.95, 9780312367299/0312367295)

"This book is filled to the brim with tragedy; unfulfilled love; and manipulative, dysfunctional, greedy people. It's also one of the best mysteries I've read. The question is was the death of wealthy Emma Kost O'Neal murder or suicide? You will ponder the answer to that question until the last page in this compelling story."

—Andra Tracy, Out Word Bound, Indianapolis, IN



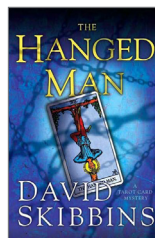
Findings

by Mary Anna Evans

(Poisoned Pen; \$24.95, 9781590584835/159058483X)

"When archaeologist Faye Longchamp excavates a site in her own back yard, she discovers a large emerald. Her surprise and excitement are quickly replaced by grief and anger when she and her friends are threatened by those who will let no one get in the way of their search for an even bigger prize."

—Linda Walonen, Bay Books, San Ramon, CA



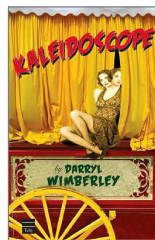
The Hanged Man

A Tarot Card Mystery, by David Skibbins

(St. Martin's Minotaur; \$24.95, 9780312377830/0312377835)

"How's this for an opening sentence? 'Asphyxiation was delicious.' Read a bit further and you'll be sucked into this fast-paced, twist-and-turn mystery. Skibbins, who improves with every book, offers his most complex and well-developed characters yet in this story of alternative lifestyles and murder."

—Joel Crockett, The Four-Eyed Frog, Gualala, CA



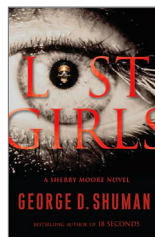
Kaleidoscope

by Darryl Wimberley

(Toby; \$24.95, 9781592642441/1592642446)

"A great noir detective story set in late 1929 that features mobsters and speakeasies, Kaleidoscope also boasts an unusual twist. These are great characters in an exciting and engaging story."

—Lisa Sharp, Nightbird Books, Fayetteville, AR



Lost Girls

A Sherry Moore Novel, by George D. Shuman

(Simon & Schuster; \$25, 9781416553014/1416553010)

"Sherry Moore is a blind psychic who proves in Lost Girls that she's willing to do just about anything to solve the case—including hanging off the side of a mountain in the middle of a snow storm! A great read."

—Linda Dewberry, Whodunit? Books, Olympia, WA

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