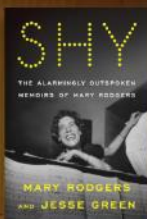
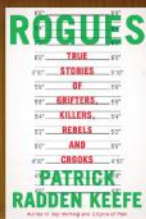
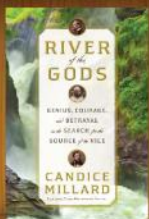
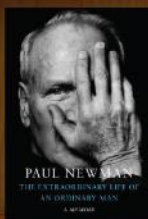
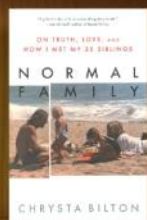
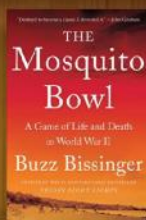
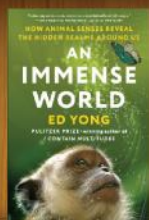


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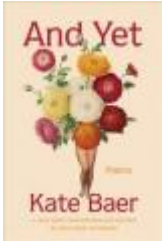


## **Allen, Kendra**

*Fruit Punch: A Memoir* (920 ALL)

This unique memoir looks at what it feels like to grow up as Black girl in the South, navigating a complex interplay of race, class and gender while trying to find a singular voice as a writer.

—Recommended by Natalie

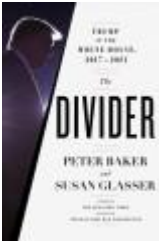


## **Baer, Kate**

*And Yet: Poems* (811.6 BAE)

A popular poet with a large Instagram following presents her second full-length book of traditional poetry, digging a bit deeper into the topics explored in her number one *New York Times* bestseller, *What Kind of Woman*.

—Recommended by Rebecca



## **Baker, Peter and Glasser, Susan**

*The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021* (973.933 BAK)

Based on unprecedented access to key players, two top journalists and the best-selling authors of *The Man Who Ran Washington* tell the inside story of the four years when Donald Trump went to war with Washington, from the chaotic beginning to the violent finale.

—Recommended by Rob



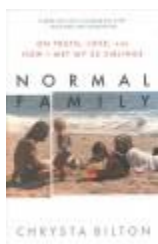
## **Beaton, Kate**

*Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*

(Graphic Memoir Beaton, K.)

The author heads out west to take advantage of Alberta's oil rush. She encounters the harsh reality of life in the oil sands, where trauma is an everyday occurrence yet is never discussed.

—Recommended by Sonia and Joe

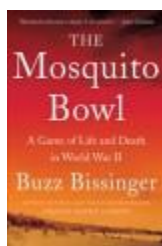


## **Bilton, Chrysta**

*Normal Family: On Truth, Love, and How I Met My 35 Siblings* (176.2 BIL)

In this story of nature, nurture and coming to terms with one's true inheritance, the author introduces her deeply dysfunctional yet fiercely loving family that is anything but "normal," and reveals a colorful cast of characters who were thrown together by chance and DNA.

—Recommended by Becky

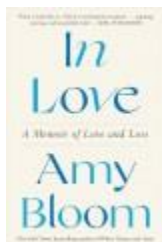


## **Bissinger, Buzz**

*Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life and Death in World War II* (796.332 BIS)

The author relates the unique story behind a football game played on Christmas Eve 1944 between Marine regiments training for the invasion of Okinawa, a game that featured one of the greatest pools of football talent ever assembled.

—Recommended by Andrea

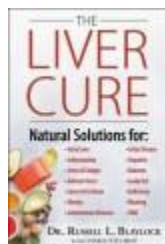


## **Bloom, Amy**

*In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss* (616.8311 BLO)

The *New York Times* best-selling author tells the story of her husband's battle with early onset Alzheimer's, their determination to support one another and his eventual decision to end his own life with dignity.

—Recommended by Dorota and Natalie

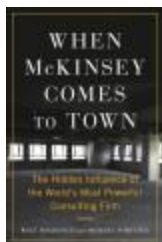


## **Blaylock, Russell L.**

*The Liver Cure* (612.352 BLA)

A world-renowned physician, providing a comprehensive overview of the liver, offers natural remedies, lifestyle strategies and dietary solutions that can take your liver off overload to resolve a wide range of symptoms and conditions.

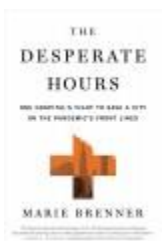
—Recommended by Danielle



**Bogdanich, Walt and Forsythe, Michael**  
*When McKinsey Comes to Town: The Hidden Influence of the World's Most Powerful Consulting Firm* (658.46 BOG)

Two prize-winning investigative journalists expose how the prestigious international consulting firm that advises corporations and governments has often made the world more unequal, more corrupt and more dangerous.

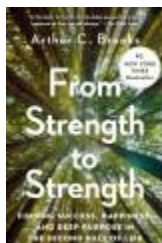
—Recommended by Becky



**Brenner, Marie**  
*Desperate Hours: One Hospital's Fight to Save a City on the Pandemic's Front Lines* (616.2414 BRE)

Granted unprecedented 18-month access to the entire New York-Presbyterian hospital system, a journalist draws on more than 200 interviews to tell the story of the early days of the COVID pandemic.

—Recommended by Becky



**Brooks, Arthur C.**  
*From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life* (155.67 BRO)

A social scientist and Harvard professor draws on social science, philosophy, biography, theology and eastern wisdom, as well as dozens of interviews with everyday people to help those over 50 find purpose, meaning and success as they age.

—Recommended by Donna A. and Andrea



**Brown, David W.**  
*The Mission* (629.43545 BRO)

A narrative chronicle of NASA's deep-space mission to Jupiter's ocean moon, Europa, discusses the remarkable work of scientists who overcame formidable hurdles in their effort to determine if organic life exists elsewhere in our solar system.

—Recommended by Cheryle



## **Brown, Tina**

*The Palace Papers* (941.085 BRO)

The author of *The Diana Chronicles* takes readers inside the British royal family since the death of Princess Diana, showing the Queen's stoic resolve as family drama raged around her.

—Recommended by Ellen J.



## **Braithwaite, Rodric**

*Russia: Myths and Realities* (947 BRA)

An expert historian and former ambassador to Moscow unlocks fact from fiction to reveal what lies at the root of the Russian story.

—Recommended by Rob

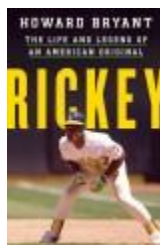


## **Brusatte, Stephen**

*The Rise and Reign of the Mammals: From the Shadow of the Dinosaurs to Us* (569 BRU)

A renowned paleontologist charts the extraordinary story of the dinosaurs' successor — mammals — and entwines the detective work he and other scientists have done to piece together our understanding of fossil clues and cutting-edge technology.

—Recommended by Jean



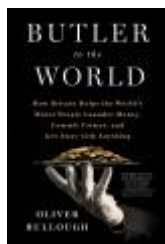
## **Bryant, Howard**

*Rickey: The Life and Legend of an American Original* (796.357092 HEN)

A critically acclaimed sportswriter and culture critic presents this definitive biography of the Hall of Famer and the record holder for the most stolen bases in a single game, who played for nine different teams throughout his decades-long career.

—Recommended by Rob





## **Bullough, Oliver**

*Butler to the World: How Britain Helps the World's Worst People Launder Money, Commit Crimes, and Get Away with Anything* (364.168 BUL)

The author unravels the dark secret of how Britain placed itself at the center of the global offshore economy and at the service of the worst people in the world.

—Recommended by Rob



## **Burkeman, Oliver**

*Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals* (650.11 BUR)

The acclaimed *Guardian* writer provides insights and advice on how to best utilize our time to construct a meaningful life by rejecting efficiency in favor of finding joy and meaning in life.

—Recommended by Erica



## **Burnham, Margaret A.**

*By Hands Now Known: Jim Crow's Legal Executioners* (342.0873 BUR)

The director of Northeastern University's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project examines the legal apparatus that helped sustain Jim Crow-era violence, focusing on a series of harrowing cases from 1920 to 1960.

—Recommended by Joe

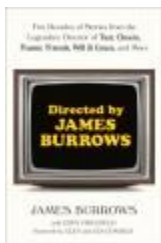


## **Burns, Ken**

*Our America: A Photographic History* (973 BUR)

Assembling images that best embody 200 years of the American experience, some from renowned photographers and by others who worked in obscurity, Burns shares images of our country's natural beauty, of war and civil conflict and of communities drawing together.

—Recommended by Mary



## **Burrows, James**

*Directed by James Burrows* (791.450232 BUR)

The legendary director of classic sitcoms including *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Taxi*, *Cheers* and *Friends* offers a memoir that provides insights into each show's creation and discusses challenges and insider information on each one's cast and crew.

—Recommended by Lori C.



## **Cain, Susan**

*Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole* (155.2 CAI)

The author of the best-selling *Quiet* discusses how a bittersweet state of mind can actually be a kind of silent energy that aids us in overcoming our personal and societal suffering.

—Recommended by Jenn



## **Campbell, Bill**

*The Day the Klan Came to Town*  
(Graphic Nonfiction Campbell B.)

The year is 1923. The Ku Klux Klan is at the height of its power in the US as membership swells into the millions and they expand beyond their original southern borders. As they grow, so do their targets.

—Recommended by Marianne



## **Cannon, Patrick**

*At Home in Chicago: A Living History of Domestic Architecture* (Oversize 728.09773 CAN)

The author tells an astonishing story about Chicago and reveals the city's history through a chronological procession of dwellings — both big and small. These homes show how we lived and how we continue to live in the place we call home.

—Recommended by Lori C.



## **Carlile, Brandi**

*Broken Horses: A Memoir* (782.42164 CAR)

Brandi Carlile was born into a musically gifted, impoverished family on the outskirts of Seattle and grew up in a constant state of change, moving from house to house, trailer to trailer, 14 times in as many years. Though imperfect in every way, her dysfunctional childhood was as beautiful as it was strange.

—Recommended by Brooke



## **Carvan, Tabitha**

*This Is not a Book About Benedict Cumberbatch: The Joy of Loving Something — Anything — Like Your Life Depends on It* (158 CAR)

In a humorous, heartfelt memoir, the author shares how her preoccupation with the British-born actor helped her feel passionate about something at a point in her life when she had lost touch with her own identity and sense of self.

—Recommended by Jean

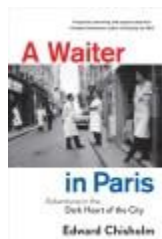


## **Cave, Nick, and O'Hagan, Seán**

*Faith, Hope, and Carnage* (782.42166 CAV)

Based on more than forty hours of intimate conversations, the legendary songwriter discusses what drives his life and creativity, and examines questions of faith, art, music, freedom, grief and love.

—Recommended by Nate



## **Chisholm, Edward**

*A Waiter in Paris: Adventures in the Dark Heart of the City* (306.094436 CHI)

Edward Chisholm's spellbinding memoir of his time as a Parisian waiter takes you beneath the surface of one of the most iconic cities in the world — and right into its glorious underbelly.

—Recommended by Melissa





## Christman, Phil

*How to Be Normal* (814.6 CHR)

A collection of essays by one of the best cultural critics working today. Or, as a reviewer of his previous book, *Midwest Futures*, put it, "one of the most underappreciated writers of [his] generation."

—*Recommended by Nate*

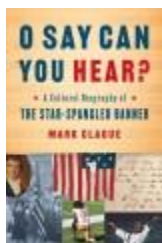


## Chollet, Mona

*In Defense of Witches: The Legacy of the Witch Hunts and Why Women Are Still on Trial* (305.42 CHO)

A celebrated feminist writer explores three types of women who were accused of witchcraft and persecuted, seeking to unite the mythic image of the witch with modern women who seek to live life on their own terms.

—*Recommended by Jenn*

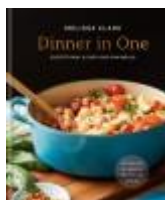


## Clague, Mark

*O Say Can You Hear? A Cultural Biography of the "Star-Spangled Banner"* (782.421599 CLA)

Weaving together the stories of America's national anthem and the country it represents, this book examines the origins of both text and music, alternate lyrics and translations and the song's use in sports, at times of war and for political protesting.

—*Recommended by Mary*

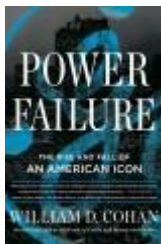


## Clark, Melissa

*Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals* (641.555 CLA)

Melissa Clark brings her home cook's expertise and no-fuss approach to the world of one-pot/pan cooking. With nearly all of the recipes being made in under one hour, the streamlined steps ensure you are in and out of the kitchen without dirtying a multitude of pans.

—*Recommended by Jo, Erica and Andrea*

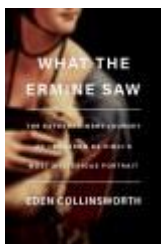


### **Cohan, William D.**

*Power Failure: The Rise and Fall of an American Icon* (338.76213 COH)

In this re-appraisal of GE, America's most iconic corporation known for its ingenuity, innovation and industrial power, a pre-eminent financial journalist examines the meteoric rise — and unfathomable fall — of a once-great company.

—Recommended by Rob



### **Collinworth, Eden**

*What the Ermine Saw: The Extraordinary Journey of Leonardo da Vinci's Most Mysterious Portrait* (759.5 LEO)

The author tells the extraordinary, fact-based story behind one of history's most mysterious portraits by Leonardo da Vinci called *The Woman with an Ermine* that serves as a reminder that genius, power and beauty always have a price.

—Recommended by Cheryle



### **Cooke, Lucy**

*Bitch: On the Female of the Species* (576.855 COO)

A leading zoologist takes a fierce and often humorous look at the female species of the animal kingdom and subverts the prevailing opinion among evolutionary biologists who have insisted that males are more interesting.

—Recommended by Lori P.



### **Cross, William R.**

*Winslow Homer: American Passage* (759.13 HOM)

The author chronicles the life story of the great painter and illustrator Winslow Homer (1836-1910), who captured America in the crucible of the Civil War and contributed to shaping American identity to this day.

—Recommended by Rob



## **Damuck, Jess**

*Salad Freak: Recipes; to Feed a Healthy Obsession* (641.83 DAM)

Offering more than 100 inspired recipes, recipe developer and food stylist Jess Damuck shares her passion for making truly delicious salads.

—Recommended by Rebecca

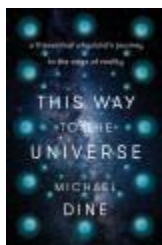


## **Davis, Geena**

*Dying of Politeness* (791.43028092 DAV)

In this candid memoir, the Academy Award winner recalls her journey from a quiet and polite childhood to a screen icon who helped lead the way to gender parity in Hollywood.

—Recommended by Violeta



## **Dine, Michael**

*This Way to the Universe: A Theoretical Physicist's Journey to the Edge of Reality* (523.1 DIN)

Widely recognized as having made profound contributions to our understanding of matter, time, the Big Bang and even what might have come before it, the author reflects on a lifetime pursuing the deepest mysteries of reality.

—Recommended by Natalie

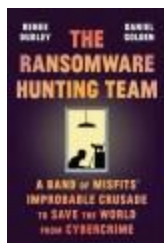


## **Drayton, Tiffanie**

*Black American Refugee: Escaping the Narcissism of the American Dream* (305.896 DRA)

A prominent Black writer shares her journey from Trinidad to New Jersey in search of a better life, only to return to Tobago after becoming exhausted by chasing an American Dream that has become inaccessible to Black people.

—Recommended by Natalie



## **Dudley, Renee and Golden, Daniel**

*The Ransomware Hunting Team: A Band of Misfits' Improbable Crusade to Save the World from Cybercrime* (363.25968 DUD)

This real-life technological thriller follows a band of misfits who have used their skills to save millions of ransomware victims from paying billions of dollars to criminals, tracking the ups and downs of their work as they take on the biggest cybersecurity threats of our time.

—Recommended by Jenn

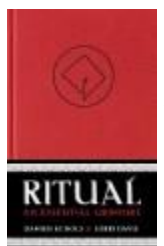


## **Ebuehi, Benjamina**

*A Good Day to Bake: Simple Baking Recipes for Every Mood* (641.815 EBU)

Going through the ritual of bringing out the measuring scales, pouring out flour, whipping up the eggs, stirring the batter and impatiently slicing up warm cake is a beautiful thing that deserves to be enjoyed all year round.

—Recommended by Erica

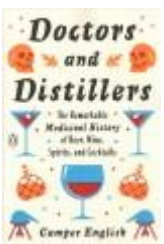


## **Echols, Damien and Davis, Lorri**

*Ritual: An Essential Grimoire* (133.43 ECH)

A husband-and-wife team, sharing their most valuable magical practices, reveal that ritual is one of the most effective tools for becoming a conscious participant in your own destiny, allowing you to invite divine energy into your life.

—Recommended by Natalie

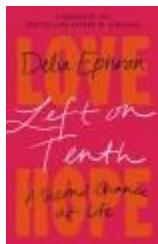


## **English, Camper**

*Doctors and Distillers: The Remarkable Medicinal History of Beer, Wine, Spirits, and Cocktails* (615.7828 ENG)

Alcohol and medicine have an inextricably intertwined history, with innovations in each altering the path of the other.

—Recommended by Jenn

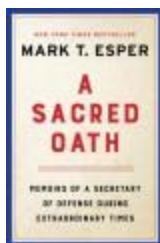


## **Ephron, Delia**

*Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life*  
(813.54 EPH)

The best-selling novelist and screenwriter of *You've Got Mail* shares how she got a second chance at love later in life, her battle with leukemia, and her feelings about facing death.

—Recommended by Nancy

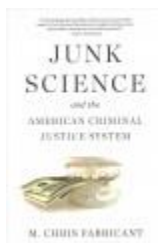


## **Esper, Mark T.**

*A Sacred Oath: Memoirs of a Secretary of Defense During Extraordinary Times* (973.933 ESP)

The former Secretary of Defense under President Trump discusses the details of his tumultuous tenure amid growing threats abroad, a global pandemic, and a chaotic White House bent on breaking traditional norms of global diplomacy.

—Recommended by Dorota

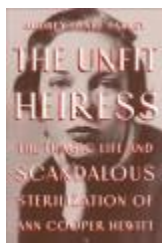


## **Fabricant, M. Chris**

*Junk Science and the American Criminal Justice System* (363.2562 FAB)

Innocence Project attorney M. Chris Fabricant presents an insider's journey into the heart of a broken, racist system of justice and the role junk science plays in maintaining the status quo.

—Recommended by Natalie



## **Farley, Audrey Clare**

*The Unfit Heiress: The Tragic Life and Scandalous Sterilization of Ann Cooper Hewitt* (363.97 FAR)

The author documents the sobering 1934 court battle between Ann Cooper Hewitt and her socialite mother, citing the eugenics law that permitted the former to be declared unfit and sterilized without her knowledge.

—Recommended by Karen



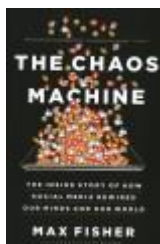


### **Field, James**

*The Art of the Batman* (Oversize 791.4372 BAT)

This official illustrated tie-in book to the highly anticipated Matt Reeves' film *The Batman* provides readers with an insider's look at the film's production process through character designs, vehicle and gadget designs and background paintings, alongside original commentary and interviews.

—Recommended by Mark



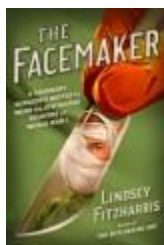
### **Fisher, Max**

*The Chaos Machine: The Inside Story of How Social Media Rewired Our Minds and Our World*

(302.231 FIS)

A *New York Times* investigative reporter captures the tangible havoc wreaked upon our minds and world by the titans of the tech industry, telling the inside story of how the social networks fundamentally altered the world.

—Recommended by Rob



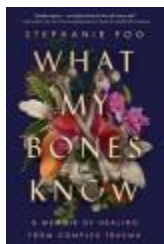
### **Fitzharris, Lindsey**

*The Facemaker: A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I*

(617.092 FIT)

This real-life wartime medical thriller, showing what courage and imagination can accomplish in the presence of horror, follows pioneering plastic surgeon Dr. Harold Gillies, who dedicated himself to restoring the broken and burned faces of the injured.

—Recommended by Joe



### **Foo, Stephanie**

*What My Bones Know: A Memoir of Healing from Complex Trauma* (616.8521 FOO)

The former *This American Life* producer provides a searing memoir of reckoning and healing from investigating the little-understood science behind Complex PTSD and how it has shaped her life.

—Recommended by Amy V.

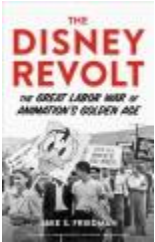


### **Frank, Jeffrey**

*The Trials of Harry S. Truman: The Extraordinary Presidency of an Ordinary Man, 1945-1953* (973.918 FRA)

Drawing on archival discoveries and meticulous research, the author reveals a portrait of an ordinary man suddenly forced to shoulder extraordinary responsibilities as he led America through the pivotal years of the mid-20th century.

—Recommended by Rob



### **Friedman, Jake S.**

*The Disney Revolt: The Great Labor War of Animation's Golden Age* (791.4334 FRI)

Soon after the birth of Mickey Mouse, one animator raised the Disney Studio far beyond Walt's expectations. That animator also led a union war that almost destroyed it.

—Recommended by Rob



### **Gerard, Tieghan**

*Half-Baked Harvest Every Day: Recipes for Balanced, Flexible, Feel-Good Meals* (641.512 GER)

A food photographer, stylist and recipe developer offers 125 new recipes that balance rich comfort with healthier and lighter ingredients.

—Recommended by Andrea and Jenn

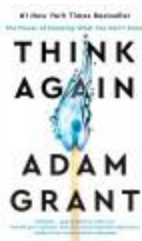


### **Gilmer, Benjamin**

*The Other Dr. Gilmer: Two Men, a Murder, and an Unlikely Fight for Justice* (364.38 GIL)

A rural physician examines the case of his predecessor, who strangled his father, and enlists a *This American Life* journalist to get the prisoner the help he needs, pitting them against a prison system that cares little about the mental health of its inmates.

—Recommended by Natalie



## Grant, Adam M.

*Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know* (153.42 GRA)

Intelligence is usually seen as the ability to think and learn, but in a rapidly changing world, there's another set of cognitive skills that might matter more: the ability to rethink and unlearn.

—Recommended by Brooke



## Grey, Jennifer

*Out of the Corner: A Memoir* (791.43028092 GRE)

The star of the iconic movie *Dirty Dancing* richly evokes the places and times that defined a nation, looks back on her romantic adventures in Hollywood, shares the fallout from a plastic surgery procedure that negatively impacted her career and reveals how she took her life back.

—Recommended by Violeta and Mary C.

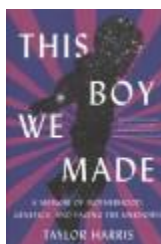


## Grohl, David

*The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music* (782.42166 GRO)

The legendary American musician, singer, songwriter and documentary filmmaker offers a collection of stories that focus on the memories of his life, from his childhood to today.

—Recommended by Susan



## Harris, Taylor

*This Boy We Made: A Memoir of Motherhood, Genetics, and Facing the Unknown* (306.8743 HAR)

In this moving examination of the bond between mother and child, the author, a Black mother, questions everything she thought she believed about science and medicine, about motherhood and about her faith as she searches for the cause of her son's illness.

—Recommended by Jean



## Heath, Chip and Starr, Karla

*Making Numbers Count: The Art and Science of Communicating Numbers* (001.4226 HEA)

Perfect for math-lovers and math-haters alike, this first-of-its-kind book about communicating and understanding numbers and data outlines specific principles that reveal how to translate a number into our brain's language.

—Recommended by Natalie



## Hempel, Jessi

*The Family Outing: A Memoir* (306.85 HEM)

A striking and remarkable literary memoir about one family's transformation, with almost all of them embracing their queer identities.

—Recommended by Natalie



## Hernández, Kelly Lytle

*Bad Mexicans: Race, Empire, and Revolution in the Borderlands* (972.1 HER)

The author tells the story of the magonistas, a motley crew of journalists, miners, migrants and other rebels from the United States who helped spark the 1910 Mexican Revolution by organizing thousands of Mexican workers to their cause.

—Recommended by Rob



## Hershovitz, Scott

*Nasty, Brutish, and Short: Adventures in Philosophy with Kids* (107 HER)

Hershovitz calls on us to support our kids' philosophical adventures and challenges us to join them, so that we can become better, more discerning thinkers and recapture some of the wonder kids have at the world.

—Recommended by Jenn



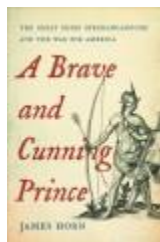
## **Holden, John and Gemperle, Kathryn**

*Remembering Edgewater Beach Hotel*

(977.311 HOL)

Nothing epitomized the glamour and excitement of Chicago's jazz age and war years like the fabled Edgewater Beach Hotel. Much more than a hotel, the Edgewater Beach was a world unto itself — the only urban resort of its kind in the nation.

—*Recommended by Barbara S.*



## **Horn, James**

*A Brave and Cunning Prince: The Great Chief Opechancanough and the War for America*

(975.5 HOR)

The author tells the story of the Powhatan chief who created the most powerful chiefdom in the mid-Atlantic region and waged a lifelong struggle to drive European settlers from his homeland.

—*Recommended by Cheryle*

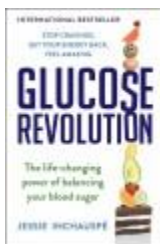


## **Hsu, Hua**

*Stay True: A Memoir* (979.461 HSU)

A *New Yorker* staff writer's gripping memoir reflects on friendship, grief, the search for self, and the solace that can be found through art.

—*Recommended by Jo*



## **Inchauspé, Jessie**

*The Glucose Revolution: The Life-Changing Power of Balancing Your Blood Sugar* (616.462 INC)

A scientist and researcher provides information for lowering blood glucose levels quickly and permanently without dieting through eating the right foods, choosing a dessert over sweet snacks and a secret ingredient to aid in enjoying starchy foods.

—*Recommended by Danielle*





## James, Kendra

*Admissions: A Memoir of Surviving Boarding School* (370.92 JAM)

The first African American legacy student to graduate from the elite Taft prep school looks back on her three years there and how disillusioned it made her with America's inequitable education system.

—Recommended by Jean

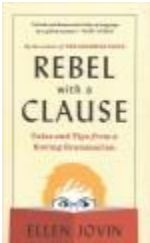


## Johnston, Tom and Simmons, Pat

*Long Train Runnin': Our Story of the Doobie Brothers* (782.42166 DOO)

Written by the founding members of the iconic American rock band, this incredible true story brings to life the longevity, success and drama of The Doobie Brothers—born out of the late 1960's Northern California.

—Recommended by Barbara S.



## Jovin, Ellen

*Rebel with a Clause: Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian* (428.2 JOV)

Traveling across the U.S. to answer questions from students, retired editors and anyone else who uses words in this world, an itinerant grammarian presents an unconventional guide to the English language.

—Recommended by Jean

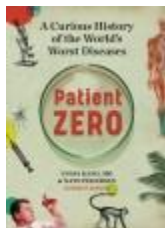


## Kamenetz, Anya

*The Stolen Year: How COVID Changed Children's Lives, and Where We Go Now* (306.43 KAM)

An NPR education reporter shows how the last true social safety net — the public school system — was decimated by the pandemic and how the roots of this crisis run far deeper than COVID, delving into the political history that brought us to this point.

—Recommended by Jenn

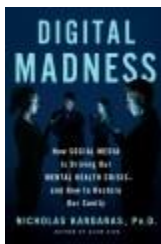


## **Kang, Lydia and Pedersen, Nate**

*Patient Zero: A Curious History of the World's Worst Diseases* (614.49 KAN)

How did it start? Why did it spread? How do we stop it? Packed with one thrilling medical mystery after another, *Patient Zero* tells the curious story of 21 of the world's worst diseases, including smallpox, Bubonic plague, polio, and AIDS.

—Recommended by Erica



## **Kardaras, Nicholas, Ph.D.**

*Digital Madness: How Social Media Is Driving Our Mental Health Crisis — and How to Restore Our Sanity* (302.231 KAR)

Revolutionary research reveals technology's damaging effect on mental illness and suicide rates, and offers a way out.

—Recommended by Trish



## **Keane, Erin**

*Runaway: Notes on the Myths That Made Me* (Biography Keane, E.)

In 1970, Erin Keane's mother ran away from home for the first time at 13. Over the next several years, and under two assumed identities, she hitchhiked her way across America, experiencing freedom, hardship, and tragedy. At 15, she met a 36-year-old man in New York City and married him.

—Recommended by Natalie

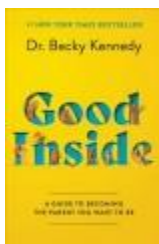


## **Keefe, Patrick Radden**

*Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels, and Crooks* (364.163 KEE)

The prize-winning, *New York Times* best-selling author presents twelve of his most celebrated articles from *The New Yorker* that form a deeply human portrait of criminals and rascals, as well as those who stand up against them.

—Recommended by Jean and Rob



## Kennedy, Rebecca

*Good Inside: A Guide to Becoming the Parent You Want To Be* (155.924 KEN)

A popular parenting expert discusses a new paradigm for parents in how to raise children, based on a model that prioritizes connecting with our kids over correcting them.

—Recommended by Jenn

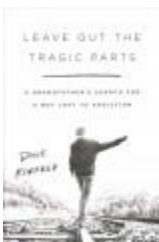


## Kepner, Tyler

*The Grandest Stage: A History of the World Series* (796.357646 KEP)

The World Series is the most enduring showcase in American team sports. It's the place where legends are made, where celebration and devastation can hinge on a fly ball off a foul pole or a grounder beneath a first baseman's glove.

—Recommended by Rob



## Kindred, Dave

*Leave Out the Tragic Parts: A Grandfather's Search for a Boy Lost to Addiction* (362.29 KIN)

This extraordinary investigation of the death of the author's grandson yields a powerful memoir of addiction, grief, and the stories we choose to tell our families and ourselves.

—Recommended by Nancy



## King Arthur Baking Company

*Baking School: Lessons and Recipes for Every Baker* (641.815 KIN)

In its first full-color cookbook, the renowned Baking School at King Arthur shares more than 100 recipes and essential techniques.

—Recommended by Andrea



## Kirtzman, Andrew

*Giuliani: The Rise and Tragic Fall of America's Mayor* (Biography Giuliani, R.)

Giuliani was hailed after 9/11 as "America's Mayor," a singular figure who at the time was more widely admired than the pope. He was brilliant, accomplished, and complicated. He conflated politics with morality and caused his own downfall with a series of disastrous decisions and cynical compromises.

—Recommended by Rob



## Krimstein, Ken

*When I Grow Up: The Lost Autobiographies of Six Yiddish Teenagers* (940.53180922 KRI)

Based on never-before-published autobiographies of Eastern European Jewish teens on the brink of World War II, this graphic nonfiction book presents the stories of six young men and women in riveting, almost cinematic narratives, full of humor, yearning, ambition and angst.

—Recommended by Sonia

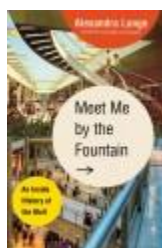


## Krouse, Erika

*Tell Me Everything: The Story of a Private Investigation* (363.25953 KRO)

In this part memoir, part true crime, the author becomes consumed by a sexual assault investigation that grows into a national scandal and a historic civil rights case.

—Recommended by Jean



## Lange, Alexandra

*Meet Me by the Fountain: An Inside History of the Mall* (381.11 LAN)

This entertaining stroll through the rise, fall and ongoing reinvention of malls, which proved to be a powerful draw for creative thinkers, including Joan Didion, Ray Bradbury and George Romero, chronicles how the design of these marketplaces played an integral role in cultural ascent.

—Recommended by Jenn

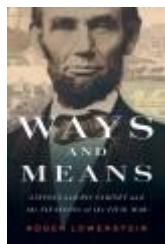


## **Linden, Eugene**

*Fire and Flood: A People's History of Climate Change* (363.73874 LIN)

An award-winning science journalist looks at the last thirty years of climate change and the shocking failure by governments and key business interests to address the issue despite the evidence in front of our own eyes.

—Recommended by Jenn

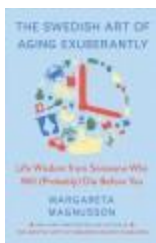


## **Lowenstein, Roger**

*Ways and Means: Lincoln and His Cabinet and the Financing of the Civil War* (973.71 LOW)

Through a financial lens, a journalist shows how Lincoln used the urgency of financing the Civil War to transform a union of states into one united nation and, for the first time, established a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

—Recommended by Rob

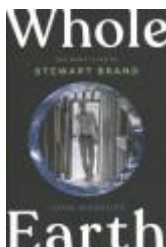


## **Magnusson, Margareta**

*The Swedish Art of Aging Exuberantly: Life Advice from Someone Who Will (Probably) Die Before You* (call number TBD)

The author of *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* shows us how to prepare for and understand the aging process, with her ultimate message that we should all be less afraid of the idea of death.

—Recommended by Jo



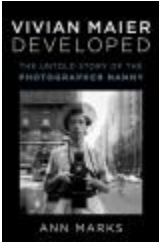
## **Markoff, John**

*Whole Earth: The Many Lives of Stewart Brand* (609.2 MAR)

One of the world's greatest chroniclers of technology presents this biography of an iconic serial visionary, from the Merry Pranksters and the generation-defining Whole Earth Catalog to the marriage of environmental consciousness and hacker capitalism and the rise of a new planetary culture.

—Recommended by Rob





## Marks, Ann

*Vivian Maier Developed: The Untold Story of the Photographer Nanny* (779.092 MAI)

Based on meticulous investigative research, this definitive biography of a nanny who lived secretly as a world-class photographer reveals the story of a woman who fled from a troubled family, determined to improve her lot in life and that of others.

—Recommended by Sonia



## Martin, Molly

*The Art of Repair: How to Piece, Patch, and Stitch Old Things to New Life* (646.6 MAR)

Martin explores the humble origins of repair and how the act of mending a cherished item carefully by hand offers not just a practical solution but nourishment for the soul.

—Recommended by Jenn



## Marton, Kati

*The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* (Biography Merkel, A.)

Part riveting political biography, part intimate human story of a complete outsider, this great morality tale paints a fascinating portrait of a woman who, surviving extraordinary challenges, transformed her own country and returned it to the global stage.

—Recommended by Dorota

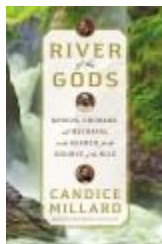


## Miles, Kathryn

*Trailed: One Woman's Quest to Solve the Shenandoah Murders* (364.1523 MIL)

On the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of Lollie Winans and Julie Williams, a journalist starts looking into the lives of the victims.

—Recommended by Nancy

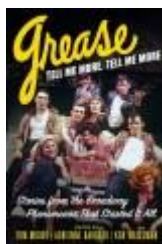


## **Millard, Candice**

*River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* (916.2043 MIL)

Set against the backdrop of the race to exploit Africa by the colonial powers, a story of courage and adventure brings to life the rivalry between two enemies — a decorated soldier and a young aristocrat/Army officer — as they set out to find the mysterious headwaters of the Nile River.

—Recommended by Jean



## **Moore, Tom Barbeau; Weissman, Adrienne; and Weissman, Ken**

*Grease, Tell Me More, Tell Me More: Stories from the Broadway Phenomenon that Started It All* (782.14 GRE)

What started as an amateur play with music in a converted trolley barn in Chicago hit Broadway fifty years ago — and maintains its cultural impact today.

—Recommended by Lori C.



## **Morton, Brian**

*Tasha: A Son's Memoir* (813.54 MOR)

Tasha Morton is a force of nature: a brilliant educator who's left her mark on generations of students — and also a whirlwind of a mother, intrusive, chaotic, oppressively devoted, and irrepressible.

—Recommended by Mary



## **Mustill, Tom**

*How to Speak Whale: A Voyage into the Future of Animal Communication* (591.59 MUS)

Drawing from his experience as a naturalist and wildlife filmmaker, the author, who survived a whale encounter, examines how scientists and start-ups around the world are decoding animal communications and what the consequences of such human interaction could be.

—Recommended by Natalie and Melissa

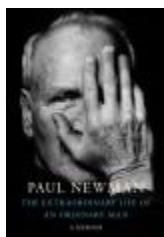


## **Mystal, Elie**

*Allow Me to Retort: A Black Guy's Guide to the Constitution* (342.73 MYS)

Mystal brings his trademark humor, expertise, and rhetorical flair to explain concepts like substantive due process and the right for the LGBTQ community to buy a cake, and to arm readers with the knowledge to defend themselves against people who want everybody to live under the yoke of eighteenth-century white men.

—*Recommended by Natalie*

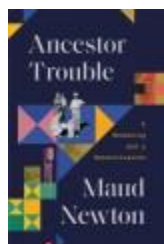


## **Newman, Paul**

*The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man* (791.43028092 NEW)

Culled from thousands of pages of transcripts, this raw, candid, unvarnished memoir of the greatest movie star of the past 75 years, told with searing honesty, covers everything: his traumatic childhood, his career, his drinking, his intimate life with Joanne Woodward and his innermost fears and passions and joys.

—*Recommended by Becky*

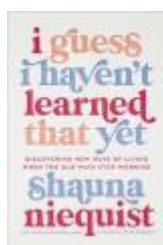


## **Newton, Maud**

*Ancestor Trouble: A Reckoning and a Reconciliation* (929.2 NEW)

An acclaimed writer goes searching for the truth about her wildly unconventional Southern family — and finds that our obsession with ancestors opens up new ways of seeing ourselves.

—*Recommended by Lori P.*



## **Niequist, Shauna**

*I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet: Discovering New Ways of Living When the Old Ways Stop Working* (277.3083 NIE)

The author discusses how she learned to navigate her life after the unknowns of midlife, heartbreak, and chronic pain forced her to re-evaluate everything she had known up to that point.

—*Recommended by Erica*



### **Odenkirk, Bob**

*Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama: A Memoir*  
(792.7028092 ODE)

The Emmy-winning star of *Mr. Show*, *Breaking Bad*, and *Better Call Saul* discusses his early career as a cult comedy writer, as well as his reinvention as an action star at age 50.

—Recommended by Nate



### **Offerman, Nick**

*Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American who Loves to Walk Outside* (973.93 OFF)

With wit, heartwarming stories and a keen insight into new and exciting ways to see both the past and the future of the country, the actor, writer and woodworker takes a literary journey to America's frontier to celebrate the people and landscape that have made it great.

—Recommended by Erica

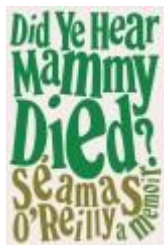


### **Oliver, Amanda**

*Overdue: A Reckoning with the Public Library*  
(027.4 OLI)

Drawing on first-hand experiences from six years of professional work as a librarian in high-poverty neighborhoods of Washington, DC, as well as interviews and research, the author highlights the national problems that have existed in libraries.

—Recommended by Mary



### **O'Reilly, Séamas**

*Did Ye Hear Mammy Died? A Memoir*  
(941.6082092 ORE)

This is a book about a family of loud, argumentative, musical, sarcastic, grief-stricken siblings, shepherded into adulthood by a man whose foibles and reticence were matched only by his love for his children and his determination that they would flourish.

—Recommended by Becky

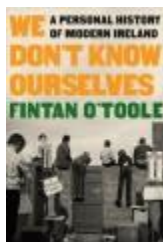


## O'Rourke, Meghan

*The Invisible Kingdom: Reimagining Chronic Illness* (616.044 ORO)

Drawing on her own medical experiences as well as a decade of interviews with doctors, patients, researchers, and public health experts, the author offers a revelatory investigation into the rise of chronic illness and autoimmune diseases that resist easy description or simple cures.

—Recommended by Amy V.

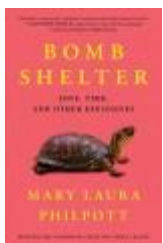


## O'Toole, Fintan

*We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Modern Ireland* (941.7 OTO)

A celebrated Irish writer's magisterial, brilliantly insightful book chronicles the wrenching transformations that dragged his homeland into the modern world.

—Recommended by Rob



## Philpott, Mary Laura

*Bomb Shelter: Love, Time, and Other Explosives* (305.2442 PHI)

A lifelong worrier, Philpott always kept an eye out for danger, a habit that only intensified when she became a parent. But she looked on the bright side, too, believing that as long as she cared enough, she could keep her loved ones safe.

—Recommended by Erica



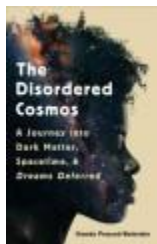
## Pollan, Michael

*This is Your Mind on Plants* (581.6 POL)

In this unique blend of history, science and memoir, the author examines and experiences three plant drugs — opium, caffeine and mescaline — from several very different angles and contexts, exploring the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants.

—Recommended by Michelle



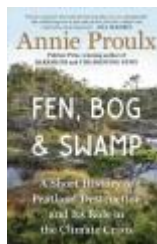


## **Prescod-Weinstein, Chanda**

*The Disordered Cosmos: A Journey into Dark Matter, Spacetime, and Dreams Deferred* (523.01 PRE)

A leading theoretical physicist looks at how science is subject to the same kind of racism and sexism that exists in other fields and lays out a new approach for everyone to experience and understand the cosmos.

—Recommended by Joe



## **Proulx, Annie**

*Fen, Bog & Swamp: A Short History of Peatland Destruction and Its Role in the Climate Crisis* (333.918 PRO)

A lifelong environmentalist, Annie Proulx brings her wide-ranging research and scholarship to the subject of wetlands and the vitally important yet little understood role they play in preserving the environment by storing the carbon emissions that greatly contribute to climate change.

—Recommended by Rob

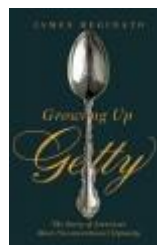


## **Reid, Eliza**

*The Secrets of the Sprakkar: Iceland's Extraordinary Women and How They Are Changing the World* (305.4094912 REI)

Exploring lessons learned from the sprakkar (outstanding women), the sitting First Lady of Iceland shares her remarkable insight in the roles of Icelandic women in business, politics, the home and more.

—Recommended by Jenn



## **Reginato, James**

*Growing Up Getty: The Story of America's Most Unconventional Dynasty* (call number TBD)

The author gives an account of the current generation of one of the wealthiest and most misunderstood family dynasties in the world.

—Recommended by Rob



## **Rettke, Amanda**

*Homestead Recipes: Midwestern Inspirations, Family Favorites, and Pearls of Wisdom From a Sassy Home Cook* (641.5977 RET)

A food blogger, cake cookbook author, and Minnesota homesteader provides 110 home-cooked recipes with chapters on breakfast, casseroles, soups, appetizers, meats, vegetables and desserts along with her trademark sassy commentary.

—Recommended by Andrea



## **Reynolds, Jason**

*Ain't Burned All the Bright*  
(YA 811.6 REY)

This smash-up of art and text visually captures what it is to be Black in America — and what it means to REALLY breathe.

—Recommended by Jo, Andrea, Marianne and Becky



## **Reynolds, Nicholas**

*Need to Know: World War II and the Rise of American Intelligence* (940.5486 REY)

A historian and former CIA officer explores the birth, infancy, and adolescence of modern American intelligence during World War II, combining little-known history and gripping spy stories to illuminate its key role in securing Allied victory.

—Recommended by Rob

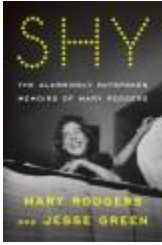


## **Risbridger, Ella**

*The Year of Miracles: Recipes about Love + Grief + Growing Things* (641.5 RIS)

The author shares her story of recovering from loss with the help of good food and friends. The book follows the changing of seasons, her overflowing garden, and her determination to celebrate even small moments.

—Recommended by Erica



## Rodgers, Mary

*Shy: The Alarming Outspoken Memoirs of Mary Rodgers* (782.14092 ROD)

These memoirs of the theater star, author of books for young people, and chairman of the Juilliard School serve as both an eyewitness account from the Golden Age of American musical theater and a tale of a woman striving for a meaningful life.

—Recommended by Becky and David



## Roem, Danica

*Burn the Page: A True Story of Torching Doubts, Blazing Trails, and Igniting Change* (Biography Roem, D.)

The first openly trans person elected to a U.S. state legislature discusses her lonely and closeted childhood and how she re-wrote her own future by deciding to run for office.

—Recommended by Joe

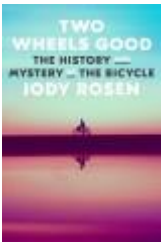


## Rojas Contreras, Ingrid

*The Man Who Could Move Clouds: A Memoir* (818.603 ROJ)

Interweaving spellbinding family stories, resurrected Colombian history and her own deeply personal reckonings with the bounds of reality, the author shares her inheritance of “the secrets” — the power to talk to the dead, tell the future, treat the sick and move the clouds.

—Recommended by Jenn



## Rosen, Jody

*Two Wheels Good: The History and Mystery of the Bicycle* (629.2272 ROS)

Reshaping our understanding of the bicycle, a writer and critic, combining history, reportage, travelogue and memoir, chronicles the bicycle’s saga, from its invention in 1817 to its present-day renaissance as a “green machine,” and introduces unforgettable characters along the way.

—Recommended by Rob



## Rudd, Kevin

*Avoidable War: The Dangers of a Catastrophic Conflict between the US and Xi Jinping's China* (327.73051 RUD)

A veteran diplomat and prime minister at the heart of the Western alliance confronts the growing sense that the US-China relationship is beginning to fray and focuses on the pursuit of a common strategic narrative for the future.

—*Recommended by Rob*



## Sachse, Dominique

*Life Makeover: Embrace the Bold, Beautiful, and Blessed You* (248.843 SAC)

Three-time Emmy Award-winning newscaster and popular YouTube and social media encourager, Dominique Sachse delivers a powerful call to women to embrace their outward beauty as the first step in living with internal boldness, confidence, and renewed joy.

—*Recommended by Violeta*



## Sanchez, Erika L.

*Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir* (818.603 SAN)

Growing up as the daughter of Mexican immigrants in Chicago in the nineties, the author provides an honest and often hilarious memoir that looks back on her wild youth and journey to becoming an award-winning novelist, poet and essayist.

—*Recommended by Brooke*



## Sanders, Ella Frances

*Everything Beautiful: A Guide to Finding Hidden Beauty in the World* (111.85 SAN)

The author presents a gorgeously illustrated love letter to everything that is beautiful, and a manifesto for those who are struggling to remember or recognize what beauty is.

—*Recommended by Donna A.*

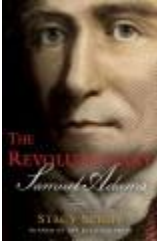


### **Scheier, Liz**

*Never Simple* (616.89 SCH)

The author shares her experiences growing up in '90s Manhattan with a brilliant, manipulative and mentally ill mother who built a farcical, half-true life for the two of them as she dives deep into the cascading effects of decades of lies and deception.

—*Recommended by Becky*



### **Schiff, Stacy**

*The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*

(Biography Adams, S.)

A Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer turns her attention to Samuel Adams, an intensely disciplined man, and arguably the most essential Founding Father, who supplied the moral backbone of the American Revolution, becoming the most wanted man in America.

—*Recommended by Rob*



### **Schur, Michael**

*How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question* (818.602 SCH)

From the creator of *The Good Place* and the co-creator of *Parks and Recreation*, a hilarious, thought-provoking guide to living an ethical life, drawing on 2,500 years of deep thinking from around the world.

—*Recommended by Jean and Jenn*

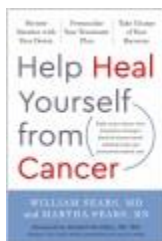


### **Seabrook, Nick**

*One Person, One Vote: A Surprising History of Gerrymandering in America* (328.33455 SEA)

An authority on constitutional and election law, and an expert on gerrymandering, explores the rise of the most partisan gerrymanders in American history.

—*Recommended by Rob*

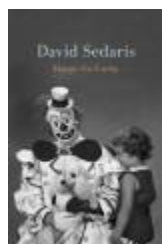


## **Sears, William, MD, and Sears, Martha, RN**

*Help Heal Yourself from Cancer* (616.994 SEA)

One of America's most trusted doctors offers guidance on confronting cancer, with strategies designed to fight fear of the disease, boosting the immune system and tips on personalizing treatment plans.

—*Recommended by Trish*



## **Sedaris, David**

*Happy-Go-Lucky* (814.SED)

The best-selling author chronicles his own life and ordinary moments that turn beautifully absurd, including how he coped with the pandemic, his thoughts on becoming an orphan in his seventh decade, and the battle-scared America he discovered when he resumed touring.

—*Recommended by Jo*

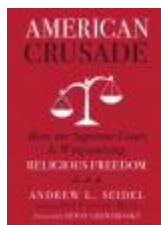


## **Sehee, Baek**

*I Want to Die But I Want to Eat Tteokbokki* (616.8527 PAE)

A successful young social media director at a publishing house chronicles her ten years of psychiatric treatment for depression and how she fought back against the harmful behaviors that kept her locked in a cycle of self-abuse.

—*Recommended by Natalie*



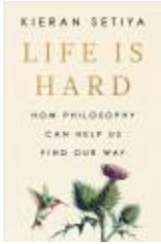
## **Seidel, Andrew L.**

*American Crusade: How the Supreme Court Is Weaponizing Religious Freedom* (322.1 SEI)

A critically acclaimed author and constitutional attorney looks at some of the key Supreme Court cases of the last thirty years and how a hallowed legal protection, freedom of religion, has been turned into a tool to advance privilege and impose religion on others.

—*Recommended by Natalie*



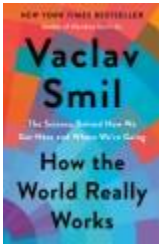


## **Setiya, Kieran**

*Life Is Hard: How Philosophy Can Help Us Find Our Way* (128.4 SET)

Deeply personal and thought-provoking, this book, drawing on ancient and modern philosophy, as well as fiction, history, memoir, film, comedy, social science and stories from the author's own experience, offers a map for navigating rough terrain, from personal trauma to the injustice and absurdity of the world.

—Recommended by Rob



## **Smil, Vaclav**

*How the World Really Works: The Science Behind How We Got Here and Where We're Going* (303.483 SMI)

A Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Manitoba examines seven of the most fundamental realities governing our survival and prosperity, such as energy, food production, globalization and our environment and its future.

—Recommended by Rob



## **Snodgrass, Alex**

*The Comfortable Kitchen: 105 Laid-Back, Healthy, and Wholesome Recipes* (641.5 SNO)

Redefining comfort food, the bestselling author of *The Defined Dish* presents a vast array of healthy and delicious meals the whole family can enjoy.

—Recommended by Andrea

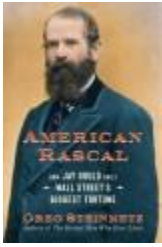


## **Soni, Jimmy**

*The Founders: The Story of PayPal and the Entrepreneurs who Shaped Silicon Valley* (338.902 SON)

With hundreds of interviews and unprecedented access to thousands of pages of internal material, an award-winning author presents a meticulously researched look at the origins of PayPal and its founding team.

—Recommended by Rob



### **Steinmetz, Greg**

*American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built Wall Street's Biggest Fortune* (332.6092 STE)

This biography of one of the 19th century's greatest robber barons looks at how his brilliance and greed made him richer than Rockefeller and helped fuel Wall Street's first financial reforms.

—Recommended by Rob



### **Stewart Holland, Sarah and Silvers, Beth**

*Now What? How to Move Forward When We're Divided (about Basically Everything)* (306.2 STE)

The hosts of the top-rated Pantsuit Politics podcast offer an invitation and insights into building connection and community despite our differences, finding shared values and ways to constructively engage in creating a better world together.

—Recommended by Erica

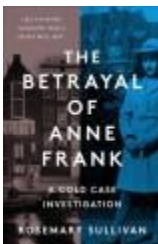


### **Stodola, Sarah**

*The Last Resort: A Chronicle of Paradise, Profit, and Peril at the Beach* (333.784 STO)

The author weaves together firsthand travel notes with exacting journalism in a report on the past, present, and future of coastal culture, which has become central to the globalized world, while at the same time grappling with the darker realities of resort culture.

—Recommended by Jenn

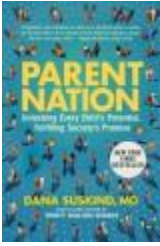


### **Sullivan, Rosemary**

*The Betrayal of Anne Frank: A Cold Case Investigation* (940.5318 SUL)

Using a new technology, recently discovered documents and sophisticated investigative techniques, a retired FBI agent and a Cold Case Team painstakingly pieced together the months leading to the infamous arrest of Anne Frank and her family — and came to a shocking conclusion.

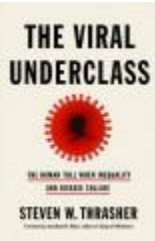
—Recommended by Marianne



**Suskind, Dana, M.D.**

*Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child's Potential, Fulfilling Society's Promise* (649.1 SUS)

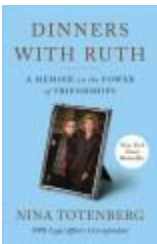
World-class pediatric surgeon and social scientist Dr. Dana Suskind returns with a revelatory new look at the neuroscience of early childhood development — and how it can guide us toward a future in which every child has the opportunity to fulfill their potential.  
—Recommended by Jenn



**Thrasher, Steven W.**

*The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Disease Collide* (362.1962 THR)

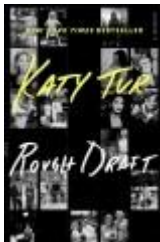
Drawing from heart-rending stories of friends, activists and teachers navigating COVID, HIV and other viruses, a preeminent LGBTQ scholar and journalist presents his unified theory of one of the most pressing social justice issues of our time — how viruses expose the fault lines of society.  
—Recommended by Jenn



**Totenberg, Nina**

*Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendship* (920 TOT)

In this moving story of the joy and true meaning of friendship, NPR's award-winning legal affairs correspondent recounts her nearly 50-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.  
—Recommended by Jenn



**Tur, Katie**

*Rough Draft: A Memoir* (070.92 TUR)

In this deeply personal memoir about a life spent chasing the news, the MSNBC anchor and daughter of two pioneering helicopter journalists recounts her eccentric and volatile California childhood and charts her own journey to globe-trotting foreign correspondent.  
—Recommended by Melissa



**Venkatesh, Sudhir**

*The Tomorrow Game: Rival Teenagers, Their Race for a Gun, and a Community United to Save Them* (364.1066 VEN)

As two rival groups of teens race to find a gun and strike first, the community at large, including the teens' families, black market gun dealers, local pastors, a bodega owner, and a veteran beat cop, try their best to defuse the conflict and keep the kids alive.

—Recommended by Rob

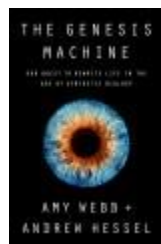


**Watkins, D.**

*Black Boy Smile: A Memoir in Moments* (305.2308996 WAT)

At nine years old, D. Watkins has three concerns in life: picking his dad's Lotto numbers, keeping his Nikes free of creases, and being a man. Directly in his periphery is East Baltimore, a poverty-stricken city battling the height of the crack epidemic.

—Recommended by Marianne



**Webb, Amy, and Hessel, Andrew**

*The Genesis Machine: Our Quest to Rewrite Life in the Age of Synthetic Biology* (572.86 WEB)

By examining both the science and the ethic, moral and religious issues surrounding synthetic biology, the authors discuss its potential for helping solve humanity's existential challenges.

—Recommended by Rob

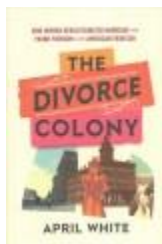


**Weinman, Sarah**

*Scoundrel: How a Convicted Murderer Persuaded the Women Who Loved Him, the Conservative Establishment, and the Courts to Set Him Free* (364.1523 WEI)

This book follows psychopath Edgar Smith, a charismatic and manipulative murderer, as he is set free, only to attempt murder again.

—Recommended by Becky



## White, April

*The Divorce Colony: How Women Revolutionized Marriage and Founded Freedom on the American Frontier* (306.893 WHI)

From a historian and senior editor at Atlas Obscura comes an account of the daring 19<sup>th</sup>-century women who moved to South Dakota to divorce their husbands and start living on their own terms.

—Recommended by Mary

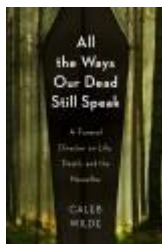


## White, Gayle Jessup

*Reclamation: Sally Hemings, Thomas Jefferson, and a Descendant's Search for Her Family's Lasting Legacy* (Biography White, G.)

Chronicling her remarkable journey to definitively understand her heritage and reclaim it, a black descendant of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings' family offers a compelling portrait to ensure the nation lives up to the ideals advocated by her legendary ancestor.

—Recommended by Mary

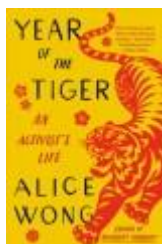


## Wilde, Caleb

*All the Ways Our Dead Still Speak: A Funeral Director on Life, Death, and the Hereafter* (155.937 WIL)

As Wilde picks up bodies, organizes funerals, and meets with grieving families in a small town in Pennsylvania, those who remain share with him, and us, what they experience in the thin places between life and death.

—Recommended by Lori P.

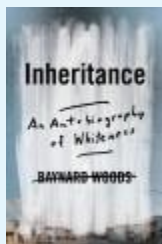


## Wong, Alice

*Year of the Tiger: An Activist's Life* (362.4092 WON)

This groundbreaking memoir offers a glimpse into an activist's journey to finding and cultivating community and the continued fight for disability justice, from the founder and director of the Disability Visibility Project.

—Recommended by Amy V.

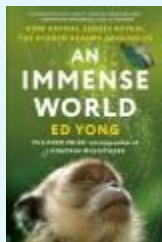


## **Woods, Bayard**

*Inheritance: An Autobiography of Whiteness* (070.92 WOO)

A politically left-leaning writer and educator is forced to confront his own family's own racist past as slaveholders and that he had inherited their privilege, wealth and legacy of lies.

—Recommended by Natalie



## **Yong, Ed**

*An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* (591.5 YON)

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author examines how the world of animal senses can help us understand and transform the way we perceive our world.

—Recommended by Melissa, Jean, Sarah and Amy V.

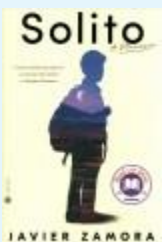


## **Zaleski, Laurie**

*Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals* (636.0832 ZAL)

Laurie Zaleski never aspired to run an animal rescue; that was her mother Annie's dream. But from girlhood, Laurie was determined to make the dream come true. Thirty years later as a successful businesswoman, she did it, buying a 15-acre farm deep in the Pinelands of South Jersey.

—Recommended by Jean and Nancy



## **Zamora, Javier**

*Solito: A Memoir* (Biography Zamora, J.)

A young poet reflects on his 3,000-mile journey from El Salvador to the United States when he was nine years old, during which he was faced with perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions during two life-altering months alongside a group of strangers who became an unexpected family.

—Recommended by Becky