



Southeast Steuben County Library

New Digital Catalog Titles July 2016

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Audiobooks:

The Night and the Music, Volume One: The Matthew Scudder Stories by Lawrence Block:

Lawrence Block's seventeen Matthew Scudder novels have won the hearts of readers throughout the world—along with a bevy of awards including the Edgar, the Shamus, the Philip Marlowe (Germany), and the Maltese Falcon (Japan). But Scudder has starred in short fiction as well, and here is Volume One. Includes the following stories: "Out the Window," "A Candle for the Bag Lady," "By the Dawn's Early Light," "Batman's Helpers," "The Merciful Angel of Death," and "The Night and the Music."

The Ridge by Michael Koryta, Robert Petkoff: "In an isolated stretch of eastern Kentucky, on a hilltop known as Blade Ridge, stands a lighthouse that illuminates nothing but the surrounding woods. For years the lighthouse has been considered no more than an eccentric local landmark—until its builder is found dead at the top of the light, and his belongings reveal a troubling local history."

For deputy sheriff Kevin Kimble, the lighthouse-keeper's death is disturbing and personal. Years ago, Kimble was shot while on duty. Somehow the death suggests a connection between the lighthouse and the most terrifying moment of his life.

Audrey Clark is in the midst of moving her large-cat sanctuary onto land adjacent to the lighthouse. Sixty-seven tigers, lions, leopards, and one legendary black panther are about to have a new home there. Her husband, the sanctuary's founder, died scouting the new property, and Audrey is determined to see his vision through.

As strange occurrences multiply at the Ridge, the animals grow ever more restless, and Kimble and Audrey try to understand what evil forces are moving through this ancient landscape—just past the divide between dark and light."

Shadow of a Bull by Maia Wojciechowska, Francisco Ravela: Manolo was only three when his father, the great bullfighter Juan Olivar, died. But Juan is never far from Manolo's consciousness -- how could he be, with the entire town of Arcangel waiting for the day Manolo will fulfill his father's legacy?

But Manolo has a secret he dares to share with no one -- he is a coward, without *afición*, the love of the sport that enables a bullfighter to rise above his fear and face a raging bull. As the day when he must enter the ring approaches, Manolo finds himself questioning which requires more courage: to follow in his father's legendary footsteps or to pursue his own destiny?

Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta, Robert Petkoff: "When thirteen-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity, and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The plan is to get Jace off the grid while police find the two killers. The result is the start of a nightmare.

The killers, known as the Blackwell Brothers, are slaughtering anyone who gets in their way in a methodical quest to reach him. Now all that remains between them and the boy are Ethan and Allison Serbin, who run the wilderness survival program; Hannah Faber, who occupies a lonely fire lookout tower; and endless miles of desolate Montana mountains.

The clock is ticking, the mountains are burning, and those who wish Jace Wilson dead are no longer far behind."

The Virgin in the Ice: Chronicles of Brother Cadfael, Book 6 by Ellis Peters, Vanessa Benjamin: "The winter of 1139 will disrupt Brother Cadfael's tranquil life in Shrewsbury, as raging civil war has sent refugees fleeing north from Worcester. Among them are two young orphans from a noble family and their companion, a young Benedictine nun. The trio, never reaching Shrewsbury, have disappeared somewhere in the wild countryside.

Cadfael feels afraid for these three lost lambs, but another call for help sends him to the Church of Saint Mary. A wounded monk by the roadside will surely die without Cadfael's healing arts. Why this holy man has been attacked and what his fevered ravings reveal soon give Brother Cadfael a clue to the fate of the missing travelers. Now Cadfael sets out on a dangerous quest to find them. The road will lead him to a terrible murder and a tale of passion gone awry, in Ellis Peters's most stunning depiction yet of love and war."

E-Books:

All Summer Long: A Novel by Dorothea Benton Frank: "Dorothea Benton Frank novels are filled with smart and witty fiction that every reader wants on their bookshelf: soulful, edgy stories about realistic characters familiar to us all that explore the most deeply felt moments of life with wry humor and heart.

All Summer Long follows one charming New York couple – prominent interior designer Olivia Ritchie and her husband Nicholas Seymour, an English professor and true southern gentleman. They are seemingly polar opposites, yet magnetically drawn together and in love for more than fourteen years.

As they prepare to relocate to Charleston, S.C., Olivia, the ultimate New Yorker, has reservations about the promise she made to retire in the Lowcountry, where Nick wants to return home and lead a more peaceful life. They are moving north to south, fast pace versus slow pace and downsizing. Nick is ecstatic. Olivia is not. She can't let Nick know that their finances are not what he thought. Her client list is evaporating, their monetary reserves are dwindling and maybe that house she picked out on Sullivans Island needs too much work. Thank God, for her assistant, Roni Larini, her right (and sometimes left) hand.

As they find themselves pondering the next step of their lives, Olivia and Nick travel with her billionaire clients and their friends and are swept up into the world of the ultra-rich and explore the globe with a cast of zany eccentrics over one tumultuous, hot summer. All as Olivia grapples with what lies ahead for her and Nick.

This is a story of how plans evolve and lives change in unexpected ways, how even those who have everything are still looking for something more. Even the most successful people can often struggle to keep things together. All Summer Long asks the ultimate question: can money buy happiness? From Sullivans Island to Necker Island to Nantucket to the beaches of Southern Spain, we'll come to recognize the many faces of true love, love that deepens and endures but only because one woman makes a tremendous leap of faith. And that leap changes everything."

Assassin: Wings of Fire: Winglets Series, Book 2 by Tui T. Sutherland: Fans of the New York Times bestselling Wings of Fire series won't want to miss this all-new story set in the dangerous and thrilling world of dragons! Before the brightest night, the NightWings were plotting . . . Deathbringer is ready to be the next assassin for the NightWings. If he can just convince them to send him along on one mission with his mother, Quickstrike, he'll prove that he can help the NightWings decide who wins the war between the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. But when their mission takes an unexpected turn, Deathbringer has a terrible choice to make . . . one that will change his path forever, and perhaps alter the course of the entire war . . . Discover the New York Times bestselling Wings of Fire series with this ebook exclusive origin story! Author Tui T. Sutherland soars further into the world of Pyrrhia's dragons than ever before! In these brand-new short stories, fans will meet old

friends and new ones, uncover shocking secrets, and learn more about the terrible challenges that will test all dragonkind!

At the Edge of Summer: A Novel by Jessica Brockmole: "The acclaimed author of *Letters from Skye* returns with an extraordinary story of a friendship born of proximity but boundless in the face of separation and war.

Luc Crépet is accustomed to his mother's bringing wounded creatures to their idyllic château in the French countryside, where healing comes naturally amid the lush wildflowers and crumbling stone walls. Yet his maman's newest project is the most surprising: a fifteen-year-old Scottish girl grieving over her parents' fate. A curious child with an artistic soul, Claire Ross finds solace in her connection to Luc, and she in turn inspires him in ways he never thought possible. Then, just as suddenly as Claire arrives, she is gone, whisked away by her grandfather to the farthest reaches of the globe. Devastated by her departure, Luc begins to write letters to Claire—and, even as she moves from Portugal to Africa and beyond, the memory of the summer they shared keeps her grounded.

Years later, in the wake of World War I, Clare, now an artist, returns to France to help create facial prostheses for wounded soldiers. One of the wary veterans who comes to the studio seems familiar, and as his mask takes shape beneath her fingers, she recognizes Luc. But is this soldier, made bitter by battle and betrayal, still the same boy who once wrote her wistful letters from Paris? After war and so many years apart, can Clare and Luc recapture how they felt at the edge of that long-ago summer?

Bringing to life two unforgettable characters and the rich historical period they inhabit, Jessica Brockmole shows how love and forgiveness can redeem us.

Brides of Alaska: Three Romances Set in America's Last Frontier by Tracie Peterson: Journey to Alaska with bestselling author Tracie Peterson. The bleak wilderness of America's 49th state challenges three women in different eras: Julie, a nurse, who must serve victims of a 1925 diphtheria epidemic; Beth, whose Canadian-born husband is killed in World War II; and Rita, who takes on the ultimate test of endurance, the Iditarod dog sled race. Each must surmount the obstacles in her life, and perhaps, with God's help, find true love as well.

Brighton: A Novel by Michael Harvey: "An extraordinary thriller—gripping, haunting, and marvelously told—about two friends growing up in a rapidly changing Boston, who must face the sins of their past in the midst of a series of brutal murders.

""You came back here to bury your past. . . . Thing is, you gotta kill it first.""

Kevin Pearce—baseball star, honor student, the pride of Brighton—was fifteen when he left town in the back

of his uncle's cab. He and his buddy Bobby Scales had just committed heinous violence for what they thought were the best of reasons. Kevin didn't want a pass, but he was getting it anyway. Bobby would stay and face the music; Kevin's future would remain bright as ever. At least that was the way things were supposed to work, except in Brighton things never work the way they're supposed to.

Twenty-six years later, Kevin is a Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist for the Boston Globe. He's never been back to his old block, having avoided his family and, especially, Bobby Scales. Then he learns his old friend is the prime suspect in a string of local murders. Suddenly, Kevin's headed home—to protect a friend and the secret they share. To report this story to the end and protect those he loves, he must face not only an elusive, slippery killer, but his own corrupted conscience.

A powerhouse of a thriller, Brighton is a riveting and elegiac exploration of promises broken, debts owed, and old wrongs made right . . . no matter what the cost."

But What If We're Wrong?: Thinking About the Present As If It Were the Past by Chuck Klosterman: "But What If We're Wrong? visualizes the contemporary world as it will appear to those who'll perceive it as the distant past. Chuck Klosterman asks questions that are profound in their simplicity: How certain are we about our understanding of gravity? How certain are we about our understanding of time? What will be the defining memory of rock music, five hundred years from today? How seriously should we view the content of our dreams? How seriously should we view the content of television? Are all sports destined for extinction? Is it possible that the greatest artist of our era is currently unknown (or—weirder still—widely known, but entirely disrespected)? Is it possible that we ""overrate"" democracy? And perhaps most disturbing, is it possible that we've reached the end of knowledge?

Kinetically slingshotting through a broad spectrum of objective and subjective problems, But What If We're Wrong? is built on interviews with a variety of creative thinkers—George Saunders, David Byrne, Jonathan Lethem, Kathryn Schulz, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Brian Greene, Junot Díaz, Amanda Petrusich, Ryan Adams, Nick Bostrom, Dan Carlin, and Richard Linklater, among others—interwoven with the type of high-wire humor and nontraditional analysis only Klosterman would dare to attempt. It's a seemingly impossible achievement: a book about the things we cannot know, explained as if we did. It's about how we live now, once ""now"" has become ""then.""

Charnel House by Graham Masterton: "Winner of the Edgar Award: A demon is intent on devouring the world—and it's up to a small group of believers in San Francisco to stop it.

A desperate and terrified old man appears at the office of John Hyatt at the San Francisco Department of Sanitation with a chilling complaint. His house, Seymour Willis insists, is breathing. Hyatt suspects a rat infestation but the truth is worse. Much worse. An ancient demon out of darkest Native American folklore

lives within the walls and floorboards of Willis's home—an all-powerful malevolent being determined to break free and wreak havoc on the City by the Bay.

Soon a tiny cadre of believers in the impossible—including Hyatt, Willis, and a Native American shaman—hold the fate of all humanity in their hands. The monster's hunger for blood and flesh is insatiable and it is determined to escape its prison and become whole. And once it does, the entire world will be its feeding ground.

A haunted house story like no other—a gory and terrifying tale of demonic possession—this award-winning supernatural thriller by the acclaimed author of *The Manitou* provides substantial chills on every page. A tale of unrelenting terror reminiscent of the works of H. P. Lovecraft, Graham Masterton's *Charnel House* will haunt your dreams long after you've turned the final page."

Daughter of Destiny by Lindsay McKenna: After being court-martialed and receiving a bad conduct discharge from the navy for striking a superior officer, Kai returns to her grandmother's home on the Qualloah Eastern Cherokee Nation in North Carolina to lick her wounds. She is bitter that the navy didn't believe she was defending herself from a sexual assault. Her grandmother has her go on a vision quest and she dreams she must find one of the secret totems that were stolen from the tribe. The dream shows her she must go to the Australian Outback to meet with an aborigine shaman.---- Her grandmother convinces her that she was chosen to return one of the totems and she must go to Australia because her dreams are a method of communication between shamans. Morgan Trayhern's organization Perseus agrees to fund her mission provided she partners with her childhood friend Jake Carter. Although she is turned off by men, she has no choice but to agree to the condition. The two fly to the outback where they find adventure, danger and the possibility of a lasting love.---- Lindsay McKenna is a brilliant author who writes romances that are action packed and character driven. In *DAUGHTER OF DESTINY* the audience will empathize with the heroine who had a physically abusive father and grew up determined to be strong so that no man would hurt her again. The hero, who has loved her since he was a child, tries to prove to her that not all men are predators and he is deserving of her trust and love. If this book is any indication, the Bombshell line is going to be a smashing success.---- Harriet Klausner, B&N Review

Exile: Exile Series, Book 1 by Kevin Emerson: "Kevin Emerson's *Exile*, book one of the *Exile* series, combines the swoon-worthy romance of a Susane Colasanti novel with the rock 'n' roll of *Eleanor & Park*.

Summer Carlson knows how to manage bands like a professional—minus the whole falling-for-the-lead-singer-of-the-latest-band part. But Caleb Daniels isn't an ordinary band boy—he's a hot, dreamy, sweet-singing, exiled-from-his-old-band, possibly-with-a-deep-dark-side band boy. She also finds herself at the center of a mystery she never saw coming. When Caleb reveals a secret about his long-lost father, one band's past

becomes another's present, and Summer finds it harder and harder to be both band manager and girlfriend. Maybe it's time to accept who she really is, even if it means becoming an exile herself. . . ."

Fall of Poppies: Stories of Love and the Great War Heather Webb, Hazel Gaynor, Beatriz Williams, Jennifer Robson et al.": "Top voices in historical fiction deliver an unforgettable collection of short stories set in the aftermath of World War I—featuring bestselling authors such as Hazel Gaynor, Jennifer Robson, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig and edited by Heather Webb.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month...

November 11, 1918. After four long, dark years of fighting, the Great War ends at last, and the world is forever changed. For soldiers, loved ones, and survivors the years ahead stretch with new promise, even as their hearts are marked by all those who have been lost.

As families come back together, lovers reunite, and strangers take solace in each other, everyone has a story to tell.

In this moving anthology, nine authors share stories of love, strength, and renewal as hope takes root in a fall of poppies.

Featuring: Jessica Brockmole, Hazel Gaynor, Evangeline Holland, Marci Jefferson, Kate Kerrigan, Jennifer Robson, Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig & Heather Webb."

A Gathering of Shadows: A Novel BY V. E. Schwab: "Four months have passed since the shadow stone fell into Kell's possession. Four months since his path crossed with Delilah Bard. Four months since Rhy was wounded and the Dane twins fell, and the stone was cast with Holland's dying body through the rift, and into Black London.

In many ways, things have almost returned to normal, though Rhy is more sober, and Kell is now plagued by his guilt. Restless, and having given up smuggling, Kell is visited by dreams of ominous magical events, waking only to think of Lila, who disappeared from the docks like she always meant to do. As Red London finalizes preparations for the Element Games—an extravagant international competition of magic, meant to entertain and keep healthy the ties between neighboring countries—a certain pirate ship draws closer, carrying old friends back into port.

But while Red London is caught up in the pageantry and thrills of the Games, another London is coming back

to life, and those who were thought to be forever gone have returned. After all, a shadow that was gone in the night reappears in the morning, and so it seems Black London has risen again—and so to keep magic's balance, another London must fall."

Girl on the Best Seller List by Vin Packer: The book that damned an entire town FERN FULTON: "I'm the only friend Gloria Wealdon has in this town. How could she write those dreadful things about me and my husband and our daughter?" VIRGINIA FULTON, age 15: "Mrs Wealdon's a stinker and I'd like to murder her and write a sequel to her book. I'd call it Population 12,359." DR. JAY MANNERHEIM, psychologist: "Gloria Wealdon has simply touched off unpleasantries that in many cases would have exploded sooner or later anyway." MILO WEALDON: "I never realized my wife had such contempt, such loathing for me until I read her book." MIN STEWART: "My family has been here for generations. I consider Gloria Wealdon so vulgar as to be quite beneath contempt." GLORIA WEALDON: "The hell with everybody in this snotty town. They made my life miserable. Now we're even."

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth: "In this must-read book for anyone striving to succeed, pioneering psychologist Angela Duckworth shows parents, students, educators, athletes, and business people—both seasoned and new—that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls ""grit.""

Drawing on her own powerful story as the daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of ""genius,"" Duckworth, now a celebrated researcher and professor, describes her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience, which led to the hypothesis that what really drives success is not ""genius"" but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance.

In *Grit*, she takes readers into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she's learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll. Among *Grit*'s most valuable insights:

- *Why any effort you make ultimately counts twice toward your goal
- *How grit can be learned, regardless of I.Q. or circumstances
- *How lifelong interest is triggered
- *How much of optimal practice is suffering and how much ecstasy
- *Which is better for your child—a warm embrace or high standards
- *The magic of the Hard Thing Rule

Winningly personal, insightful, and even life-changing, *Grit* is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference."

Idiot America: How Stupidity Became a Virtue in the Land of the Free by Charles Pierce: "NATIONAL BESTSELLER: The three Great Premises of Idiot America:

- Any theory is valid if it sells books, soaks up ratings, or otherwise moves units
- Anything can be true if someone says it loudly enough
- Fact is that which enough people believe. Truth is determined by how fervently they believe it

With his trademark wit and insight, veteran journalist Charles Pierce delivers a gut-wrenching, side-splitting lament about the glorification of ignorance in the United States.

Pierce asks how a country founded on intellectual curiosity has somehow deteriorated into a nation of simpletons more apt to vote for an American Idol contestant than a presidential candidate. But his thunderous denunciation is also a secret call to action, as he hopes that somehow, being intelligent will stop being a stigma, and that pinheads will once again be pitied, not celebrated. Erudite and razor-sharp, *Idiot America* is at once an invigorating history lesson, a cutting cultural critique, and a bullish appeal to our smarter selves."

Infomocracy: A Novel by Malka Older: "It's been twenty years and two election cycles since Information, a powerful search engine monopoly, pioneered the switch from warring nation-states to global microdemocracy. The corporate coalition party Heritage has won the last two elections. With another election on the horizon, the Supermajority is in tight contention, and everything's on the line.

With power comes corruption. For Ken, this is his chance to do right by the idealistic Policy1st party and get a steady job in the big leagues. For Domaine, the election represents another staging ground in his ongoing struggle against the pax democratica. For Mishima, a dangerous Information operative, the whole situation is a puzzle: how do you keep the wheels running on the biggest political experiment of all time, when so many have so much to gain?

Infomocracy is Malka Older's debut novel."

The Inheritance: A Novel by Brian Williams: "Adult siblings Timothy and Rosita couldn't possibly be more different. Timothy, the eldest of four, is a Holy Ghost filled believer whose daily walk with the Lord has grown to become naturally supernatural. By grace through faith, he operates effortlessly in the gifts of the Spirit; On the other hand...his younger sister Rosita, to her peril, has flirted with New Age Spirituality for far too long. Under the tutelage of her ""spiritual adviser"" Rosita is drawn more deeply into the occult than she ever bargained for.

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As the sibling rivalry escalates, Robert's alcoholism intensifies; Dexter seems unconcerned by the lack of an inheritance because his illegal ""business dealings"" fund his lucrative lifestyle; Timothy's faith is tested as he tries to show his brothers and sister the authentic life-changing power of Jesus; and Rosita (Robert's twin) continues her disastrous plunge into New Age Occultism—a diabolical counterfeit of the anointing. As Rosita plays a dangerous game with forces of darkness she does not understand, the family is plagued by unexplainable occurrences that threaten their safety and even their lives.

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The Invisible Library: Invisible Library Series, Book 1 by Genevieve Cogman: "Collecting books can be a dangerous prospect in this fun, time-traveling, fantasy adventure from a spectacular debut author.

One thing any Librarian will tell you: the truth is much stranger than fiction...

Irene is a professional spy for the mysterious Library, a shadowy organization that collects important works of fiction from all of the different realities. Most recently, she and her enigmatic assistant Kai have been sent to an alternative London. Their mission: Retrieve a particularly dangerous book. The problem: By the time they arrive, it's already been stolen.

London's underground factions are prepared to fight to the death to find the tome before Irene and Kai do, a problem compounded by the fact that this world is chaos-infested—the laws of nature bent to allow supernatural creatures and unpredictable magic to run rampant. To make matters worse, Kai is hiding something—secrets that could be just as volatile as the chaos-filled world itself.

Now Irene is caught in a puzzling web of deadly danger, conflicting clues, and sinister secret societies. And failure is not an option—because it isn't just Irene's reputation at stake, it's the nature of reality itself...
FEATURING BONUS MATERIAL: including an interview with the author, a legend from the Library, and more!"

The Jewel and Her Lapidary by Fran Wilde: "From Fran Wilde, the Andre Norton and Compton Crook Award-winning author of Updraft.

The kingdom in the Valley has long sheltered under the protection of its Jewels and Lapidaries, the people bound to singing gemstones with the power to reshape hills, move rivers, and warp minds. That power has kept the peace and tranquility, and the kingdom has flourished.

Jewel Lin and her Lapidary Sima may be the last to enjoy that peace.

The Jeweled Court has been betrayed. As screaming raiders sweep down from the mountains, and Lapidary servants shatter under the pressure, the last princess of the Valley will have to summon up a strength she's never known. If she can assume her royal dignity, and if Sima can master the most dangerous gemstone in the land, they may be able to survive."

Lady of Magick by Sylvia Izzo Hunter: "Sylvia Izzo Hunter brought ""both rural Brittany and an alternative Regency England to vivid life""* in The Midnight Queen, her debut novel of history, magic, and myth. Now, in her new Noctis Magicae novel, Sophie and Gray Marshall are ensnared in an arcane plot that threatens to

undo them both.

In her second year of studies at Merlin College, Oxford, Sophie Marshall is feeling alienated among fellow students who fail to welcome a woman to their ranks. So when her husband, Gray, is invited north as a visiting lecturer at the University in Din Edin, they leap at the chance. There, Sophie's hunger for magical knowledge can finally be nourished. But soon, Sophie must put her newly learned skills to the test.

Sophie returns home one day to find a note from Gray—he's been summoned urgently to London. But when he doesn't return, and none of her spells can find a trace of him, she realizes something sinister has befallen him. With the help of her sister, Joanna, she delves into Gray's disappearance, and soon finds herself in a web of magick and intrigue that threatens not just Gray, but the entire kingdom."

Last Call at the Nightshade Lounge: A Novel by Paul Krueger: "Bailey Chen is fresh out of college with all the usual new-adult demons: no cash, no job offers, and an awkward relationship with Zane, the old friend she kinda-sorta hooked up with during high school.

But when Zane introduces Bailey to his monster-fighting bartender friends, her demons become a lot more literal. It turns out evil creatures stalk the city streets after hours, and they can only be hunted with the help of magically-mixed cocktails: vodka grants super-strength, whiskey offers the power of telekinesis, and tequila lets its drinker fire blasts of elemental energy. But will all of these powers be enough for Bailey to halt a mysterious rash of gruesome deaths? And what will she do when the safety of a ""real world"" job beckons? This sharp and funny urban fantasy is perfect for fans of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World, and grown-up readers of Harry Potter. Includes 15 recipes from a book of ancient cocktail lore."

Louis D. Brandeis: American Prophet by Jeffrey Rosen: According to Jeffrey Rosen, Louis D. Brandeis was "the Jewish Jefferson," the greatest critic of what he called "the curse of bigness," in business and government, since the author of the Declaration of Independence. Published to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of his Supreme Court confirmation on June 1, 1916, Louis D. Brandeis: American Prophet argues that Brandeis was the most farseeing constitutional philosopher of the twentieth century. In addition to writing the most famous article on the right to privacy, he also wrote the most important Supreme Court opinions about free speech, freedom from government surveillance, and freedom of thought and opinion. And as the leader of the American Zionist movement, he convinced Woodrow Wilson and the British government to recognize a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Combining narrative biography with a passionate argument for why Brandeis matters today, Rosen explores what Brandeis, the Jeffersonian prophet, can teach us about historic and contemporary questions involving the Constitution, monopoly, corporate and federal power, technology, privacy, free speech, and Zionism.

The Many Selves of Katherine Northby Emma Geen: "When we first meet Kit, she's a fox.

Nineteen-year-old Kit works for the research department of Shen Corporation as a phenomenaut. She's been ""jumping†?—projecting her consciousness, through a neurological interface—into the bodies of lab-grown animals made for the purpose of research for seven years, which is longer than anyone else at ShenCorp, and longer than any of the scientists thought possible. She experiences a multitude of other lives—fighting and fleeing as predator and prey, as mammal, bird, and reptile—in the hope that her work will help humans better understand the other species living alongside them.

Her closest friend is Buckley, her Neuro—the computer engineer who guides a phenomenaut through consciousness projection. His is the voice, therefore, that's always in Kit's head and is the thread of continuity that connects her to the human world when she's an animal. But when ShenCorp's mission takes a more commercial—and ominous—turn, Kit is no longer sure of her safety. Propelling the reader into the bodies of the other creatures that share our world, *The Many Selves of Katherine North* takes place in the near future but shows us a dazzling world far, far from the realm of our experience."

Moon Shadows by Nora Roberts, Jill Gregory, Ruth Ryan Langan, Marianne Willman: Romance and magic meet by the light of the moon in this all-new all-star collection of Celtic tales from #1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts and New York Times bestselling authors Jill Gregory, Ruth Ryan Langan, and Marianne Willman.

Never a Dull Moment: 1971 The Year That Rock Exploded by David Hepworth: "A rollicking look at 1971 - the busiest, most innovative and resonant year of the 70s, defined by the musical arrival of such stars as David Bowie, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, and Joni Mitchell

On New Year's Eve, 1970, Paul McCartney told his lawyers to issue the writ at the High Court in London, effectively ending The Beatles. You might say this was the last day of the pop era.

The following day, which was a Friday, was 1971. You might say this was the first day of the rock era. And within the remaining 364 days of this monumental year, the world would hear Don McLean's ""American Pie,"" The Rolling Stones' ""Brown Sugar,"" The Who's ""Baba O'Riley,"" Zeppelin's ""Stairway to Heaven,"" Rod Stewart's ""Maggie May,"" Marvin Gaye's ""What's Going On,"" and more.

David Hepworth, an ardent music fan and well regarded critic, was twenty-one in '71, the same age as many of the legendary artists who arrived on the scene. Taking us on a tour of the major moments, the events and songs of this remarkable year, he shows how musicians came together to form the perfect storm of rock and roll greatness, starting a musical era that would last longer than anyone predicted. Those who joined bands to escape things that lasted found themselves in a new age, its colossal start being part of the genre's staying

power.

Never a Dull Moment is more than a love song to the music of 1971. It's also an homage to the things that inspired art and artists alike. From Soul Train to The Godfather, hot pants to table tennis, Hepworth explores both the music and its landscapes, culminating in an epic story of rock and roll's best year."

Ninefox Gambit: Machineries of Empire Trilogy, Book 1 by Yoon Ha Lee: "When Captain Kel Cheris of the hexarchate is disgraced for her unconventional tactics, Kel Command gives her a chance to redeem herself, by retaking the Fortress of Scattered Needles from the heretics. Cheris's career isn't the only thing at stake: if the fortress falls, the hexarchate itself might be next.

Cheris's best hope is to ally with the undead tactician Shuos Jedao. The good news is that Jedao has never lost a battle, and he may be the only one who can figure out how to successfully besiege the fortress. The bad news is that Jedao went mad in his first life and massacred two armies, one of them his own.

As the siege wears on, Cheris must decide how far she can trust Jedao—because she might be his next victim."

Other People's Money and How the Bankers Use It by Louis D. Brandeis, Melvin I. Urofsky: There are few indictments of the American banking system as searing as Other People's Money and How the Bankers Use It, written by Louis D. Brandeis in 1913. Long considered one of the major muckraking exposés of the Progressive period, it still speaks powerfully to our own times. The book led to the establishment of stringent regulations on the banking system, rules that undergirded decades of pros-perity and stability for both banks and the American economy after World War II. Weakening those rules led to the great banking meltdown of 2008, when once again the greed and recklessness that Brandeis had warned about triggered a major depression and cost hundreds of thousands of people their jobs and homes.

A Penny for Your Thoughts: The Million Dollar Mystery Series, Book 1 by Mindy Starns Clark: "From award-winning author Mindy Starns Clark comes the fast-paced and inspirational Million Dollar Mystery series. Attorney Callie Webber investigates nonprofit organizations for the J.O.S.H.U.A. Foundation and awards the best of them grants up to a million dollars. In each book of the series, Callie comes across a mystery she must solve using her skills as a former private investigator. A young widow, Callie finds strength in her faith in God and joy in her relationship with her employer, Tom.

In book number one of The Million Dollar Mystery series, Callie's assignment is to go to Philadelphia and present Wendell Smythe, an old family friend of her boss, Tom, with a check for \$250,000. Mr. Smythe heads a relief organization and needs immediate funds. When Callie goes to his office, check in hand, she discovers him dead on the floor. At Tom's request, Callie moves into Smythe's home and begins a murder investigation.

But it's a dangerous place to be, for the family has secrets they would rather not have uncovered. Callie's only hope is that God will help her use her investigative skills to discover the murderer and escape the web of deceit that surrounds her."

A Rare Benedictine: The Advent of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters: "Three vintage tales reveal how a former crusader became literature's greatest mystery-solving monk

""Brother Cadfael sprang to life suddenly and unexpectedly when he was already approaching sixty, mature, experienced, fully armed and seventeen years tonsured."" So writes Ellis Peters in her introduction to *A Rare Benedictine*—three vintage tales of intrigue and treachery featuring the monastic sleuth who has become the best-loved ecclesiastical detective since Father Brown.

Although Cadfael has appeared in twenty novel-length chronicles, the story of his entry into the monastery at Shrewsbury has been known hitherto only to a few readers. Now his myriad fans can discover the chain of events that led him into the Benedictine Order."

Reapers: Botswana Mystery Series, Book 2 by Frederick Ramsay: The World Cup, which arrives in June, has ripple effects on all South Africa's neighbors. The arrival of soccer fans, team owners, sponsors, and world dignitaries makes southern Africa, particularly Botswana, ripe for all sorts of intrigue and illicit activities. The American Secretary of State will visit the Chobe. The North Koreans, the Okavango, Arabs, French, Chinese, and Russians are scattered among the various lodges and hotels in the country before, during and after the games. And all will be watching and waiting on the others. *Orgonise Africa*, derived from Wilhelm Reich's popularization of orgone energy and transmogrified by bad science and wishful thinking, is an effort by fanatics to push forward a plan to seed Africa with orgone, which they believe will purify the continent, rid it of drought, poverty, and HIV/AIDs. To the north, "Patriarche," a silverback mountain gorilla, is forced to share his habitat with coltan miners led by General Le Grande, one of the Congo's many bloody war lords. The profits from the sale of coltan, so prized by electronics manufacturers, help fuel the seemingly endless civil wars that plague that poor country. Sanderson, the Game Ranger in the Chobe National Park, finds a body. Tracking down the murderer opens doors that lead her and Inspector Kgabo Modise first to evidence of local bribery, then to smuggling, and finally to what could well provoke an international incident, except for the shrewd action of Modise and Botswana's intelligence community.

Rich Man, Poor Man: Rich Man, Poor Man Series, Book 1 by Irwin Shaw: "This bestselling novel portrays the clash between two brothers amid the turmoil of postwar America. It's ""a book you can't put down"" (The New York Times).

Siblings Rudy, Tom, and Gretchen Jordache grow up in a small town on the Hudson River. They're in their teens in the 1940s, too young to go to war but marked by it nevertheless. Their father is the local baker, and

nothing suggests they will live storied lives. Yet, in this sprawling saga, each member of the family pushes against the grain of history and confronts the perils and pleasures of a world devastated by conflict and transformed by American commerce and culture.

A memorable novel by one of America's greatest twentieth-century authors, *Rich Man, Poor Man* offers a gripping ride through America between the Second World War and Vietnam. It was made into one of the first primetime TV mini-series, and starred Nick Nolte, Peter Strauss, and Susan Blakely.

This ebook features an illustrated biography of Irwin Shaw including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's estate."

River's Call: Inn at Shining Waters Series, Book 2 by Melody Carlson: "Anna Larson's daughter, Lauren, is confused, brokenhearted, and misguided. It's the turbulent 1960s and, feeling alienated from her mother, Lauren chooses to stay with her paternal grandmother. However, repelled by the woman's manipulative and spiteful ways, Lauren returns to her mother, the river, and the Inn at Shining Waters

There, Lauren begins to appreciate the person her mother is becoming—and she loves the river. However, romantic interests throw a wrench into the works and Lauren, jealous and angry, returns to her grandmother yet again.

But as time passes, Lauren, now a mother to her own defiant teenager, faces a new crisis—one that puts the entire family at risk."

Roots: The Saga of an American Family by Alex Haley: When *Roots* was first published forty years ago, the book electrified the nation: it received a Pulitzer Prize and was a #1 New York Times bestseller for 22 weeks. The celebrated miniseries that followed a year later was a coast-to-coast event—over 130 million Americans watched some or all of the broadcast. In the four decades since then, the story of the young African slave Kunta Kinte and his descendants has lost none of its power to enthrall and provoke.

Now, *Roots* once again bursts onto the national scene, and at a time when the race conversation has never been more charged. It is a book for the legions of earlier readers to revisit and for a new generation to discover.

To quote from the introduction by Michael Eric Dyson: "Alex Haley's *Roots* is unquestionably one of the nation's seminal texts. It affected events far beyond its pages and was a literary North Star.... Each generation must make up its own mind about how it will navigate the treacherous waters of our nation's racial sin. And each generation must overcome our social ills through greater knowledge and decisive action. *Roots* is a

stirring reminder that we can achieve these goals only if we look history squarely in the face.""

The star-studded cast in this new event series includes Academy Award-winners Forest Whitaker and Anna Paquin, Laurence Fishburne, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Derek Luke, Grammy Award-winner Tip "T.I." Harris, and Mekhi Phifer. Questlove of The Roots is the executive music producer for the miniseries's stirring soundtrack."

The Sacred Network: Megaliths, Cathedrals, Ley Lines, and the Power of Shared Consciousness by Chris H.

Hardy: "Recognizing the spiritual energy in sacred sites, each dominant culture builds their religious structures in the same location. In *The Sacred Network*, Chris Hardy shows how the world's sacred sites coincide with the intersections of energetic waves from the earth's geomagnetic field and how—via their megaliths, temples, and steeples—these sites act as antennae for the energies of the cosmos. Revealing that consciousness is a tangible energy, she explains how the sacred network is fueling an 8,000-year evolutionary cycle initiated by our megalithic ancestors that will soon culminate in a new state of shared consciousness for humanity.

ANCIENT MYSTERIES / NEW AGE ""Chris Hardy is one of the most intrepid explorers of the frontiers of consciousness. *The Sacred Network* provides its readers with a blueprint for their development both as individuals and as members of the human species."" —(Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Saybrook University, and coauthor of *Personal Mythology*) ""A scientist mind meets a visionary sage in author Chris Hardy. She foresees our individual souls weaving networks that will connect all over the world. One of the most creative and original books of our times."" —(Allan Combs, professor of transformative studies, California Institute of Integral Studies, and coeditor of *Thomas Berry, Dreamer of the Earth*) First marked by the standing stones of our megalithic ancestors, the world's sacred sites are not only places of spiritual energy but also hubs of cosmic energy and earthly energy. Generation upon generation has recognized the power of these sites, with the result that each dominant culture builds their religious structures on the same spots—the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, for example, was constructed over a temple to Diana that in turn had been built over a stone pillar worshipped by the Gauls. In *The Sacred Network*, Chris Hardy shows how the world's sacred sites coincide with the intersections of energetic waves from the earth's geomagnetic field and how—via their megaliths, temples, and steeples—these sites act as antennae for the energies of the cosmos. Delving deeply into Paris's sacred network, she also explores the intricate geometrical patterns created by the alignments of churches and monuments, such as pentagrams and Stars of David. Revealing that consciousness is a tangible energy, she explains how the sacred network is fueling an 8,000-year evolutionary cycle initiated by our megalithic ancestors that will soon culminate in a new state of shared consciousness for humanity. CHRIS H. HARDY, Ph.D., a former researcher at Psychophysical Research Laboratories in Princeton, has spent many years investigating psi capacities, altered states of consciousness, and the mind at large. She has authored 17 published books, including *Networks of Meaning*. She lives in France."

Security by Poul Anderson: The importance of personal freedom is a key theme that runs throughout the work of science fiction writer Poul Anderson, and it is perhaps most directly explored in the novella *Security*. The story imagines a future in which the United States has attained absolute power, instituting a police state with the justification that a severe restriction of liberty is the only way to preserve security.

Security: A Novel by Gina Wohlsdorf:""Original and imaginative . . . Ripping suspense, sheer terror, and a wrenching love story."" —Sandra Brown, New York Times bestselling author of *Friction*

The terrible truth about *Manderley* is that someone is always watching.

Manderley Resort is a gleaming, new twenty-story hotel on the California coast. It's about to open its doors, and the world—at least those with the means to afford it—will be welcomed into a palace of opulence and unparalleled security. But someone is determined that *Manderley* will never open. The staff has no idea that their every move is being watched, and over the next twelve hours they will be killed off, one by one.

Writing in the tradition of Edgar Allan Poe and Stephen King, and with a deep bow to Daphne du Maurier, author Gina Wohlsdorf pairs narrative ingenuity and razor-wire prose with quick twists, sharp turns, and gasp-inducing terror. *Security* is grand guignol storytelling at its very best.

A shocking thriller, a brilliant narrative puzzle, and a multifaceted love story unlike any other, *Security* marks the debut of a fearless and gifted writer.

""Be surprised, be very surprised: Gina Wohlsdorf brings more than just plot twists and a terrifically tender love story to this thriller . . . It's her playful homage to Hitchcock and du Maurier that had me reading, howling, and just plain loving this novel."" —Sara Gruen, author of *At the Water's Edge*

""Grand Hotel meets *Psycho* in the age of surveillance . . . *Security* is cinematically vivid, crisply written, and sharp enough to cut . . . Wohlsdorf brilliantly subverts our expectations of the action genre in this smart, shocking, poignant thriller."" —Emily Croy Barker, author of *The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic*

""The thrill of this novel goes beyond its wickedly clever, split-screen, high-tech wizardry—a kind of video gamer's literary retake of Hitchcock's *Rear Window*—and emanates from its strange, disembodied narrator . . . The effect is terrifying, sexy, dizzying, and impossible to look away from."" —Tim Johnston, author of *Descent*

""Shocking and filled with Tarantino-ish dark humor. . . Structurally reminiscent of the amazing Jennifer Egan, Wohlsdorf's book is certainly a hybrid, like nothing else. Get ready."" —Ann Beattie, author of *The State We're In*

""Flawless . . . *Security* is perfectly tuned for blockbuster status . . . They don't make a hotel big enough to house all the people who will want to read this, and soon, as in *Manderley*, all eyes will be on Wohlsdorf."" —Daniel Kraus, *Booklist*, starred review"

Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike by Phil Knight: "In this candid and riveting memoir, for the first time ever, Nike founder and CEO Phil Knight shares the inside story of the company's early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world's most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands. Young, searching, fresh out of business school, Phil Knight borrowed fifty dollars from his father and launched a company with one simple mission: import high-quality, low-cost running shoes from Japan. Selling the shoes from the trunk of his Plymouth Valiant, Knight grossed eight thousand dollars that first year, 1963. Today, Nike's annual sales top \$30 billion. In this age of start-ups, Knight's Nike is the gold standard, and its swoosh is more than a logo. A symbol of grace and greatness, it's one of the few icons instantly recognized in every corner of the world.

But Knight, the man behind the swoosh, has always been a mystery. Now, in a memoir that's surprising, humble, unfiltered, funny, and beautifully crafted, he tells his story at last. It all begins with a classic crossroads moment. Twenty-four years old, backpacking through Asia and Europe and Africa, wrestling with life's Great Questions, Knight decides the unconventional path is the only one for him. Rather than work for a big corporation, he will create something all his own, something new, dynamic, different. Knight details the many terrifying risks he encountered along the way, the crushing setbacks, the ruthless competitors, the countless doubters and haters and hostile bankers—as well as his many thrilling triumphs and narrow escapes. Above all, he recalls the foundational relationships that formed the heart and soul of Nike, with his former track coach, the irascible and charismatic Bill Bowerman, and with his first employees, a ragtag group of misfits and savants who quickly became a band of swoosh-crazed brothers.

Together, harnessing the electrifying power of a bold vision and a shared belief in the redemptive, transformative power of sports, they created a brand, and a culture, that changed everything."

The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time by Arianna Huffington: "We are in the midst of a sleep deprivation crisis, writes Arianna Huffington, the co-founder and editor in chief of The Huffington Post. And this has profound consequences -- on our health, our job performance, our relationships and our happiness. What is needed, she boldly asserts, is nothing short of a sleep revolution. Only by renewing our relationship with sleep can we take back control of our lives.

In her bestseller *Thrive*, Arianna wrote about our need to redefine success through well-being, wisdom, wonder, and giving. Her discussion of the importance of sleep as a gateway to this more fulfilling way of living struck such a powerful chord that she realized the mystery and transformative power of sleep called for a fuller investigation.

The result is a sweeping, scientifically rigorous, and deeply personal exploration of sleep from all angles, from the history of sleep, to the role of dreams in our lives, to the consequences of sleep deprivation, and the new

golden age of sleep science that is revealing the vital role sleep plays in our every waking moment and every aspect of our health -- from weight gain, diabetes, and heart disease to cancer and Alzheimer's.

In *The Sleep Revolution*, Arianna shows how our cultural dismissal of sleep as time wasted compromises our health and our decision-making and undermines our work lives, our personal lives -- and even our sex lives. She explores all the latest science on what exactly is going on while we sleep and dream. She takes on the dangerous sleeping pill industry, and all the ways our addiction to technology disrupts our sleep. She also offers a range of recommendations and tips from leading scientists on how we can get better and more restorative sleep, and harness its incredible power.

In today's fast-paced, always-connected, perpetually-harried and sleep-deprived world, our need for a good night's sleep is more important -- and elusive -- than ever. *The Sleep Revolution* both sounds the alarm on our worldwide sleep crisis and provides a detailed road map to the great sleep awakening that can help transform our lives, our communities, and our world."

Small-Town Brides Romance Collection: 9 Romances Develop Under the Watchful Eyes of Neighbors by Janet Lee Barton, Susan Downs et al: Join the fun and feel the romance in various historical communities from Massachusetts to Florida, Missouri to Texas. Meet ladies who take firm stands for their work in mills, orphanages, churches, schools, hospitals, and the like as they dance through courtship with their beaux. Can the nine couples develop lasting loves under the watchful eyes of their neighbors?

Smoke: A Novel by Dan Vyleta: "Readers of the Harry Potter series and Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell are sure to be mesmerized by Dan Vyleta's thrilling blend of historical fiction and fantasy, as three young friends scratch the surface of the grown-up world to discover startling wonders—and dangerous secrets.

"Dan Vyleta writes with intricacy and imagination and skillful pacing; never once would I have considered putting his book down. In the manner of both a Dickens novel and the best young adult adventure stories (the Harry Potter series among them). . .his ending, which I wouldn't dare reveal here, is a real firecracker." — Jennifer Senior, *The New York Times*

Welcome to a Victorian England unlike any other you have experienced before. Here, wicked thoughts (both harmless and hate-filled) appear in the air as telltale wisps of Smoke.

Young Thomas Argyle, a son of aristocracy, has been sent to an elite boarding school. Here he will be purged of Wickedness, for the wealthy do not Smoke. When he resists a sadistic headboy's temptations to Smoke, a

much larger struggle beyond the school walls is revealed. Shortly thereafter, on a trip to London, Thomas and his best friend witness events that make them begin to question everything they have been taught about Smoke.

And thus the adventure begins... You will travel by coach to a grand estate where secrets lurk in attic rooms and hidden laboratories; where young love blossoms; and where a tumultuous relationship between a mother and her children is the crucible in which powerful passions are kindled, and dangerous deeds must be snuffed out in a desperate race against time."

The Sorcerer's Daughter: Defenders of Shannara Series, Book 3 by Terry Brooks: The inspiration for the epic MTV series, the world of Shannara is brimming with untold stories and unexplored territory. Now bestselling author Terry Brooks breaks new ground with a standalone adventure that's sure to thrill veteran readers and recent converts alike.

Spells of Blood and Kin: A Dark Fantasy by Claire Humphrey: "Where we love, we ruin...Some families hand down wealth through generations; some hand down wisdom. Some families, whether they want to or not, hand down the secret burdens they carry and the dangerous debts they owe.

Lissa Nevsky's grandmother leaves her a big, empty house, and a legacy of magic: folk magic, old magic, brought with Baba when she fled the Gulag. In the wake of her passing, the Russian community of Toronto will depend on Lissa now, to give them their remedies and be their koldun'ia. But Lissa hasn't had time to learn everything Baba wanted to teach her—let alone the things Baba kept hidden.

Maksim Volkov's birth family is long dead, anything they bestowed on him long turned to dust. What Maksim carries now is a legacy of violence, and he does not have to die to pass it on. When Maksim feels his protective spell fail, he returns to the witch he rescued from the Gulag, only to find his spell has died along with the one who cast it. Without the spell, it is only a matter of time before Maksim's violent nature slips its leash and he infects someone else—if he hasn't done so already.

Nick Kaisaris is just a normal dude who likes to party. He doesn't worry about family drama. He doesn't have any secrets. All he wants is for things to stay like they are right now, tonight: Nick and his best buddy Jonathan, out on the town. Only Nick is on a collision course with Maksim Volkov, and what he takes away from this night is going to crack open Nick's nature until all of his worst self comes to light.

Lissa's legacy of magic might hold the key to Maksim's salvation, if she can unravel it in time. But it's a legacy that comes at a price. And Maksim might not want to be saved"

The Summer Dragon: First Book of the Evertide by Todd Lockwood: "The debut novel from the acclaimed illustrator—a high fantasy adventure featuring dragons and deadly politics.

Maia and her family raise dragons for the political war machine. As she comes of age, she anticipates a dragon of her own to add to the stable of breeding parents. Her peaceful life is shattered when the Summer Dragon—one of the rare and mythical High Dragons—makes an appearance in her quiet valley. Political factions vie for control of the implied message, threatening her aspirations, her aerie, her entire way of life.

The bond between dragons and their riders is deep and life-long, and Maia's desire for a dragon of her own to train, ride, fly, and love drives her to take a risk that puts her life at stake. She is swept into an adventure that pits her against the deathless Horrors, thralls of the enemy, and a faceless creature drawn from her fear. In her fight to preserve everything she knows and loves, she exposes a conspiracy, unearths an ancient civilization, and challenges her understanding of her world—and of herself."

The Thin Man by Dashiell Hammett: Nick and Nora Charles are Hammett's most enchanting creations, a rich, glamorous couple who solve homicides in between wisecracks and martinis. At once knowing and unabashedly romantic, *The Thin Man* is a murder mystery that doubles as a sophisticated comedy of manners.

The Thrill Kids by Vin Packer: The Lesson—According to Kicks . . . Heine pointed the knife at her. "O.K., Lady Godiva, take off the blouse." She stood motionless, unable to answer or move. "Go ahead," Heine said. "Take that piece-of-nothing off." The boy's shoulders slumped and he began to groan. "Brace, mister!" Bar shouted. He put a fist in the boy's gut, and the boy sank to his knees in the dirt, weeping helplessly. "O.K., green-belly," Bar said. "Stay there. Your turn comes next." Dazedly the girl undid her blouse. Heine reached and yanked it off her shoulders. She stood there quivering, her pink slip plain and worn. Behind them, Manny began to cough. Johnny stood rooted to the place from where he watched. "Let the straps down," Heine said to the girl. "Please. Please . . ." "Do what I tell you." Heine held the knife menacingly. The boy began to pray softly in Spanish. She raised trembling fingers to her bare-shoulders and slipped the straps over them. The top of her slip and her bra fell to her waist. "Let her go," Manny whispered. "You ought to let her go now. Huh?" "Let her go!" Bar shouted. "What are you worried about, mister? We're just teaching these two juvenile delinquents a lesson. Don't you understand that, mister? We're going to teach these two juvenile delinquents a lesson they're never, never going to forget." He drew his foot back violently and kicked the boy in the groin. "Isn't that right, green-belly?" The boy's scream of pain rent the air of the summer night.

Twice the Mice: I Can Read Level 1 by Rob Scotton: "Splat gets to meet Seymour's brother, Brice, in this fun-filled I Can Read book from New York Times bestselling author-artist Rob Scotton.

Splat is thrilled when he finds out that Seymour's brother is coming to visit. Splat even stays up all night planning ways to impress his new friend. Although Splat's big surprise takes a calamitous turn, everyone ends up having even more fun than they expected!

Beginning readers will practice the -ice sound in this easy-to-read addition to the Splat series.

Splat the Cat: Twice the Mice is a Level One I Can Read book, which means it's perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences."

The Twisted Ones by Vin Packer: WHY DID THEY KILL? These were nice kids, model kids. They didn't wear leather jackets and roam the streets in "wolf packs"; they didn't steal and mug for dope. For kids, they were well mannered and quiet. They were attractive and nicely dressed. You'd have welcomed them as next-door neighbors. Yet .. one raped one murdered one killed by fire What got into them? What dark thoughts tormented them when they were alone at night?

Ullr Uprising by H. Beam Piper: Terra has a problem. The Ullr are uprising and the uprising must be put down at any cost. A brilliant retelling of the Sepoy Mutiny set against an interstellar empire. H. Beam Piper was one of the best writers of space opera that science fiction ever produced. Well written, insightful, and revealing.

Vinegar Girl: A Novel by Anne Tyler: "Pulitzer Prize winner and American master Anne Tyler brings us an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies

Kate Battista feels stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and uppity, pretty younger sister Bunny? Plus, she's always in trouble at work – her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don't always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner.

Dr. Battista has other problems. After years out in the academic wilderness, he is on the verge of a breakthrough. His research could help millions. There's only one problem: his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. And without Pyotr, all would be lost.

When Dr. Battista cooks up an outrageous plan that will enable Pyotr to stay in the country, he's relying – as usual – on Kate to help him. Kate is furious: this time he's really asking too much. But will she be able to resist the two men's touchingly ludicrous campaign to bring her around?"

Wayward, Volume 1 by Jim Zub, Steve Cummings: "IMAGE COMICS'S NEW SUPERNATURAL SPECTACULAR! ""If Wayward isn't the next Saga, it will be a damn criminal shame."" -Bleeding Cool Rori Lane is trying to start

a new life when she reunites with her mother in Japan, but ancient creatures lurking in the shadows of Tokyo sense something hidden deep within her, threatening everything she holds dear. Can Rori unlock the secrets of her power before it's too late? JIM ZUB (SKULLKICKERS, Samurai Jack) and STEVE CUMMINGS (Legends of the Dark Knight, Deadshot) team-up to create an all-new Image supernatural spectacle that combines the camaraderie and emotion of Buffy with the action and mystery of Hellboy. Collects WAYWARD #1-5."

White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America by Nancy Isenberg: In her groundbreaking history of the class system in America, extending from colonial times to the present, Nancy Isenberg takes on our comforting myths about equality, uncovering the crucial legacy of the ever-present, always embarrassing—if occasionally entertaining—poor white trash

The wretched and landless poor have existed from the time of the earliest British colonial settlement. They were alternately known as ""waste people,"" ""offals,"" ""rubbish,"" ""lazy lubbers,"" and ""crackers." By the 1850s, the downtrodden included so-called ""clay eaters"" and ""sandhillers,"" known for prematurely aged children distinguished by their yellowish skin, ragged clothing, and listless minds.

Surveying political rhetoric and policy, popular literature and scientific theories over four hundred years, Isenberg upends assumptions about America's supposedly class-free society—where liberty and hard work were meant to ensure real social mobility. Poor whites were central to the rise of the Republican Party in the early nineteenth century, and the Civil War itself was fought over class issues nearly as much as it was fought over slavery. Reconstruction pitted poor white trash against newly freed slaves, which factored in the rise of eugenics—a widely popular movement embraced by Theodore Roosevelt that targeted poor whites for sterilization. These poor were at the heart of New Deal reforms and LBJ's Great Society; they haunt us in reality TV shows like Here Comes Honey Boo Boo and Duck Dynasty. Marginalized as a class, white trash have always been at or near the center of major political debates over the character of the American identity.

We acknowledge racial injustice as an ugly stain on our nation's history. With Isenberg's landmark book, we will have to face the truth about the enduring, malevolent nature of class as well."

The Wicked Duke: Wicked Trilogy, Book 3 by Madeline Hunter: "Third in the roguishly intriguing series by the New York Times bestselling author of Tall, Dark, and Wicked and His Wicked Reputation...

She appeals to his wicked inclinations, but he never expects she might snare his heart....

Suspected of his brother's murder, Lancelot Hemingford, Duke of Aylesbury, was forced to give up his hell-raising habits in London for the anonymity of quiet country living. So, when an opportunity arises to clear his name in exchange for proposing to the niece of a neighbor, he sees no choice but to accept. Plus, seducing the

reluctant maiden will be a most intriguing challenge...

As Marianne Radley is dependent on her uncle, she must accept the Duke's marriage proposal at her family's request, despite her belief he is irredeemably wicked. But along with marrying him, she intends to sniff out the duke's unsavory secrets and expose them to the world: a plan that would be flawless were it not for one minor detail—even she, with all her determination, is not immune to the charms of a rakish duke..."

Wytches, Volume 1 by Scott Snyder: When the Rooks family moves to the remote town of Litchfield, NH to escape a haunting trauma, they're hopeful about starting over. But something evil is waiting for them in the woods just beyond town. Watching from the trees. Ancient...and hungry. Collects WYTCES #1-6.

Streaming Videos:

The Civil War, Episode 3: Forever Free – 1862 by Ken Burns, Ric Burns, David McCullough: This episode charts the dramatic events that led to Lincoln's decision to set the slaves free.

Cutting Edge Comedians of the 60s and 70s by George Carlin, Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin & Richard Pryor: In the late 1950s, a fresh style of standup comedy emerged tackling previously taboo subjects as sex, religion, politics, and drugs. Here are those comedians who took the big risks years ago and paved the way for today's crop of maverick comics.

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