



East Lyme High School 2006
Summer Reading List
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The East Lyme High School summer reading program is a school-wide summer initiative developed and supported by the faculty as an integral part of a well-rounded education. All students will be expected to participate by reading two books selected from this list containing a wide variety of titles. Books appearing on the list have been selected based upon faculty and student recommendations, availability of books and reviews, suitability, quality, variety, and the fact that they are not required reading titles for a course. Excerpts of book reviews were taken from Syndetic Solutions and Amazon.com. The summer reading list provides students with the opportunity to expand their horizons by selecting books which they might not otherwise read. Parents should monitor book selections.

Students are required to read two books from the 2006 Summer Reading List to fulfill the summer reading requirement.

Be sure to select both book titles must be from the list!

During the second week of school, there will be two time slots devoted to a school-wide focus on reading discussions. Students will meet in small groups with a faculty advisor to discuss their readings and respond to questions. Written reports or plot summaries are not necessary and should not be brought to the discussion groups. However, a 3x5 card with cue words may be used as a prompt if needed during the book discussion.

Grading standards will be:

P: aptly summarizes and interprets book and presents in a clear, interesting manner.

F: has not read two books or cannot explain either one of the two books so that anyone else can understand the content or did not appear at the group discussion session.

These grades will appear as a separate line on permanent records and transcripts.

Most of the books can be found in a separate collection at East Lyme Public Library. All of the titles are in libraries who use the LION system. Staff at East Lyme Public Library and Salem Library will help students obtain copies. Local bookstores and Amazon.com are also sources for obtaining books as well as other local libraries.

Requirements for new students registering during the summer: Students new to the school who register prior to August 1 will be required to read two books. Students who register between August 1 and August 15 will be required to read one book.

Annotations are from Amazon.com and Syndetic Solutions in [LION](#)

		One Book/One Region
The true story of Hansel and Gretel	Murphy, Louise	In the winter of 1943, on the outskirts of a dark forest, two Jewish children flee the Nazis with their father and stepmother. In a moment of desperation, the children are given the aliases Hansel and Gretel and sent alone into the woods to hide. Gretel leads her brother in search of food and protection, while Hansel leaves a trail of breadcrumbs behind so that their father might find them again. So begins <i>The True Story of Hansel and Gretel</i> . Murphy's book has been described as, "A page turner as well as a moving testament to the human will to do good and survive despite all odds..."
Briar Rose	Yolen, Jane	A reviewer found Yolen's retelling of the fairy tale <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> "both heartbreaking and heartwarming ... a compelling reminder of the Holocaust as well as a contemporary tale of secrets and romance." <i>Briar Rose</i> tells the story of Rebecca who has been enchanted since childhood by her grandmother Gemma's stories. But a promise Rebecca makes to her dying grandmother will lead her on a remarkable journey to uncover the truth of Gemma's claim, "I am Briar Rose."
		East Lyme Public Library Summer Reading Selections A Midsummer's Night Dream, July 11th, 7 p.m. The True Story of Hansel and Gretel, August 8th, 7 p.m.
A midsummer's night's dream	Shakespeare	Shakespeare's play about devilish fairies, bedeviled lovers and tradesmen actors. Plots intertwine as entangled love affairs, the comical performance of a "play within a play" by the tradesmen of Athens, and the antics of fairyland among King Oberon and his queen, Titania, produce a bizarre series of entanglements, but all ends happily.
		Extreme Challenges
The taking	Koontz, Dean R	Epic in scope, seemingly intimate and immediate in its perspective, "The Taking" delivers a novel of surpassing suspense and visceral terror, telling the story of a small town's encounter with doomsday.
Blue latitudes : boldly going where Captain Cook has gone before	Horwitz, Tony	Two centuries after James Cook's epic voyages of discovery, Tony Horwitz takes readers on a wild ride across hemispheres and centuries to recapture the Captain's adventures and explore his embattled legacy in today's Pacific. Horwitz, a Pulitzer Prize-winner, works as a sailor aboard a replica of Cook's ship, meets island kings and beauty queens, and carouses the South Seas with a hilarious and disgraceful travel companion, an Aussie named Roger. He also creates a brilliant portrait of Cook: an impoverished farm boy who became the greatest navigator in British history and forever changed the lands he touched. Poignant, probing, antic, and exhilarating, <i>Blue Latitudes</i> brings to life a man who helped create the global village we inhabit today.
Cold Springs	Riordan, Rick	Chadwick's life was balanced on a knife's edge--his career, his marriage, his relationship with his dangerously troubled daughter. And then one autumn night, the worst possible thing happened.... Now, a decade later, Chadwick's heart is on the mend. Working for an old military buddy, he saves kids for a living, escorting troubled teens to a Texas wilderness school that specializes in the toughest brand of love. One day he gets a phone call that threatens to shatter his new life.

Deep survival	Gonzales, Laurence	The author delves into the science, psychology, and art of wilderness survival. His analysis is riveting, his conclusions startling. After her plane crashes, a seventeen-year-old girl spends eleven days walking through the Peruvian jungle. Against all odds, with no food, shelter, or equipment, she gets out. A better-equipped group of adult survivors of the same crash sits down and dies. What makes the difference?
Night flight	Saint Exupery, Antoine de	This is the tale of the dramatic events of a single night in the live of the brave men who fly night mail over the mountains from Chile to Argentina in the early days of commercial aviation in the worst weather conditions.
Revenge of the whale	Philbrick, Nathaniel	Philbrick tells the story of the Nantucket whale ship Essex, which sank in the Pacific in November 1820, after being deliberately rammed twice by an apparently enraged sperm whale.
Sahara	Cussler, Clive	Cussler's <i>Raise the Titanic</i> durable hero Dirk Pitt returns with Al Giordino, his amiable hulk of a sidekick, to save mankind from a greedy industrialist in cahoots with a despot and to solve a few historical riddles along the way. Dirk meets beautiful Eva Rojas, a World Health Organization team member inspecting a mysterious epidemic that has struck in the Sahara, when he interrupts an attempt on her life.
The coldest March	Soloman, Susan	The icy deaths of Robert Falcon Scott and his companions on their return from the South Pole in 1912 made them English icons of courage and sacrifice. Soon, however, Scott's judgments and decisions were questioned, and his reputation became one of an inept bungler rather than a heroic pioneer. Susan Solomon, senior scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, approaches Scott's story from a meteorologist's point of view.
The Cyclist: a novel	Berberian, Viken	The Cyclist explores the background and motivations of its unnamed narrator, a Lebanese terrorist-in-training given the task of detonating a bomb delivered on his bicycle at a luxury hotel outside of Beirut.
The dark horse	Sedgwick, Marcus	Sig is a boy in a coastal tribe, the Storn, long ago in a northern land. On the day of the wolf hunt, the life of the tribe changes forever, for Sig rescues a small girl, more like the wolves who shelter her than a human. Sig's family adopts her. They name her Mouse, and Sig becomes a loyal brother to this girl with disturbing powers and a secret past. One day Sig and Mouse find a mysterious box on the beach, and a stranger, a magician, comes in search of it—and of Mouse. The shocking discovery of Mouse's true identity brings to life a terrifying legend and leads to war, betrayal, and Sig's coming of age as he struggles to save his tribe.
The story of a shipwrecked sailor	Garcia Marquez	The sailor survives in a life raft for 10 days without food or water. After he is proclaimed a hero, is his life forever changed?
Interesting People		
A strong right arm: the story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson	Green, Michelle	Fueled by her passion for the game and buoyed by the inspiration of Jackie Robinson, Mamie Johnson is determined to be a professional baseball pitcher. From the time she insists on trying out for the all-male all-white Police Athletic League team until she becomes one of only three women to play in the Negro Leagues, this biography of Mamie Johnson's life shows that courage-and a fierce curveball-can make a childhood dream come true.
A voice from the Vietnam War	Coward, Russell	Coward's memoir describes the time he spent teaching English to South Vietnamese officers during the Vietnam War, as well as the war's long-term effects on veterans and others.
Always faithful	Putney, William W.	Retired veterinarian Putney is also a decorated World War II veteran whose primary service was helping organize the Marine War Dog Corps, which trained nearly a thousand dogs, mostly Doberman pinschers, as scouts, messengers, and alarm givers. Many of the dogs saw combat, especially on Guam, where then captain Putney won a Purple Heart and Silver Star.
Ambushed : a war reporter's life on the line	Stewart, Ian	Ian Stewart has reported from some of the most dangerous places on earth, but none more dangerous than Sierra Leone. When he was named West Africa bureau chief by the Associated Press, Stewart accepted his new assignment with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. He was one of the AP's youngest bureau chiefs, and over the next year he reported from the front lines of the war-ravaged countries of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, and Sierra Leone.
Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X	If there was any one man who articulated the anger, the struggle, and the beliefs of African Americans in the 1960s, that man was Malcolm X.

Billy the kid	Utley, Robert	This young outlaw's life and death were an expression of the violence prevalent on the American frontier.
Blood brothers	Chacour, Elias	An exile in his native land, Elias began a years-long struggle with his love for the Jewish people and the world's misunderstanding of his own people, the Palestinians. How was he to respond? He found his answer in the simple, haunting words of the Man of Galilee: "Blessed are the peacemakers." In Blood Brothers Chacour blends his riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the birth of modern Israel.
Bode : go fast, be good, have fun	Miller, Bode	The "Michael Jordan of skiing" and two-time Olympic silver medalist shares his story, the secret of his success, and his philosophy of life in this engaging, fast-paced, and big-hearted biography.
Borrowed finery	Fox, Paula	Born in the 1920s to nomadic, bohemian parents, Paula Fox is left at birth in a Manhattan orphanage, then cared for by a poor yet cultivated minister in upstate New York. Her parents, however, soon resurface. Her handsome father is a hard-drinking screenwriter who is, for young Paula, "part ally, part betrayer." Her mother is given to icy bursts of temper that punctuate a deep indifference.
Buffalo Bill's life story	Cody, Colonel W. F.	Stirring campfire tales of the Old West animate these memoirs of Colonel William F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill.
China's son	Chen, Da	Born in 1962 in southern China, Da Chen had monumental hurdles to overcome before he could even walk or talk. Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution was in full swing, and the descendants of landlords, who were despised, were routinely stripped of their wealth, beaten, humiliated, and sent off to labor camps.
Chinese Cinderella	Mah, Adeline Yen	Blamed for the loss of her mother, who died shortly after giving birth to her, Mah is an outcast in her own family. When her father remarries and moves the family to Shanghai to evade the Japanese during WWII, Mah and her siblings are relegated to second-class status by their stepmother.
David Crockett : hero of the common man	Groneman, William	David Crockett was a true self-made man who left home at the age of twelve. His adventures - hunting and exploring, serving as a soldier under Andrew Jackson in the Creek Indian War of 1813, a political career that took him to the United States Congress, an incessant search for "elbow room" that drew him to Texas - these were the real fabric of a heroic life.
Devil in the Details	Traig, Jennifer	Being a Teenager is hard enough. Jennifer Traig's adolescence took angst to new heights, adding a layer of obsessive-compulsive drama that made ordinary mortifications like bad hair-styles and fashion errors feel like the good parts. Devil in the Details is her unforgettable, hilarious, wrenching account of growing up weird.
Eyeing the Flash	Fenton, Peter	Set against the hurly-burly atmosphere of the carnival midway, this wryly humorous memoir tells of Fenton's transformation from shy, awkward teen to smooth-talking professional grifter.
Fighting fire	Paul, Caroline	She fought the prejudice. She fought the stereotype. Then she fought the greatest force of all-- fire. When the San Francisco Fire Department broke their all-male rule to hire women, Caroline Paul never thought she'd be chosen. She had already enrolled in film school. And Caroline, a strikingly beautiful Stanford graduate, didn't fit anyone's idea of a fireman. Except her own.
Full throttle : the life and fast times of NASCAR legend Curtis Turner	Edelstein, Robert	Curtis Turner was the most dynamic stock car racer of all time; he wrote the book on living fast and dying young. His life embodied everything that makes NASCAR the fastest growing spectator sport in America: the adrenaline rush of the races, the potential for danger at every turn, and the charismatic, outrageous personality of a winner.

Good brother, bad brother: the story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth	Giblin, James	In many ways, the Booth brothers were two of a kind. They were among America's finest actors, having inherited from their father, Junius Brutus Booth, a commanding stage presence and a rich, expressive voice. They also inherited Junius's penchant for alcohol and impulsive behavior. In other respects, the two brothers were very different. Edwin's introspective nature made him the perfect actor to play Hamlet, while John, with his dashing good looks and passionate intensity, excelled in romantic roles. They also stood at opposite poles politically. Edwin voted for Abraham Lincoln; John was an ardent advocate of the Confederacy.
Hard fought victories	Gogol, Sara	Gogol, a professor of English and women's studies, spotlights women collegiate coaches from several sports--basketball, tennis, softball, volleyball, and lacrosse, among others--and chronicles the changes that have taken place in women's athletics over the years.
How to be like Mike	Williams, Pat	This motivational book uses Michael Jordan as a prime example of how to achieve one's dream career goals whether they are in the sports arena or in other fields. Each chapter focuses on one ingredient in the recipe for success.
Jack: the early years of John F. Kennedy	Cooper, Ilene	The story of the boyhood of John Fitzgerald Kennedy--known as Jack--is told in this sympathetic portrait of a complex youth who, as he struggles with the pressures of father-second son dynamics and ill health, discovers within himself an intensity for living.
John Lennon: All I Want Is the Truth	Partridge, Elizabeth	Partridge chronicles the emotional highs and paralyzing lows John Lennon transformed into brilliant, evocative songs. With photos spanning his entire life, this is the unforgettable biography of one of rock's biggest legends.
Letters from the Dust Bowl	Henderson, Caroline A.	In <i>Letters from the Dust Bowl</i> , Alvin O. Turner has collected and edited Henderson's published materials and personal correspondence dating from 1908 to 1966. She had moved to Oklahoma's panhandle to homestead and teach in 1907, and her writing mirrored her love of the land and of the literature that sustained her as she struggled for survival during the Great Depression of the 1930's.
Lincoln as I knew him	Holzer, Harold ed.	Holzer, compiler of previous Lincoln books, has found a new approach to this most revered yet enigmatic of presidents. He delves into Lincoln's character through the revelations of those who knew him.
Longitude	Sobel, Dava	The thorniest scientific problem of the eighteenth century was how to determine longitude. Many thousands of lives had been lost at sea over the centuries due to the inability to determine an east-west position. This is the engrossing story of the clockmaker, John "Longitude" Harrison, who solved the problem that Newton and Galileo had failed to conquer.
Lost in America	Nuland, Sherwin	Meyer Nudelman came to America from Russia at the turn of the twentieth century, when he was nineteen. Pursuing the immigrant's dream of a better life but finding the opposite, he lived an endless round of frustration, despair, anger, and loss: overwhelmed by the premature deaths of his first son and wife; his oldest surviving son disabled by rheumatic fever in his teens; his youngest son, Sherwin, dutiful but defiant, caring for him as his life, beset by illness and fierce bitterness, wound to its unalterable end.
Mayada, daughter of Iraq	Sasson, Jean	Jean Sasson met Mayada Al-Askari on a trip to Baghdad in 1998. One year later, Jean learned that Mayada had been taken without the knowledge of her family from the tiny print shop that she owned and imprisoned in the notorious Baladiyat Prison--headquarters of Saddam Hussein's infamous secret police. Mayada's story both past and present is truly incredible. Her family was one of the most distinguished and honored families in Iraq.
My brother	Kincaid, Jamaica	Compassion only occasionally lightens the grim tone of Jamaica Kincaid's searing account of her younger brother Devon's 1996 death from AIDS.
My thirteenth winter: a memoir	Abeel, Samantha	Abeel tells her own story of living with and overcoming dyscalculia, a math-related learning disability. She describes how her life was affected by her learning disability before and after she was diagnosed, and the way her peers, her family, and her teachers treated her.
Needles	Dominick, Andie	Andie knew all about needles because her older sister Denise was diabetic and she used them daily for insulin shots. As young children, Andie and her brother picked the used ones out of the trash and played with them. Then, when the author was nine, she herself was diagnosed as diabetic and the games were over. Needles became the instruments she needed to manage her life, literally and figuratively.

Open the unusual door	Edited by Barbara Summers	All of the authors in this inspiring collection took advantage of the hand they were dealt - a chance to triumph, make a comeback, or, in some cases, simply survive.
Panther in the basement	Oz, Amos	Oz revisits here the Jerusalem of his childhood in the late days of the British mandate in Palestine. He is 12 years old and has dreams of dying heroically in battle.
Parvana's journey	Ellis, Deborah	Sequel to <i>The Breadwinner</i> , <i>Parvana's Journey</i> follows the 12-year-old girl who, disguised as a boy, sets off from Kabul in search of her missing mother and siblings in Taliban-era Afghanistan. When war breaks out, she bands together with other displaced children. Royalties from the sale of the book go to Women for Women, a relief organization benefiting women in Afghanistan.
Persepolis	Satrapi, Marjane	<i>Persepolis</i> is Marjane Satrapi's wise, funny, and heartbreaking memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. The intelligent and outspoken only child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors, Marjane bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country.
Persepolis 2: the story of a return	Satrapi, Marjane	In <i>Persepolis</i> , Marjane Satrapi dazzled us with her heartrending memoir-in-comic-strips about growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. Here is the continuation of her fascinating story. In 1984, Marjane flees fundamentalism and the war with Iraq to begin a new life in Vienna. Once there, she faces the trials of adolescence far from her friends and family, and while she soon carves out a place for herself among a group of fellow outsiders, she continues to struggle for a sense of belonging.
Riding the bus with my sister	Simon, Rachel	When she received an invitation to her mentally retarded sister's annual Plan of Care review, Simon realized that this was Beth's way of attempting to bring her back into her life. Beth challenged the author to give a year of her life to riding "her" buses with her. Even though Simon didn't know where it would take her, she accepted. During that time, she came to see her sister as a person in her own right.
Room full of mirrors : a biography of Jimi Hendrix	Cross, Charles R	Coinciding with the thirty-fifth anniversary of Jimi Hendrix's death in 1970, Room Full of Mirrors is the definitive biography of rock 'n' roll's greatest guitarist.
Sea and earth	Sterling, Philip	This is the biography of the scientist, Rachel Carson, who wrote such masterpieces as <i>The Sea Around Us</i> and <i>Silent Spring</i> .
She's not there: a life in two genders	Boylan, Jennifer	<i>She's Not There</i> is the story of a person changing genders, the story of a person bearing and finally revealing a complex secret; above all, it is a love story. By turns funny and deeply moving, Jennifer Finney Boylan explores the remarkable territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships, and rejoices in the redeeming power of family.
Spygirl : true adventures from my life as a private eye	Gray, Amy	"Harriet the Spy" meets Carrie Bradshaw in the true story of editorial assistant-cum-gumshoe girl Amy Gray's experiences in life, love, and busting bad guys in the Big Apple.
Standing like a stone wall	Robertson, James I.	A strong and complete biography of the famous Confederate general, Stonewall Jackson. Robertson's detailed portrait of his subject's youth reveals the many experiences that shaped the man.
Starting from home	Meltzer, Milton	The author recounts the discoveries, hardships, and triumphs of his early life and the influences that shaped him as a person and writer.

Stolen lives: 20 years in a desert jail	Oufkir, Malika	At the age of 5, Malika Oufkir, eldest daughter of General Oufkir, was adopted by King Muhammad V of Morocco and sent to live in the palace as part of the royal court. There she led a life of unimaginable privilege and luxury alongside the king's own daughter. King Hassan II ascended the throne following Muhammad V's death, and in 1972 General Oufkir was found guilty of treason after staging a coup against the new regime, and was summarily executed. Immediately afterward, Malika, her mother, and her five siblings were arrested and imprisoned, despite having no prior knowledge of the coup attempt.
Surviving Hitler: a boy in the Nazi death camps	Warren, Andrea	Through the words and memories of Jack Mandelbaum, Warren presents a harrowing account of a Jewish boy's experience in Nazi prison camps. Mandelbaum had lived a comfortable life with his family in Gdynia, Poland, until the German invasion forced them to flee to a relative's village in 1939.
Tales of a war pilot	Kirkland, Richard	More than just another memoir of events, <i>Tales of a War Pilot</i> provides an accurate, intimate, informative, close-up look at how airmen behaved, survived, and sometimes died, during one of the century's most war-torn decades.
Talking to the dead: Kate and Maggie Fox and the rise of spiritualism	Weisberg, Barbara	March 1848. Mysterious knocks are heard in a little house in rural New York, throwing the community into turmoil. Are the children who live there making the raps to trick their parents? Or are the girls mediums for otherworldly messages? From a battery of strange sounds and the excitement they create, modern Spiritualism is born. <i>Talking to the Dead: Kate and Maggie Fox and the Rise of Spiritualism</i> follows the remarkable story of the Fox sisters, who were catapulted to fame after word spread that they communicated with spirits.
The bear's embrace	Van Tighem, Patricia	On a chilly autumn morning in 1983, during a relaxing escape to the Canadian Rockies, Patricia Van Tighem and her husband were attacked by a grizzly bear. Although they survived, their ordeal was just beginning.
The Beatles come to America	Goldsmith, Martin	On February 7, 1964 -- "B-Day" as one disk jockey called it -- the Beatles landed in New York. As John, Paul, George, and Ringo walked down the gangway of their plane, thousands of fans, their shrieks competing with the wails of jet engines for sonic supremacy, welcomed them to America. It was pandemonium -- an airport official declared, "We've never seen anything like this here before. Never. Not even for kings and queens" -- and just the start of the adulation the Beatles were about to experience.
The diving bell and the butterfly	Bauby, Jean-Dominique	On December 8 1995, Elle magazine editor-in-chief Bauby suffered a stroke and lapsed into a coma. He awoke 20 days later, mentally aware of his surroundings but physically paralyzed with the exception of some movement in his head and left eye. Bauby had Locked-in-Syndrome, a rare condition caused by stroke damage to the brain stem. Eye movements and blinking a code representing letters of the alphabet became his sole means of communication.
The education of a coach	Halberstam, David	Bill Belichick is one of the most intriguing yet enigmatic figures in contemporary American sports. He is the best professional football coach of our era, and his New England
The oldest rookie	Morris, Jim	You really can't make this stuff up: a kid who so loves throwing a ball that at age three, he takes his ball and bat to bed with him; an army brat who learns early that he can make friends and fit in if he follows the church of high-school athletics (the football denomination); a guy whose time in the minors sours in a sea of pain, poverty, and surgery. Morris has a coauthor, but you can't fake the utter <i>guy</i> ness of him: charming, homespun, real.
The Oster conspiracy of 1938	Parssinen, Terry	This is the story of the military plot to kill Adolph Hitler and avert World War II through several failed assassination attempts.
The Pirate hunter	Zacks, Richard	We all know Captain Kidd, the bloodthirsty pirate who murdered and plundered his way across the seven seas, sailing under the skull and crossbones. Well, it turns out that pretty much everything we know about Kidd is wrong. He wasn't a pirate; he was a privateer, commissioned by the British government to hunt pirates. He wasn't ruthless; as a matter of fact, he was a family man, with a wife and daughter waiting back home.
The Summer of Ordinary Ways	Helget, Nicole Lea	Here is a family portrait that is both pitiless and tender: an alcoholic father who is loving and explosive; a beautiful, angry, and depressed mother who has borne six daughters in eighteen years; and all those Helget girls, gorgeous and smart as whips - neighbors say they're something else. Nicole, the oldest, learns to do what others want, then must find her own path to adulthood

The wall cannot stop our stories		This is a book of diaries of 11th grade students from the Terra Sancta School for girls in the region of Bethlehem and Palestine who write of their traumatic nightmares and experiences under the suppression of the Intifada.
They don't play hockey in heaven	Baker, Ken	Eight years after his college hockey career ended and two years after a successful brain surgery, Baker, a writer for U.S. Weekly, decided to try to play professional hockey for the first time .
They went whistling	Holland, Barbara	A girl-power version of women's history, Holland's entertaining book chronicles the lives of women who have defied convention by daring to live as career criminals, soldiers, artists and religious seekers.
This man's army: a soldier's story from the front lines of the war on terrorism	Exum, Andrew	In 1996, Andrew Exum left his native Tennessee to become the first in his family to enroll at an Ivy League university, where he joined the Army ROTC program to help pay for his tuition. After graduation, he chose to enter the infantry, and he would have to endure the grueling physical and psychological trials of the Army's Ranger School before becoming a platoon leader with the storied 10th Mountain Division in upstate New York. At the time, he thought that perhaps, if he was lucky, he and his men would have the opportunity to serve in a peacekeeping mission. On September 11, 2001, those plans were shattered - and the course of his life would change forever.
This wild darkness	Brodkey, Harold	"This is how my life ended. And how my dying began." So wrote Brodkey, a novelist and short-story writer, after he was diagnosed with AIDS in the spring of 1993.
Typhoid Mary	Bourdain, Anthony	In <i>Typhoid Mary</i> , Bourdain, renowned chef and author of <i>Kitchen Confidential</i> (2000), reexamines the legend of Mary Maflon, otherwise known as the infamous Typhoid Mary. Unwittingly responsible for an outbreak of typhoid fever in Oyster Bay, Long Island, in 1904, Mary, a cook, fled when authorities began to suspect that she was a carrier. Resurfacing in New York City, she continued to infect victims with the typhoid bacillus until she was caught and incarcerated by the authorities. Investing a tragic tale with a new twist, Bourdain plays historical detective, providing an entertaining and suspenseful evocation of turn-of-the-century New York.
Unafraid of the dark	Bray, Rosemary L.	"I am living proof of the 78% of African-American women who are raised on welfare but never return to the system," proclaims Bray, who grew up poor in Chicago, attended Yale on scholarship and graduated in 1976, after which she went on to hold editorial positions at <i>Essence</i> , <i>Ms.</i> and the <i>New York Times Book Review</i> . In this quietly affecting memoir, Bray traces her quest for identity as a writer, a feminist, a wife, a mother and an African American.
Uphill walkers	Blais, Madeline	Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Blais turns her impressive reporting skills to her own 1950's rural Massachusetts childhood in this occasionally dense memoir. Her attraction to journalism, she explains toward the end of the book, is rooted in its "power to capture... what was real, the music of what happens, and to impound all those details that defy embellishment," yet it proves to be a power that both benefits and bogs down her memoir. For the most part, Blais evokes her family with verve, particularly her widowed mother's feisty spirit in the face of raising six young children on her own in 1952.
West of Kabul, east of New York	Ansary, Mir Tamim	This powerful, illuminating three-part memoir is a fast and enjoyable read, richly embedded with stimulating insights. In a friendly and often humorous style, Ansary charms readers with colorful stories of his life in Afghanistan and America, and shows what it is like to belong to two very different cultures. His mother (a feminist, atheist, and teacher) was Finnish-American and his father was an Afghan from a distinguished and talented family.
When I Was a Soldier : A Memoir	Zenatti, Valérie	What is it like to be a young woman in a war? At a time when Israel is in the news every day and politics in the Middle East are as complex as ever before, this story of one girl's experience in the Israeli national army is both topical and fascinating.

Will's Choice : A suicidal teen, a desperate mother, and a chronicle of recovery	Griffith, Gail	In the early hours of March 11, 2001, seventeen-year-old Will ingested a near-fatal dose of his antidepressant medication, an event that forever changed his life and the lives of his family.
Zoya's story: an Afghan woman's struggle for freedom	Zoya	<i>Zoya's Story</i> is a young woman's searing account of her clandestine war of resistance against the Taliban and religious fanaticism at the risk of her own life. An epic tale of fear and suffering, courage and hope, <i>Zoya's Story</i> is a powerful testament to the ongoing battle to claim human rights for the women of Afghanistan.
Classics and College Bound -- Some titles are available in E-book format		
A brief history in time	Hawking, Stephen	Cosmology becomes understandable as the author discusses the origin, evolution, and fate of our universe.
A death in the family	Agree, James	Forty years after its original publication, James Agee's last novel seems, more than ever, an American classic. For in his lyrical, sorrowful account of a man's death and its impact on his family, Agee painstakingly created a small world of domestic happiness and then showed how quickly and casually it could be destroyed.
A man for all seasons	Bolt, Robert	The classic play about Sir Thomas More, the Lord Chancellor who refused to compromise and was executed by Henry VIII.
All the king's men	Warren, Robert Penn	This landmark book is a loosely fictionalized account of Governor Huey Long of Louisiana, one of the nation's most astounding politicians. <i>All the king's men</i> tells the story of Willie Stark, a southern-fried politician who builds support by appealing to the common man and playing dirty politics with the best of the back-room deal-makers.
As I lay dying	Faulkner, William	Stream of consciousness domestic fiction.
Bonfire of the vanities	Wolfe, Tom	He wasn't aging; he was growing up. Bonfire's pyrotechnic satire of 1980s New York wasn't just Wolfe's best book, it was the best bestselling fiction debut of the decade, a miraculously realistic study of an unbelievably status-mad society, from the fiery combatants of the South Bronx to the bubbling scum at the top of Wall Street.
Catch-22	Heller, Joseph	In this satirical novel, Captain Yossarian confronts the hypocrisy of war and bureaucracy as he frantically attempts to survive.
Death comes for the archbishop	Cather, Willa	Willa Cather's best known novel; a narrative that recounts a life lived simply in the silence of the southwestern desert.
Dracula	Stoker, Bram	A naive young Englishman travels to Transylvania to do business with a client, Count Dracula. After showing his true and terrifying colors, Dracula boards a ship for England in search of new, fresh blood. Unexplained disasters begin to occur in the streets of London before the mystery and the evil doer are finally put to rest. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.classicbookshelf.com/library/bram_stoker/dracula/
Emma	Austen, Jane	Emma, raised to think well of herself, has such a high opinion of her own worth that it blinds her to the opinions of others. The story revolves around a comedy of errors: Emma befriends Harriet Smith, a young woman of unknown parentage, and attempts to remake her in her own image. Ignoring the gaping difference in their respective fortunes and stations in life, Emma convinces herself and her friend that Harriet should look as high as Emma herself might for a husband--and she zeroes in on an ambitious vicar as the perfect match. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.classicbookshelf.com/library/jane_austen/emma/
Ender's game	Card, Orson	In a world decimated by alien attacks, the government trains young geniuses like Ender Wiggin in military strategy with increasingly complex computer games.

Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray	Guy Montag, a fire-fighter and book-burner for the State, discovers that in order to remain human he must preserve the books that attest to his humanity in this classic science fiction novel.
Go tell it on the mountain	Baldwin, James	<i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i> , first published in 1953, is Baldwin's first major work, a novel that has established itself as an American classic. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves.
Hugo, Victor	The hunchback of Notre Dame	This tale of the hunchbacked bell ringer of medieval Notre Dame, Quasimodo, whose love for the gypsy dancer, Esmeralda, had tragic consequences.
Invisible man	Ellison, Ralph	The experiences of the unnamed protagonist in the rural South and in post-World War II Harlem serve as allegories for maturing intellectual, emotional, and moral sensitivities in us all, black or white, rich or poor, 1950s or 1990s.
Little women	Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women is an American classic, adored for Louisa May Alcott's lively and vivid portraits of the endearing March sisters: talented tomboy Jo, pretty Meg, shy Beth, temperamental Amy. Millions have shared in their joys, hardships, and adventures as they grow up in Civil War New England, separated by the war from their father and beloved mother, "Marmee," blossoming from "little women" into adults. Jo searches for her writer's voice and finds unexpected love...Meg prepares for marriage and a family...Beth reaches out to the less fortunate, tragically...and Amy travels to Europe to become a painter. Based on Louisa May Alcott's own Yankee childhood. Also available in e-book format at http://www.globusz.com/ebooks/LittleWomen/00000001.htm
Lucky Jim	Amis, Kingsley	Although Kingsley Amis's acid satire of postwar British academic life has lost some of its bite in the four decades since it was published, it's still a rewarding read. And there's no denying how big an impact it had.
Mrs. Dalloway	Woolf, Virginia	As Clarissa Dalloway walks through London on a fine June morning, a sky-writing plane captures her attention. Crowds stare upwards to decipher the message while the plane turns and loops, leaving off one letter, picking up another. Like the airplane's swooping path, Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway follows Clarissa and those whose lives brush hers--from Peter Walsh, whom she spurned years ago, to her daughter Elizabeth, the girl's angry teacher, Doris Kilman, and war-shocked Septimus Warren Smith, who is sinking into madness.
On the beach	Shute, Nevil	They are the last generation, the innocent victims of an accidental war, living out their last days, making do with what they have, hoping for a miracle. As the deadly rain moves ever closer, the world as we know it winds toward an inevitable end.
One hundred years of solitude	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	One Hundred Years of Solitude tells the story of the rise and fall, birth and death of a mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendía family. Inventive, amusing, magnetic, sad, alive with unforgettable men and women, and with a truth and understanding that strike the soul.
Robinson Crusoe	Defoe, Daniel	A shipwreck's sole escapee, Robinson Crusoe endures 28 years of solitude on a Caribbean island and manages not only to survive but also to prevail. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.classicbookshelf.com/library/daniel_defoe/robinson_crusoe/
Silence	Endo, Shusaku	Endo's novel is a fascinating look at the Christian faith in the midst of brutal, cruel persecution. The novel is set in the 17th century. Two Portuguese Catholic priests journey into Japan with two goals in mind: to minister to the Japanese, and to find their former mentor, a priest named Ferreira, who may or may not have apostatized.
Silent spring	Carson, Rachel	This landmark book, first published in 1962, alerted a large audience to the environmental and human dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides, spurring revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water.

Slaughterhouse-five	Vonnegut, Kurt	The book tells the story of Billy Pilgrim, an optometrist, World War II veteran, and apparent UFO abductee who becomes "unstuck in time." We accompany Billy back and forth from his wartime experiences to his encounters with aliens and to other events in his remarkable life.
The bell jar	Plath, Sylvia	A vulnerable young girl wins a dream assignment on a big-time New York fashion magazine and finds herself plunged into a nightmare. An autobiographical account of Sylvia Plath's own mental breakdown and suicide attempt, The Bell Jar is more than a confessional novel, it is a comic but painful statement of what happens to a woman's aspirations in a society that refuses to take them seriously... a society that expects electroshock to cure the despair of a sensitive, questioning young artist whose search for identity becomes a terrifying descent toward madness.
The fall	Camus, Albert	Elegantly styled, Camus' profoundly disturbing novel of a Parisian lawyer's confessions is a searing study of modern amorality.
The good earth	Buck, Pearl	A tale about life in China.
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The handmaid's tale	Atwood, Margaret Eleanor	Women are strictly controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the ``morally fit" Wives. The tale is told by Offred, a Handmaid who recalls the past and tells how the chilling society came to be.
The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy	Adams, Douglas	Why are we born? Why do we die? Why do we spend so much time between wearing digital watches? For all the answers stick your thumb to the stars. And don't forget to bring a towel!...Characters frolic through the galaxy with infectious joy.
The leopard	Lampedusa, Guiseppe	In Sicily in 1860, as Italian unification grows inevitable, the smallest of gestures seems dense with meaning and melancholy, sensual agitation and disquiet: "Some huge irrational disaster is in the making." All around him, the prince, Don Fabrizio, witnesses the ruin of the class and inheritance that already disgust him.
The Prophet	Gibran, Kahlil	Written in parables reminiscent of the Bible, Gibran's famous inspirational book, first published in 1923, emphasizes caring human relationships. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.globusz.com/ebooks/Prophet/00000001.htm
The Three Musketeers	Dumas, Alexandre	Dumas's tale of swashbuckling and heroism follows the fortunes of d'Artagnan, a headstrong country boy who travels to Paris to join the Musketeers - the bodyguard of King Louis XIII. Here he falls in with Athos, Porthos and Aramis, and the four friends soon find themselves caught up in court politics and intrigue.
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert L.	Treasure Island is among the most delightful adventure romances of all time. From young Jim Hawkins' first encounter with an old buccaneer and his treasure map to the final daring skirmish with the treacherous pirate Long John Silver, this classic work enchants and fuels the imagination.
Watership down	Adams, Richard	Watership Down takes us to a world we have never truly seen: to the remarkable life that teems in the fields, forests, and riverbanks, far beyond our cities and towns. It is a powerful saga of courage, leadership, and survival.
The Arts		
Andy Warhol	Koestenbaum, Wayne	Warhol, who once observed that in time everyone would be famous for 15 minutes, himself earned early fame "as artist and whirlwind, as impresario and irritant." That fame endured over a career that stretched over four decades.

Andy Warhol : Prince of Pop	Greenberg, Jan and Sandra Jordan	In this generous book, which makes the artist's eccentricities seem more delightful than misanthropic, Warhol comes off as a social misfit to whom people gravitate. "[T]he secret of Andy's success was his own self-effacement," says his assistant, Gerard Malanga. Warhol's naïveté—initially genuine, then calculated—impresses others during his indulged childhood, at art school and in his early design career. His offbeat manner captivates impresarios and opportunistic "Superstars" who flock to his work space, the Factory.
Bang your head: the rise and fall of heavy metal	Konow, David	This book tells the story of heavy-metal music from its beginning in the late '60s through its precipitous decline in the early '90s. Black Sabbath, the first featured band, got its start in 1969 when its members were just out of high school, a scenario that repeats itself with many of the other groups.
Blankets	Thompson, Craig	Wrapped in the landscape of a blustery Wisconsin winter, Blankets explores the sibling rivalry of two brothers growing up in the isolated country, and the budding romance of two coming-of-age lovers. A tale of security and discovery, of playfulness and tragedy, of a fall from grace and the origins of faith. A profound and utterly beautiful work from Craig Thompson.
Daybook: the journey of an artist	Truitt, Ann	Anne Truitt is a sculptor, painter, mother, and grandmother. Daybook, her first published journal, is illuminating and nourishing: "It is as if there are external equivalents for truths which I already in some mysterious way know. In order to catch these equivalents, I have to stay 'turned on' all the time, to keep my receptivity to what is around me totally open. Preconception is fatal to this process. Vulnerability is implicitly in it; pain, inevitable." For Anne Truitt, art is life.
Diary of a genius	Dali, Salvador	With an introduction by J G Ballard, this is a seminal Surrealist text that reveals the intimate details of Dali's life and work as figurehead of the 20th century art movement.
Drawing on the artist within	Edwards, Betty	AH-HA! I SEE IT NOW! Everyone has experienced that joyful moment when the light flashes on -- the Ah-Ha! of creativity. Creativity. It is the force that drives problem-solving, informs effective decision-making and opens new frontiers for ambition and intelligence. Those who succeed have learned to harness their creative power by keeping that light bulb turned on.
Essays on Mexican art	Paz, Octavio	In one of the essays in this wide-ranging collection, Mexican critic and poet Paz attempts to view the murals of Diego Rivera, David Siqueiros and Jose Clemente Orozco while deliberately setting aside the ideologies of nationalism and Marxism which these painters espoused.
Full bloom: the art and life of Georgia O'Keeffe	Drohojowska, Hunter	This large, finely balanced biography offers an astonishingly honest portrayal of one of the most successful American artists of the 20th century--known for her arresting paintings of enormous, intimately rendered flowers, desert landscapes, and stark white cow skulls.
Is this forever or what?		A collection of poetry and full-color artwork from Texas.
Letters to a young actor : a universal guide to performance	Brustein, Robert Sanford	Having been at the forefront of the American theatre for the duration of his illustrious career, Robert Brustein has long been a mentor to many of today's most accomplished actors. Here, for the first time, he offers both sage advice and hard-earned wisdom for performers on every stage and screen, and at any level of experience.
Life with Picasso	Gilot, Francois	At 21, Gilot met 62-year-old Picasso. For nearly a decade, she shared her life with this complex artist, giving birth to two of his children. In her recollections, she describes the exuberant, if exhausting, world they knew together.
Once upon a time: Bob Dylan's like a rolling stone	Marcus, Greil	In this extended meditation on the cultural context and impact of the song, the author provides a wide- ranging discussion that examines its musical antecedents, its place in Dylan's career, the circumstances of its production, its lyrical and musical structure and meaning, and its treatment in the hands of other musicians from Jimi Hendrix to Italian hip-hop artists, among other topics.

Portrait of an artist as a young man	Joyce, James	Published in 1916, James Joyce's semiautobiographical tale of his alter ego, Stephen Dedalus, is a coming-of-age story like no other. A bold, innovative experiment with both language and structure, the work has exerted a lasting influence on the contemporary novel.
Prophets of the hood : politics and poetics in hip hop	Perry, Imani	A scholar and a fan, Perry considers the art, politics, and culture of hip hop through an analysis of song lyrics, the words of the prophets of the hood.
The knitting goddess	Bergman, Deborah	Included with instructions and techniques for knitting are inspirational stories of ancient goddesses, teaching readers not only how to master the craft, but to entertain, inspire, and inform. Illustrations.
The rape of Europa	Nicholas, Lynn	Never had works of art been so important to a political movement and never had they been moved about on such a vast scale. Nicholas's lavishly illustrated work chronicles the transfer, trading and looting of a large proportion of Europe's cultural treasures by the Nazis and the recovery of most of them during the Allied counterattack and early postwar years.
The unknown Matisse	Spurling, Hilary	A biography of an artist who, more than any other, is associated with Mediterranean heat, brilliant color and light, and languid, luxurious interiors. As author Hilary Spurling points out, an open window is one of Matisse's frequent motifs.
Wake Up Our Souls : a celebration of Black American Artists	Bolden, Tonya	Accompanying the much-publicized traveling exhibition "African American Masters," this book highlights influential and important 20th-century artists, from the early part of the century to the Harlem Renaissance to the contemporary art scene.
Good Stories		
A Crack in the Line	Lawrence, Michael	In the two years since his mother died in a terrible train crash, Alaric's life has unraveled. He and his father are barely on speaking terms, and Withern Rise, their Victorian mansion, is in shambles. Alone at home during a blizzard, Alaric stumbles into a parallel world; a reality in which his mother is still alive. There's only one problem. Someone else is living his life-a girl called... Naia tries not to dwell on the accident that nearly took her mother two years ago. Now that life with her parents at Withern Rise has returned to normal, she thinks the worst is behind her. But during a snowstorm she's confronted, in her own home, by a stranger.
A gathering of days	Blos, Joan W.	The journal of a fourteen-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town, her father's remarriage, and the death of her best friend.
A perpetual surprise	Klass, Sheila Solomon	This is the story of Robi Gangulee, Brahmin-born and down on his luck, who is reduced to servitude for the wealthy upper class.
A step from heaven	Na, An	Young Ju is not happy to be leaving her Korean home and loving Halmoni (grandmother) to move with her parents to Mi Gook (America), believed to be the land of great promise. Through Young Ju's experiences, listeners hear the family unravel as difficulties mount for them in the States. Young Ju's parents struggle with several low-paying jobs, handicapped by their language barrier. Young Ju's alcoholic and bitter father abuses his wife and children and forbids Young Ju to socialize with American friends. And when her father crosses a frightening line in his cruelty, Young Ju bravely takes action that sets her mother, younger brother and herself on the path to yet another new life in America.
A stone in my hand	Clinton, Cathryn	A moving story of courage, loss, personal growth, and familial love, set in 1988 in the Middle East. A month earlier, Malaak Abed Atieh's father left their home in Gaza City and never returned. Every day she climbs up to her roof and waits for him, for she does not know that the bus he was on became a terrorist target.

All the pretty horses	McCarthy, Cormac	Set in 1949, this is the story of John Grady Cole, who, at the age of sixteen, finds himself at the losing end of a long generation of ranchers. His grandfather's death has just cut him off from the only life he has ever imagined wanting. Abandoned by his parents troubles, heading over the border seems the only way out of a society moving in all of the wrong directions so, with his friend Rawlins, he rides away. Soon enough, they acquire a hapless younger companion and jobs breaking horses on a hacienda. Within months, one of the boys is dead and childhood has passed for the other two, along with an era that once uniquely defined America.
America	Frank, E.R.	At the discretion of the social welfare system, a 5-year-old boy named America trustingly leaves the safe haven of his foster home for a visit with his desperate, drug-addicted mother. And because of that one lapse in adult judgment, a child is lost within the system until almost 11 years later when he tries to end his own life.
Among the betrayed <i>or any title in the series</i>	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	In the third installment of Haddix's series about a futuristic society in which families are forbidden to have more than two children, Nina, a secondary character in <i>Among the Impostors</i> , is falsely accused of treason and imprisoned by the Population Police. Her interrogator gives her an ultimatum: either she can get three other child prisoners, illegal third-borns like Nina, to reveal who harbored them and where they got their fake identification cards, or she will be executed.
An earthy knight	McNaughton, Janet Elizabeth	In 1162 in Scotland, sixteen-year-old Jenny Avenel falls in love with the mysterious Tam Lin while being courted by the king's brother and must navigate the tides of tradition and the power of ancient magic to define her own destiny.
An egg on three sticks	Fischer, Jackie	When her mother suffers a nervous breakdown, Abby faces a life far different from what she hoped for. Set in the Bay Area in the '70s, this is an emotional, funny, and extraordinarily heartfelt novel about Abby's struggle to hold her family together, and find love from a mother who has little to give. With a voice completely fresh and honest, Abby takes us on a journey that is often hilarious, sometimes heartbreaking, and overwhelmingly hopeful.
Animal dreams	Kingsolver, Barbara	Codi Noline returns to the sleepy mining town of Grace, Arizona, to care for her father, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. It is a bad time for her; disappointed in her personal life, she has closed down her emotions in defense against a heart that cares too easily. "I had quietly begun to hope for nothing at all in the way of love, so as not to be disappointed," she muses. In Grace, she finds friends, allies, and a love that endures.
April morning	Fast, Howard	The story of one day in the life of a young American boy in colonial Lexington, the day on which he joined the militia and saw his father shot down by the British.
Are We There Yet?	Levithan, David	Tricked by their parents into taking a trip to Italy together, two brothers--one in high school and the other recently graduated from college--reflect on the directions of their own lives and on the distance that has grown between them.
Begging for change	Flake, Sharon	Raspberry Hill, who once was homeless, vowed never to end up on the streets again. But after stealing from her best friend, she must finally confront the biggest of all her fears: is she really much different from her thieving father after all?
Behind you	Woodson, Jacqueline	This beautiful sequel to "If You Come Softly" explores the experiences of those left behind after tragedy. It is a novel in which through hope, understanding and love, healing begins.
Best foot forward	Bauer, Joan	Between school and Al-Anon meetings, Jenna helps Mrs. Gladstone cope with escalating problems that result from the merger of Gladstone Shoes with Shoe Warehouse Corporation, while managing a new employee with a shoplifting record.
Best of enemies	Ellison, Suzanne Peirson	Set in the Southwest during the Civil War, Best of Enemies features three unlikely companions who have been thrown together in a quest for survival.
Better than running at night	Frank, Hillary	Having removed the overly dramatic makeup of her solitary high school days, Ellie looks forward to recreating herself and her art. Arriving alone for winter session at the New England College of Art and Design, Ellie finds the ideal opportunity. A story about independence, trust, and boys.
Billy Phelan's greatest game	Kennedy, William	An adventure story set in Albany, New York in the 1920's and 30's.

Black Juice	Lanagan, Margo	Provides glimpses of the dark side of civilization and the beauty of the human spirit through ten short stories that explore significant moments in people's lives, events leading to them, and their consequences.
Black unicorn	Lee, Tanith	Tanaquil may be the daughter of a sorceress, but she can't do any magic--or so she thinks--and she finds life in her mother's castle very dull and lonely. Her one skill, that of mending things, leads her to piece together a pile of old bones found in the desert and unknowingly bring back to life a black unicorn that needs Tanaquil to help it return to its own, more perfect world. In the process of doing this, Tanaquil finds a sister, and discovers what her own powers really are.
Blackbird House	Hoffman, Alice	This small farm on the outer reaches of Cape Cod is a place that is as bewitching and alive as the characters we meet: Violet, a brilliant girl who is in love with books and with a man destined to betray her; Lysander Wynn, attacked by a halibut as big as a horse, certain that his life is ruined until a boarder wearing red boots arrives to change everything; Maya Cooper, who does not understand the true meaning of the love between her mother and father until it is nearly too late.
Bleachers	Grisham, John	With <i>Bleachers</i> John Grisham departs again from the legal thriller to experiment with a character-driven tale of reunion, broken high school dreams, and missed chances.
Blood gold	Cadnum, Michael	The rush to the gold fields of California is on in the lawless year of 1849. But Will Dwinelle is not in search of gold in California. He's out to find and bring home the man who betrayed the honor of a girl back home.
Both sides Now	Pennebaker, Ruth	Fifteen-year-old Liza tries to deal with the normal everyday crises of life in an Austin, Texas, high school, a process complicated by her mother's fight with breast cancer.
Breathing underwater	Flinn, Alex	In this gripping tale a 16-year-old, who is considered perfect by his classmates, suffers a turbulent home life with an abusive father, and he himself follows the pattern of violence.
Brother hood	McDonald, Janet	Sixteen-year-old Nate, an academically gifted student who attends an exclusive private boarding school, straddles two cultures as he returns home for occasional visits to see his family and "gangsta crew" in Harlem, New York.
Brown girl, brownstones	Marshall, Paule	This first novel by Paule Marshall was originally published in 1959. Somewhat autobiographical, this groundbreaking work describes the coming of age of Selina Boyce, a Caribbean-American girl in New York City in the mid-20th century.
Bucking the Sarge	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.
By the shore	Craze, Galaxy	This book captures the hopes and hurts of childhood. The tension a white lie or a misunderstanding builds is so palpable you'll think you are reading a thriller.
Chanda's Secrets	Stratton, Allan.	The statistics of the millions infected with HIV/AIDS in southern Africa find a human face in this gripping story of one teenager, Chanda Kabele, who sees the disease threaten her family and community. Far from case history, Chanda's immediate, first-person, present-tense narrative is neither sentimental nor graphic as it brings close the personal struggle with all its pain and loss, shame and guilt.
Child of my heart	McDermott, Alice	The beautiful child of older parents, raised on the eastern end of Long Island, Theresa is her town's most sought after babysitter--cheerful, an effortless storyteller, a wonder with children and animals. Among her charges that fateful summer is Daisy, her younger cousin.

Chill wind	McDonald, Janet	The good life, according to Aisha Ingram, is easy. It's hanging with friends, dancing, listening to music, whatever . . . but it doesn't include worrying about the future. Chilling out is her mantra until she receives a sixty-day termination-of-welfare-benefits notice. Without her monthly food stamps and assistance checks and with no help from the father of her two children, Aisha's life becomes a nightmare.
Chinese handcuffs	Crutcher, Chris	Dillon is living with the painful memory of his brother's suicide -- and the role he played in it. To keep his mind and body occupied, he trains intensely for the Ironman triathlon. But outside of practice, his life seems to be falling apart. Then Dillon finds a confidante in Jennifer, a star high school basketball player who's hiding her own set of destructive secrets. Together, they must find the courage to confront their demons -- before it's too late.
Circle of revenge	French, Michael	Easy going, amiable Robbie Cavanaugh is thrilled to be selected for a psychological experiment conducted by UCLA professor Dr. Salazar. But as the experiment progresses, and Robbie becomes tired and disoriented, his girlfriend Samantha Matthews investigates Dr. Salazar, and thinks that he is brainwashing Robbie. The plot revolves around a connection between murders in the Salazar family in South America and Robbie's chemistry lab partner, Carlos Montano.
City of the beasts	Allende, Isabel	Fifteen-year old Alexander Cold has the chance to take the trip of a lifetime. Parting from his family, he joins his fearless grandmother on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon. Their mission, along with others on their team, is to document the legendary Yeti of the Amazon known as the Beast.
Cold Sassy Tree.	Burns Olive	When Grandpa E. Rucker Blakeslee announces one July morning in 1906 that he's aiming to marry the young and freckled milliner, Miss Love Simpson - a bare three weeks after Granny Blakeslee has gone to her reward - the news is served up all over town with that afternoon's dinner. And young Will Tweedy suddenly finds himself eyewitness to a major scandal.
Crackback	Coy, John	Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.
Crazy as chocolate	Hyde, Elisabeth	A page-turner with well-molded characters. Isabelle, the narrator, is on the brink of her 41st birthday-particularly auspicious since that was precisely the age and occasion when her mother committed suicide 25 years earlier.
Crystal line <i>or any title in series</i>	McCaffrey, Anne	McCaffrey again explores the effects of institutionalized memory loss on a culture in the third volume of a series that began with Crystal Singer. Killashandra Ree, one of the rare individuals with perfect pitch who can find and cut the Ballybran crystals on which much of the galaxy's economy is based, turns away from her lover and partner Lars Dahl when he becomes head of the Heptite Guild and, to her discomfort, moves to bring some order into the workings of the organization that controls the crystal trade.
Cuba 15	Osa, Nancy	Violet Paz, growing up in suburban Chicago, barely knows Spanish, and her dad refuses to talk about his Cuban roots, so it's a real surprise when Abuela insists that Violet have a grand <i>quinceanero</i> , the traditional Latina fifteenth-year coming-of-age ceremony.
Curse of the Blue Tattoo	Meyer, L.A.	Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.
Dante's daughter	Heuston, Kimberley Burton	Historian Heuston has meticulously researched the life and times of 14th-century poet Dante in order to create this fictional account of the great poet's daughter, Beatrice, in the decades preceding the Italian Renaissance.
Dead girls don't write letters	Giles, Gail	Fourteen-year-old Sunny is stunned when a total stranger shows up at her house posing as her older sister Jazz, who supposedly died out of town in a fire months earlier.

Dead I well may be: a novel	McKinty, Adrian	"I didn't want to go to America, I didn't want to work for Darkey White. I had my reasons. But I went." So admits Michael Forsythe, an illegal immigrant escaping the Troubles in Belfast. But young Michael is strong and fearless and clever - just the fellow to be tapped by Darkey, a crime boss, to join a gang of Irish thugs struggling against the rising Dominican powers in Harlem and the Bronx. The time is pre-Giuliani New York, when crack rules the city, squatters live furtively in ruined buildings, and hundreds are murdered each month. Michael and his lads tumble through the streets, shaking down victims, drinking hard, and fighting for turf, block by bloody block.
Deadville	Jones, Robert F.	It is 1833. Two young brothers strike out on a perilous journey into the untamed West, where Indians still reign as masters of the land. In search of riches, they instead find brutal hardship and heart-pounding adventure. They forge friendships that will last a lifetime, and find an enemy who settles all his scores with blood.
Dear Zoe	Beard, Philip	On September 11, 2001, far from either New York or Washington, Tess DeNunzio loses her three-year old sister to a hit-and-run driver. With the eyes of the world elsewhere, Tess's small tragedy sends her family reeling into an impenetrable silence. Dear Zoe is her attempt to break that silence.
Demon in my view and/or Forests of the Night	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Jessica isn't your average teenager. Though nobody at her high school knows it, she's a published author. Her vampire novel Tiger, Tiger has just come out under the pen name Ash Night. Jessica often wishes she felt as comfortable with her classmates as she does among the vampires and witches of her fiction. She has always been treated as an outsider at Ramsa High. Nail-bitingly suspenseful, here is the deliciously eerie follow-up to <i>In the Forests of the Night</i> .
Dogs of fear	Nagenda, Musa	In order to prove to his father that the European school has not made him cowardly, a thirteen-year-old African boy goes alone at night to kill three wild dogs that attacked their goats.
Double helix	Werlin, Nancy	Rich and suspenseful, with a hair-raising conclusion, this is Nancy Werlin's most dynamic novel yet--one that explores the ethics and amazements of genetic engineering.
Dove song	Franklin, Kristine	Two young people take on more than they can handle in this anguished, reflective story set on the homefront during the Vietnam War. The news that their father is missing in action horrifies Bobbie Lynn and her brother, Mason, but sends their dependent mother spiraling into a breakdown far worse than any of her previous spells.
Elsewhere	Zevin, Gabrielle	After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."
Every time a rainbow dies	Williams-Garcia, Rita	Ever since he found her battered in the alley near his home, Thulani hasn't been able to think about anything but Ysa. This is the first time since his mother died that he's given a thought to anything
Fallen angels.	Meyers, Walter Dean	A coming of age tale for young adults set in the trenches of the Vietnam War in the late 1960s, Fallen Angels is the story of Perry, a Harlem teenager who volunteers for the service when his dream of attending college falls through. Sent to the front lines, Perry and his platoon come face-to-face with the Vietcong and the real horror of warfare.
Firefight	Ferrandino, Joseph	Amaro is a young soldier on the line in Vietnam. His days and nights are filled with battle, disease, dope, destruction, death, and learning to survive. Individuals drift in and out of his life but most are only names, and those who are more die. While the assaults of enemy and nature are relentless, those of certain higher-ups in the chain of command are even more agonizing to Amaro.
Firethorn : a novel	Micklem, Sarah	Firethorn flees a life of drudgery to live alone in the forest, relying on her knowledge of herb lore to survive. She returns transformed, indebted to the god who saved her life, and blessed - or cursed - with uncanny abilities and a nagging sense of destiny.
For all time or any title in series	Cooney, Caroline B.	The time-travel series that began with Both Sides of Time adds another breathlessly romantic whirl through the centuries. Annie ventures into New York City to see an exhibit of Egyptian art in which she hopes to find a photograph of Strat, her lost 19th-century love. With any luck, seeing Strat's image will magically jolt Annie back through time.
Forest of the Pygmies	Allende, Isabel	Eighteen-year-old Alexander Cold and his grandmother travel to Africa on an elephant-led safari, but discover a corrupt world of poaching and slavery.

Freaky green eyes	Oates, Joyce Carol	When her parents separate, Franky Pierson has no trouble deciding whose side she's on. After all, her mother is the one who chose to leave. And when her mother is suddenly reported missing, Franky believes she's simply pulled a disappearing act and deserted their family for good. But a part of Franky, a part she calls Freaky Green Eyes, knows that something is wrong. And it's up to Freaky to open Franky's eyes to the truth.
Free radical	Murphy, Claire Rudolf	A 15-year-old boy in contemporary Alaska discovers that his mom is a fugitive, hiding out from the FBI because of her part in an anti-Vietnam War protest at Berkeley that accidentally killed a college student.
Get a life	Gordimer, Nadine	Paul Bannerman, an ecologist in Africa, believes he controls the trajectory of his life, with the markers of vocation and marriage. But when he's diagnosed with thyroid cancer and prescribed treatment that makes him radioactive and for a period a danger to others, he questions, as Auden wrote, 'What authority gives/ Existence its surprise.'
Gingerbread	Cohen, Rachel	After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.
Girl in a cage or any title in series	Yolen, Jane	The second in a planned quartet of historical novels set in Scotland (which began with <i>Queen's Own Fool: A Novel of Mary Queen of Scots</i> , <i>Girl in a Cage</i> finds the 11-year-old daughter of the newly crowned King of Scotland kidnapped, imprisoned and put on display in an English town square by angry rivals in 1306.
Girl in hyacinth blue	Vreeland, Susan	There are only 35 known Vermeers in the world today. In this story the author posits the existence of a 36th. The story begins at a private boys' academy in Pennsylvania where, in the wake of a faculty member's unexpected death, math teacher Cornelius Engelbrecht makes a surprising revelation to one of his colleagues.
Girl with a pearl earring	Chevalier, Tracy	The Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer represents one of the great enigmas of 17th-century art. The meager facts of his biography have been gleaned from a handful of legal documents. Yet Vermeer's extraordinary paintings of domestic life, with their subtle play of light and texture, have come to define the Dutch golden age. His portrait of the anonymous <i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i> has exerted a particular fascination for centuries.
Girls dinner club	Elliot, Jessie	The love of Junie's life for the past year is suddenly acting like a crazed puppy. Celia's dad has found the most ridiculous woman in all of Manhattan— and decided, after fifteen years of being single, to date her. Danielle's hot-guy-in-a-band ex-boyfriend is trying to convince her that he's "changed." Sometimes living life is a recipe for disaster. Sometimes, girls just have to make their own recipes.
Girls in pants: the third summer of the sisterhood	Brashares, Ann	It is the summer before the sisterhood departs for college...their last real summer together before they head off to start their grown-up lives. It's the time they need their Pants the most.
Going for the Record	Swanson, Julie	Seventeen-year-old Leah Weiczynkowski, about to begin her senior year of high school, is on the brink of realizing her dream -- playing soccer for the under-eighteen national team, her gateway to the World Cup and the Olympics. Everything she's worked for in her young life has been about this moment. She can't wait to tell her dad, her biggest fan and her faithful chauffeur to games and practices. Unfortunately, her dad, Pete Weiczynkowski, has news of his own. <i>Going for the Record</i> addresses Leah's passion for her sport, her love for her father, and her growing recognition of her father's faith and bravery.
Gossip girl: a novel	Von Ziegesar, Cecily	College interviews, romantic troubles and a fancy wedding photographed for <i>Vogue</i> dominate this second installment of von Ziegesar's frothy but fun series about rich Manhattan prep school kids and the gossip w+C222eb site tracking their lives.

Green angel	Hoffman, Alice	Beautifully written prose fills this first-person narrative of a teen whose world is turned around in an instant. This is both a survival story and a homage to the need to cherish life's every moment. Moody, introspective Green stays at home while her parents and younger sister travel to the city to sell their produce. Her disappointment at being left behind causes her to be cold and not to say good-bye. Then the city is engulfed in flames and ashes and Green is left with her guilt.
Guitar girl	Manning, Sarra	Seventeen-year-old Molly Montgomery never planned on becoming famous. Starting a band with her best mates was just a way to have some fun. But when the group is joined by a charismatic bad-boy, things start happening.
Hanging on to Max	Bechard, Margaret	It's Sam Pettigrew's last year of high school. And he's spending it figuring out how, at age seventeen, he is supposed to care for his baby son, Max. Max wasn't part of the plan. He wasn't even part of the backup plan. But he's here now, and Sam is attending an alternative high school with other teen parents like himself. Talk about a wake-up call.
Hawksong	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Danica is an avian shapeshifter and the golden hawk's form in which she takes to the sky is as natural to her as the human one that graces her on land. The only thing more familiar to her is war.
Heaven shop	Ellis, Deborah	Compelling and uplifting, this powerful new work by the author of <i>The Breadwinner</i> trilogy is a contemporary novel that puts a very real face on the African AIDS epidemic, which to date has orphaned more than 11 million children.
Hidden in the fog	Holl, Kristi D.	When serious financial difficulties endanger the future of the Mississippi steamboat tourist attraction run by her family and friends, thirteen-year-old Nikki single-handedly pursues various schemes to make money, discovering the hard way that there is more to life than worrying.
Hold fast	Major, Kevin	Michael turned 14 in May. By June, both his parents have died, victims of a car crash. And for Michael, who has lived all his life in a small Newfoundland outport community, this means being suddenly uprooted and sent to live with relatives in St. Albert, hundreds of miles away.
Holly	French, Albert	Set in the final year of World War II, in a small southern town called Supply, this story tells of a 20-year-old woman, Holly. Holly is struggling to come to a decision about her engagement to Billy, a local boy serving in the Pacific. She and her friend Elsie continue to play the local field, and eventually Holly decides to break off with Billy. She is disowned by her family when she falls in love with a black soldier.
Honey, Baby, Sweetheart	Caletti, Deb	In the summer of her junior year, sixteen-year-old Ruby McQueen and her mother, both nursing broken hearts, set out on a journey to reunite an elderly woman with her long-lost love and in the process learn many things about "the real ties that bind" people to one another.
Horse thief: a novel	Peck, Robert Newton	Western fans are in for a treat with this fast-paced, satisfying Depression tale of a teenage orphan who rescues 13 horses from the slaughterhouse and finds a family in the process.
I am the Messenger	Zusak, Markus	After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.
I am the wallpaper	Hughes, Mark Peter	Thirteen-year-old Floey Packer, jealous of her attractive and popular older sister, shares her home with two younger cousins and experiences a summer vacation filled with embarrassing events, with herself as the star.
Ice station zebra	MacLean, Alistair	The Dolphin, pride of America's nuclear fleet, is the only submarine capable of attempting the daring rescue of a British meteorological team trapped on the polar ice cap.

In spite of killer bees	Johnston, Julie	Fourteen-year-old Aggie and her older sisters have been on their own since their father died and their mother left. So when they inherit a house from a grandfather they never knew, they imagine new possibilities. Unfortunately, it seems all they have inherited is a derelict property, their father's bad reputation, and eccentric great-aunt Lily, who isn't too thrilled when the unconventional sisters move in.
In the Shadow of the Ark	Provoost, Anne	On the even of the great flood, ReJana and her family reach the desert plain where the great ship is being constructed. Provoost tells the survival story of one girl who stows away on the ark for love of Ham, Noah's son.
In the shadow of the Pali	Cindrich, Lisa	In 1866, the legislature of the Hawaiian Islands established a colony to isolate the burgeoning number of island people inflicted with leprosy. Because of the horrible mutilation and the incurable nature of the disease, those afflicted were hunted down and taken to Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai.
Island	Huxley, Aldous	This island of bliss attracts the envy of the surrounding world--not least because of its vast oil reserves. A conspiracy is under way to take over Pala, and events begin to move when an agent of the conspirators is shipwrecked on the island.
Jade green	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Orphaned fifteen-year-old Judith Sparrow brings two secrets to her uncle's house in South Carolina: one, that her grief-stricken mother died in a madhouse, the other that she has disobeyed the only condition to living in her uncle's home -- nothing green is allowed in the house.
Jude	Morgenroth, Kate	Still reeling from his drug-dealing father's murder, moving in with the wealthy mother he never knew, and transferring to a private school, fifteen-year-old Jude is tricked into pleading guilty to a crime he did not commit.
Just Like That	Qualey, Marsha	A tragic accident ending with the death of two people her own age changes life forever for an eighteen-year-old woman.
Kartography	Shamsie, Kamila	Crib mates, raised together from birth, narrator Raheen and her best friend Karim dream each other's dreams, finish each other's sentences, speak in a language of anagrams. They share an idyllic childhood in upper-class Karachi with parents who are also best friends. The night Karim's family migrates from Karachi to London, Raheen knows that "some of my tears were his tears and some of his tears were mine." But as distance and adolescence split them apart, Karim takes refuge in the rationality of maps while Raheen tries to hide from the secret behind her parents' exchange.
Kensuke's kingdom	Morpurgo, Michael	When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.
Kipling's Choice	Spillebeen, Geert	In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle.
Kissing the rain	Brooks, Kevin	From the acclaimed author of <i>Martyn Pig</i> and <i>Lucas</i> comes another thought-provoking thriller--a story of pain and discovery that will resonate with young adult readers.
Kit's Wilderness	Almond, David	Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stoneygate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past.
La Tour dreams of the wolf girl	Huddle, David	In this richly drawn novel about life, art, and the intriguing connections between them, art professor Suzanne Nelson becomes fascinated with Georges de La Tour, the 17th-century French painter famous for his sympathetic depictions of peasants.
Labyrinth	Herman, John	As Gregory grapples with his father's recent suicide, he is haunted by nightmares "consistent and continuing, like real life only weirder." In his dreams, he is "Gregor," a boy from some other world, one of the Golden Ten chosen to confront the mythological Minotaur.
Lady Catherine's necklace	Aiken, Joan	Arrogant Lady Catherine de Bourgh tried vehemently to prevent the betrothal of her nephew, Mr. Darcy, to less socially connected Elizabeth.

Last wave	Hayden, Paul	It's supposed to be the best summer of his life, a final hurrah before Owl and his buddies are forced to grow up and start the next phase of life, and nothing will ever be the same again.
Leaving Protection	Hobbs, Will	From the author of <i>Far North</i> comes this story about a 16-year-old boy whose dream of working on a salmon boat in Alaska's outside waters turns into a nightmare.
Letters for Emily	Wright, Camron	Harry Whitney is dying. He has Alzheimer's disease, and he knows his "good" time is dwindling. So he compiles a book of poems for his favorite granddaughter, Emily, hoping that his words of hard-won wisdom will heal the old wounds that are tearing his family apart. But Harry's poems contain much more than meets the eye -- clues and riddles that lead to an extraordinary cache of letters and a promise of hidden gold.
Letters from a slave girl	Lyons, Mary E.	Harriet Jacobs has lived her entire life in slavery. This book is based on Jacobs own 1861 autobiography which reveals in poignant detail what thousands of African-American women endured in the United States.
Life of Pi	Martel, Yann	Yann Martel's imaginative <i>Life of Pi</i> is a magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith. The precocious son of a zookeeper, 16-year-old Pi Patel is raised in Pondicherry, India, where he tries on various faiths for size, attracting "religions the way a dog attracts fleas." Planning a move to Canada, his father packs up the family and their menagerie and they hitch a ride on an enormous freighter. After a harrowing shipwreck, Pi finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean, trapped on a 26-foot lifeboat with a wounded zebra, a spotted hyena, a seasick orangutan, and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker
Local girls	Hoffman, Alice	More than a collection of short stories, yet not quite a novel, <i>Local Girls</i> occupies an undefined territory between these two forms. The local girls in question are Gretel Samuelson, her best friend, Jill, her mother, Franny, and Franny's cousin Margot--four characters who weave in and out of each of the 15 related stories that chronicle the rocky years of Gretel's adolescence.
Looking backward	Bellamy, Edward	A young Boston gentleman is mysteriously transported from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century--from a world of war and want to one of peace and plenty. This brilliant vision became the blueprint of utopia that stimulated some of the greatest thinkers of our age.
Looking for Alaska	Green, John	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
Lost river conspiracy	Jackson, Dave	Abe Miller's assignment to find land for building farmsteads for Mennonites on the prairies is detoured by an unlikely couple riding ahead of him on the train. Captured by the woman's beauty--and incensed by her father's calloused intentions--Abe inserts himself into a long and broiling conflict that leads him to a showdown with the Modoc Indians.
Love lesson	Chevat, Edith	"Did you love me?" As she sits in the silence of her mother's apartment, Millie Abramowitz Kaits ponders this question. She alone of her family is observing the seven-day mourning period decreed by Jewish law; she, who lost faith long ago. The presence of her mother is palpable as though she was still watching, still judging.
Many stones	Coman, Carolyn	Berry Morgan's older sister Laura was the one who got along best with their father, even after he moved out. Their interest in world events and action kept Berry on the outside. After college, Laura decided to work as a school volunteer in Capetown, South Africa--and, in a nightmare straight from the headlines, was brutally murdered.
Mask of night	Gooden, Philip	The Black Death has come to London. In the last weeks of Queen Elizabeth's life, the theaters have been closed down by order of the Privy Council. The Chamberlain's Men, the company of players to which Nick Revill belongs, takes up an invitation to perform in the city of Oxford.

Memories of summer	White, Ruth	In 1955, thirteen-year-old Lyric finds her whole life changing when her family moves from the hills of Virginia to a town in Michigan and her older sister Summer begins descending into mental illness.
Mendel's dwarf	Mawer, Simon	Benedict Lambert, the protagonist of this imaginative and intelligent novel, is the great-great-great nephew of Gregor Mendel and a famous geneticist in his own right. He is also the dwarf of the title, obsessed with finding the marker for his condition and haunted by the all-too-easy assumptions/prejudices achondroplastics face when dealing with society at large.
Messenger	Lowry, Lois	In this novel that unites characters from <i>The Giver</i> and <i>Gathering Blue</i> , Matty, a young member of a utopian community that values honesty, conceals an emerging healing power that he cannot explain or understand.
Midget	Bowler, Tim	This British novel is a psychological thriller about a physically handicapped 15-year-old boy who is tormented by his 17-year-old brother.
Midnight predator	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Turquoise Draka, a mercenary trained to fight vampires, witches, and shape-shifters, infiltrates a vampire stronghold, but ghosts from her past and new possibilities for her future threaten to distract her from the work at hand.
Mimus	Thal, Lilli	The medieval kingdoms of Moltovia and Vinland have been engaged in a bitter and destructive war for years, but an end may finally be in sight. Twelve-year-old Prince Florin of Moltovia is called from his childhood games to his father's side for a peace celebration hosted by King Theodo in Vinland.
Minuk	Hill, Kirkpartrick	Twelve-year-old Minuk's traditional Eskimo way of life is changed forever in 1892 with the arrival of Christian missionaries.
My drowning	Grimsley, Jim	Ever since Ellen Tote can remember, she has dreamed of her mother slowly drowning. With her own children all grown and her siblings long gone, Ellen journeys back to her childhood for answers. Piecing together her memories, she finally articulates a story so shattering, it had long been silenced by fear and shame.
My heartbeat	Weyr, Garret	Ellen loves Link and James. Her older brother and his best friend are the only company she ever wants. She knows they fight, but she makes it a policy never to take sides. She loves her brother, the math genius and track star. And she is totally, madly in love with James, with his long eyelashes and hidden smiles. "When you grow out of it," James teases her, "you will break my heart." Then someone at school asks if Link and James might be in love with each other. A simple question. But the answer is far from simple, and its repercussions affect their entire lives.
My Sister's Keeper	Picoult, Jodi	New York Times" bestselling author Picoult tells the emotionally riveting story of a teenage girl who, conceived as a bone marrow match for her sister, decides to sue her parents for the rights to her body.
Night hoops	Deuker, Carl	Nick and Trent have nothing in common except basketball--or so it seems until their lives become unexpectedly intertwined.
North and South or any title in the series	Jakes, John	This is the third volume of two wealthy families during the Civil War whose way of life is shattered.
Not the end of the World	McCaughrean, Geraldine	Noah's daughter; rescues a boy and his baby sister after the flood and hides them in the Ark; deliberately defies her father's wishes; skeptical of her father's beliefs; becomes attached to her stowaways.
Nothing to lose	Flinn, Alex	This haunting novel from the acclaimed author of "Breathing Underwater" looks at one of the most devastating realities for teenagers today--domestic violence.
Odd Thomas	Koontz, Dean R.	"The dead don't talk. I don't know why." But they do try to communicate, with a short order cook in a small desert town serving as their reluctant confidant. Odd Thomas thinks of himself as an ordinary guy, if possessed of a certain measure of talent at the Pico Mundo Grill and rapturously in love with the most beautiful girl in the world, Stormy Llewellyn." "Maybe he has a gift, maybe it's a curse, Odd has never been sure, but he tries to do his best by the silent souls who seek him out.

Olive's Ocean	Henkes, Kevin	This exquisite coming-of-age story from a bestselling author is about a girl who is haunted by her deceased friend Olive and has just a hint of young romance.
On the road	Kerouac, Jack	<i>On The Road</i> , the most famous of Jack Kerouac's works, is not only the soul of the Beat movement and literature, but one of the most important novels of the century. Like nearly all of Kerouac's writing, <i>On The Road</i> is thinly fictionalized autobiography, filled with a cast made of Kerouac's real life friends, lovers, and fellow travelers.
One night	Qualey, Marsha	Kelly Ray, a heroin addict now in recovery, works as a researcher and all-around gofer for her Aunt Kit, host of one of America's top-rated radio talk shows. An errand for Kit brings Kelly to a superstar staying at a tightly guarded hotel, where she by chance encounters Prince Tomas, and before long she and the prince (and, for a while, the superstar) escape Lakverian security for a furtive foray into town.
One of those hideous books where the mother dies	Sones, Sonya	After her mother's death, Ruby moves to Los Angeles to live with her father whom she's never met: actor Whip Logan. Ruby hates her new glamorous life, but a tragic incident helps Ruby and Whip be honest with each other. Written in free verse poems.
Pardonable lies : a Maisie Dobbs novel	Winspear, Jacqueline	A deathbed plea from his wife leads Sir Cecil Lawton to seek the aid of Maisie Dobbs, psychologist and investigator. As Maisie soon learns, Agnes Lawton never accepted that her aviator son was killed in the Great War, a torment that led her not only to the edge of madness but also to the doors of those who practice the dark arts and commune with the spirit world.
Peeps	Westerfeld, Scott	Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.
Pictures in the dark	McCord, Patricia	Sisters Carlie and Sarah live in Spokane, Washington. It's the 1950s and the Nevilles seem like the perfect family---Dad runs a floor-cleaning business, and Mom takes care of the girls. But something is wrong, and no matter how careful Sarah and Carlie are, they never know what might make their mother fly into a rage.
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Giff, Patricia Reilly	A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.
Pirates!	Rees, Celia	The true and remarkable adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington, female pirates. This powerful and thrilling novel presents the story of the inspiring journey of two 18th-century women who break the bonds of gender, race, and position to find their own way to glory.
Plainsong	Haruf, Kent	<i>Plainsong</i> , according to Kent Haruf's epigraph, is "any simple and unadorned melody or air." It's a perfect description of this lovely, rough-edged book, set on the very edge of the Colorado plains. Tom Guthrie is a high school teacher whose wife can't--or won't--get out of bed; the McPherons are two bachelor brothers who know little about the world beyond their farm gate; Victoria Roubideaux is a pregnant 17-year-old with no place to turn.
Preacher's boy	Paterson, Katherine	As the year 1899 draws to a close, the people in Robbie's rural Vermont community anticipate the coming of the 20th century with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. Some fear that the end is near. Others, like Robbie's father, a minister with progressive ideas, thinks "the world's at a sort of beginning." Robbie does not know what to believe.
Project X	Shepard, Jim	Below the sign welcoming the new eighth-grade class to school is one that promises to leave no child unsuccessful and a handout that offers eight ways of being smart. For Edwin Hanratty, at times as hilarious as he is miserable, this is part of what makes junior high pretty much a relentless nightmare.
Project X: a novel	Shepard, Jim	"Below the sign welcoming the new eighth-grade class to school is one that promises to Leave No Child Unsuccessful and a handout that offers Eight Ways of Being Smart. For Edwin Hanratty, at times as hilarious as he is miserable, this is part of what makes junior high pretty much a relentless nightmare. And so, with Flake, his only friend, he contends with clique upon clique - the jocks who pummel them, the girls who ignore or taunt them - as well as the dogged and disconcerting attentions of a sixth-grader who's even more ferociously disaffected than they are.

Ready or not : an all-American girl novel	Cabot, Meg	Now a high school junior, Samantha tries to decide whether she is ready to have a relationship with her boyfriend, who happens to be the President's son.
Red Sea	Tullson, Diane	Duncan is murdered, the boat trashed, and Libby's mother seriously injured, leaving Libby to figure out their location, sail the boat, whose engine was wrapped in nets by the pirates, and to try and keep her mother and herself alive.
Redemption	Chibbaro, Julie	Chronicles the arduous journey of a twelve-year-old English girl and her mother as they flee with other religious protesters to the New World in the early 1500's, and the heartbreak and hope they find when they arrive.
Restless: a ghost's story	Wallace, Rich	Wallace takes the sports novel and pushes it into thought-provoking new territory with this tale about a 17-year-old athlete and the only person who understands him--his older brother, who happens to be dead.
Rite of Conquest	Tarr, Judith	For 500 years the Saxons ruled England, crushing the ancient powers. But a wave of change approaches. Across the Channel in Normandy, William is born--the bastard son of a duke and a magical woman of Druid descent. As he grows to manhood, William's battle skills earn him respect, but his temper and disregard for his innate magical abilities hold him back.
Rodzina	Cushman, Karen	Getting on this train had not been my idea. I wanted to go home. But I had no home anymore, except the Little Wanderers' Refuge, and they had sent me away to be sold as a slave... These are the ruminations of Rodzina Clara Jadwiga Anastazyja Brodski as she boards the orphan train. Though the orphans have been told they are going west to be adopted by loving families, Rodzina is not convinced.
Ruby electric: a novel	Nelson, Theresa	Twelve-year-old Ruby Miller, movie buff and aspiring screen writer, tries to resolve the mysteries surrounding her little brother's stuffed woolly mammoth and their father's five year absence.
Rules of the road	Bauer, Joan	Meet Jenna Boller, star employee at Gladstone's Shoe Store in Chicago. Standing a gawky 5'11" at 16 years old, Jenna is the kind of girl most likely to stand out in the crowd--for all the wrong reasons.
Run, boy, run: a novel	Orlev, Uri	<i>Run, Boy, Run</i> is the extraordinary account of one boy's survival of the Holocaust. Srulik is only eight years old when he finds himself all alone in the Warsaw ghetto. He escapes into the countryside where he spends the ensuing years hiding in the forest, dependent on the sympathies and generosity of the poor farmers in the surrounding area. Despite the seemingly insurmountable odds, several chases, captures, attempted executions, and even the loss of his arm, Srulik miraculously survives.
Runner	Deuker, Carl	Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.
Sally Hemings	Riboud, Barbara Chase	<i>Sally Hemings</i> is a novel, but its basis is in fact--as proven by DNA tests on the descendants of Thomas Jefferson and the mysterious woman who bore him seven children.
Saving Francesca	Marchetta, Melina	Sixteen-year-old Francesca could use her outspoken mother's help with the problems of being one of a handful of girls at a parochial school that has just turned co-ed, but her mother has suddenly become severely depressed.
Say that to my face: fiction	Prete, David	A natural-born writer nails Italian-American characters and conversation to the page with hilarious and painful accuracy in this book about a young man fighting to escape the violence and apathy of Yonkers.
Search of the Moon King's daughter: a novel	Holeman, Linda	Gentle Emmaline loves nothing more than books and flowers and her little brother Tommy. Sadly, her idyllic country life in Victorian England comes to an abrupt end when her father dies of cholera. The family is forced to move to a mill town, where Emmaline's mother is dreadfully injured in a factory accident. To ease her pain she takes laudanum and is soon addicted, craving the drug so badly that she sells Tommy into servitude as a chimney sweep in London. Emmaline knows that a sweep's life is short and awful.

Seducing Mr. Heywood	Manning, Jo	Lady Sophia Rowley is a thrice-widowed wild beauty whose latest scandalous escapade has sent her home to north Yorkshire. There, she is stunned to learn that her late husband has made the local vicar legal guardian to her two young sons.
Seek	Fleischman, Paul	Assigned to write his autobiography, high school senior Rob Radkovitz instead creates an oral portrait of his life, centering on the search for his missing father.
Seventeenth summer	Daly, Maureen	A love story so honest that it has withstood the test of time, winning new fans for more than six decades.
Sexy	Oates, Joyce Carol	Sixteen-year-old Darren Flynn, a popular, good-looking high school athlete who lacks self-confidence, learns that his jock friends are hatching a revenge act against their English teacher for failing a member of the swim team.
Shackling water	Mansbach, Adam	A talented African-American saxophonist moves from Boston to Harlem to study with the jazz master he idolizes in Mansbach's first novel, a passionate debut that succeeds despite an abundance of plot cliches. Latif Pearson, the young protagonist, gets hooked on the sounds of Albert Van Horn. 19-year-old Latif gets up the nerve to make the move to New York, where he spends his nights watching Van Horn play from the sidelines. The dark side of Latif's debut comes when he takes a job running drugs for the local dealer.
Shadow people	McDonald, Joyce	When four angry, isolated teens living in rural northwestern New Jersey coincidentally gather in an abandoned camp building, they form a strange bond and begin to commit crimes together.
Shattered mirror	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	As seventeen-year-old Sarah, daughter of a powerful line of vampire-hunting witches, continues to pursue the ancient bloodsucker Nikolas, she finds herself in a dangerous friendship with two vampire siblings in her high school.
Shawno	Dennison, George	Shawno is an intelligent, noble dog who follows the laws of his own nature. The family and neighbors are troubled in different ways, and none of the characters is as single-hearted as Shawno.
Shizuko's daughter	Mori, Kyoko	Mori returns to her native Japan for a lyrical first novel with the intensity of remembered grief. Yuki's gentle mother commits suicide after assuring the anxious 12-year-old that she is "all right." Like her mother Shizuko, to whom she was exceptionally close, Yuki is talented and resilient; but she too is thwarted by a restrictive society and a miserable family situation. For Shizuko, there was no hope--though she loved her daughter, her husband was cold, dictatorial, and usually absent; and though she was once attracted to a more congenial man, she would have lost Yuki in a divorce.
Shrimp	Cohn, Rachel	Back in San Francisco for her senior year in high school, seventeen-year-old Cyd attempts to reconcile with her boyfriend, Shrimp, making some girlfriends and beginning to feel more a part of her family in the process.
Slalom	Rottman, S L	Seventeen-year-old Sandro, having always lived in poverty with his mother in a wealthy ski resort town, finds his life transformed when the father he has never met suddenly returns and wants to be part of the family.
Slap Your sides: a novel	Kerr, M. E.	As a religious Quaker, Jubal Shoemaker's older brother Bud has registered as a conscientious objector during World War II, and suddenly things change for his family.
Sleeping dogs	Hartnett, Sonya	Peek into the insular Down Under world of a family of hardscrabble farmers who operate a caravan park (campground) on the side. Griffin Willow is a domineering, alcoholic, abusive patriarch who intimidates his offspring into shunning the outside world.
Smack	Burgess, Melvin	With <i>Smack</i> , winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Guardian Prize for Fiction, Melvin Burgess brilliantly sketches a gradual descent into drug addiction. There is no preaching here, just the artful revelation of cold, hard facts.
Snow mountain passage	Houston, James	Houston follows the events of 1847 through the eyes of James Reed and his daughter Patty. Exiled from the party after he accidentally killed one of its members, Reed made it over the Sierras before snow locked what is now called Donner Pass. His family, however, did not. Along with more than 80 other stranded emigrants, they erected crude cabins below the summit and settled in for a long winter of hunger, cold, madness, and cannibalism, chronicled by Patty Reed in prose of uncommon urgency and even beauty.

Split image	Glenn, Mel	Laura Li seems perfect in every way--beautiful, kind, smart. At her job in the school library she is smiling and helpful to everyone, and at home she cares for her ailing brother like a dutiful Asian daughter. But after midnight a very different Laura Li secretly sneaks out to wild dance clubs--desperate to escape from the pressures exerted by her cold, demanding mother and her absent father.
Stardust	Gaiman, Neil	In the tranquil fields and meadows of long-ago England, there is a small hamlet that has stood on a jut of granite for 600 years. Just to the east stands a high stone wall, for which the village is named. Here, in the hamlet of Wall, young Tristran Thorn has lost his heart to the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester.
Stones in water	Napoli, Donna Jo	When Roberto sneaks off to see a movie in his Italian village, he has no idea that life as he knows it is over. German soldiers raid the theater, round up the boys in the audience, and pack them onto a train. After a terrifying journey, Roberto and his best friend Samuele find themselves in a brutal work camp, where food is scarce and horror is everywhere. The boys vow to stay together no matter what. But Samuele has a dangerous secret, which, if discovered, could get them both killed.
Stop That Girl	McKenzie, Elizabeth	Stop That Girl chronicles Ann's colorful coming-of-age travails, from her childhood in a disjointed family through her tender adolescence and beyond.
Taming the star runner	Hinton, S.E.	When rebellious adolescent Travis is sent to live on his uncle's farm, he forms an uneasy friendship with a young riding instructor and a strange kinship with her restless horse, Star Runner.
Tamsin	Beagle, Peter S.	Tamsin is a young woman who died over 300 years ago. Jennifer is a young American, transplanted to England by her mother's remarriage. They are two lonely souls, on opposite sides of life and death--a boundary they are both about to cross.
Target	Johnson, Kathleen	After being brutally raped, Grady finally goes to a new high school where he meets an outgoing African American and several other students who try to help him deal with the horrible secret that is robbing him of his life.
Tarzan of the apes	Burroughs, Edgar Rice	Raised by a fierce she-ape of the tribe of Kerchak deep in the African jungle, the baby Tarzan grew to learn the secrets of the wild to survive--how to talk with animals, swing through trees, and fight against the great predators. He grew to the strength and courage of his fellow apes. And in time, his human intelligence promised him the kingship of the tribe.
Tender	Hobbs, Valerie	Fifteen-year-old Liv's life undergoes seismic upheaval when her grandmother, the strong, urbane woman who raised her, dies and leaves her to reconnect with her estranged father. Understandably bitter as well as grieving, the teen must leave New York City, her best friends, and her usual haunts and habits to meet the man who deserted her when his wife died in childbirth.
Tending to Grace	Fusco, Kimberly Newton	Lenore is Cornelia's mother--and Cornelia's fix-up project. What does it matter that Cornelia won't talk to anyone and is always stuck in the easiest English class at school, even though she's read more books than anyone else? She feels strong in the fixing. She cooks vegetable soup so Lenore will eat something other than Ring Dings; she lures her out of bed with strong coffee and waffles. She looks after the house when Lenore won't get out of bed at all. So when Lenore and her boyfriend take off for Vegas leaving Cornelia behind with eccentric Aunt Agatha, all Cornelia can do is wait for her to come back.
The A-list	Dean, Zoey	Moving from Manhattan's elite world to "Hollyweird" presents Anna with quite a culture shock, but one that she is ready for.
The Baboon king	Quintana, Anton	Son of a Kikuyu mother and a Masai herdsman father, Morengaru the hunter lives on the edges of tribal society until an actual banishment forces him to make a life for himself among a troop of baboons.

The Blue Yonder Inn	Campbell, Helen	Darnelle owns and operates the Blue Yonder Inn, a pay-by-the hour roadside motel that caters to airmen, prostitutes, and visitors to the state penitentiary. After her daughter, Bonnie's, lowlife husband beats her up, Bonnie and Darnelle soon learn that family ties are forged not in blood, but by hand.
The book of Fred	Bardi, Abby	Mary Fred Anderson, raised in an isolated fundamentalist sect whose primary obsessions seem to involve an imminent Apocalypse and the propagation of the name "Fred," is hardly your average fifteen-year-old. She has never watched TV, been to a supermarket, or even read much of anything beyond the inscrutable dogma laid out by the prophet Fred.
The breadwinner	Ellis, Deborah	Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.
The broken places: a novel	Perabo, Susan	Growing up in Casey, Pa., Paul Tucker worships his firefighter dad, Sonny. Then one day, Sonny is called to a collapsed house to rescue 16-year-old Ian Finch, a swastika-tattooed rebel who was experimenting with explosives. While Ian's foot is trapped under the wreckage, another wall falls, and Sonny is caught, too.
The cup of the world	Dickinson, John	When Phaedra, a willful daughter of a baron, decides to marry for love, she sets off an unforeseeable chain of events and a battle between good and evil.
The curious incident of the dog in the night-time	Haddon, Mark	Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. Routine, order, and predictability shelter him from the messy wider world. Then, at fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart.
The Dashwood sisters' secrets of love	Rushton, Rosie	The author of "Friends, Enemies" offers a fresh, funny new novel about sisterhood, friendship, and romance.
The divine wind	Disher, Garry	In 1946, in the northern Australian fishing town of Broome, Hart Penrose remembers. He remembers his parents - his silent English mother and Australian father. He remembers the storm that tore open his leg, and his sister Alice, whose exuberance and strength brought him out of despair. He remembers the racism and hatred that roiled Broome in the days before WW II, the unwarranted suspicions of the native Japanese that pulled the town apart. Most of all, he remembers Misty Sennosuke, the warm and beautiful girl next door, the girl he loved, the one he betrayed.
The eagle has flown	Higgins, Jack	German intelligence knows that Steiner survived the bungled, top-secret, assassination attempt on Winston Churchill, and is now a POW somewhere in London. Reichsfuhrer Himmler wants him back--at any cost. Racing through war-torn Europe, Himmler's top espionage unit gets closer to their target--and to the true betrayal of their mission.
The earth, my butt, and other big, round things	Mackler, Carolyn	Fifteen-year-old Virginia Shreves is sure that she's the weakest link in her high-powered family until her handsome, athletic, star-student brother shockingly falls from grace.
The five people you meet in heaven	Albom, Mitch	From the author of the "New York Times" bestseller "Tuesdays with Morrie" comes a novel that explores the unexpected connections of listeners lives and the idea that heaven is more than a place--it's an answer.
The Fountainhead	Rand, Ayn	When <i>The Fountainhead</i> was first published, Ayn Rand's daringly original literary vision and her groundbreaking philosophy, Objectivism, won immediate worldwide interest and acclaim. This instant classic is the story of an intransigent young architect, his violent battle against conventional standards, and his explosive love affair with a beautiful woman who struggles to defeat him.
The goats	Cole, Brock	On the fifteenth anniversary of the publication of <i>The Goats</i> , Farrar, Straus and Giroux is proud to reissue a new paperback edition featuring Brock Cole's original hardcover jacket art as well as the black-and-white pen-and-ink chapter openings.
The God file: a novel	Hollon, Frank Turner	The first thing readers learn is that Gabriel Black is in prison, and has been for 22 years. He tries to find proof of God in jail, a place with "no real freedoms, surrounded everyday by fear, hopelessness, and people who live like rats".

The golden hour	Williams, Maiya	Rowan Popplewell's life stinks. He can think of ten reasons why without even trying. And having to spend the summer in tiny Owatannauk, Maine, with two strange aunts and his silent sister, Nina, isn't even the biggest one. But just when he thinks he's in for a month of shell collecting and watching the grass grow, Rowan notices weird things going on in Owatannauk, especially at the old, abandoned hotel at the edge of town.
The Good man :a novel	Lee, Edward Jae-suk	Soldier's story, one particularly timely amid the news of abuse in Iraq. It is the beautifully and poignantly told story of Gabriel Cuttman, an aging Korean War veteran, a good man who has done bad things and is struggling by a terrible secret.
The Gospel according to Larry	Tashjian, Janet	Josh is bright, articulate, idealistic, and in love with Beth, the girl next door and his best friend since sixth grade. Afraid to declare himself-especially in light of Beth's flirtations with a socially connected but intellectually suspect football player, he pours his energy into a clever Web site, through which his alter ego, Larry, advocates introspection, tolerance, and anti-consumerism.
The great god Pan	Napoli, Donna Jo	Readers are sure to relate to this adolescent love story set in Greek myth. The god Pan finds love in the form of the human daughter of King Agamemnon and Queen Clytemnestra.
The history of love	Krauss, Nicole	But life wasn't always like this: sixty years ago, in the Polish village where he was born, Leo fell in love and wrote a book. And although he doesn't know it, that book also survived: it crossed oceans and generations, and changed lives.
The king of torts	Grisham, John	The office of the public defender is not known as a training ground for bright young litigators. Clay Carter has been there too long and, like most of his colleagues, dreams of a better job in a real firm. When he reluctantly takes the case of a young man charged with a random street killing, he assumes it is just another of the many senseless murders that hit D.C. every week. As he digs into the background of his client, Clay stumbles on a conspiracy too horrible to believe.
The kite runner	Hosseini, Khaled	The Kite Runner follows the story of Amir, the privileged son of a wealthy businessman in Kabul, and Hassan, the son of Amir's father's servant. They spend idyllic days running kites and telling stories of mystical places and powerful warriors until an unspeakable event changes the nature of their relationship forever and eventually cements their bond in ways neither boy could have ever predicted.
The lightkeeper's daughter	Lawrence, Iain	When 17-year-old Elizabeth McCrae, better known as Squid, returns to her childhood home on Lizzie Island, a remote spot off the coast of British Columbia where her father serves as lightkeeper, she has a three-year-old daughter and a host of memories in tow.
The Matarese countdown	Ludlum, Robert	CIA case officer Cameron Pryce is hot on the trail of the new Matarese alliance. His only chance to terminate its ruthless activities is to follow the trail of blood money and stone-cold killers right to the heart of its deadly conspiracy.
The notebook	Sparks, Nicholas	A man picks up a faded, well-worn notebook and begins reading to a frail elderly woman, his voice recalling the heartbreaking story of two star-crossed lovers and their poignant, bittersweet journey to happiness. So begins this touching novel that is a dual tale of love lost and found, and of a man's gentle battle to reach an aging woman who cannot remember the most cherished moments of her life.
The Orange Blossom special	Carter, Betsy	A story about the relationships people develop in the face of loss, The Orange Blossom Special introduces us to a remarkable cast of characters, all of whom are tested - and transformed - by the changes in their midst.
The Orpheus obsession	Lane, Dakota.	Anooshka Stargirl sometimes sees her life as a movie. But she can't escape the realities. At home there's a depressed mother who often won't emerge from bed. And a dad who's not in the picture. There are two best friends but a stifling pack of aspiring glamour girls. Fortunately there's Zoetrope Zallulah Moon, modish older sister extraordinaire, living a bus ride away in New York City. Visiting Moon one summer weekend when the heat won't relent, Anooshka hears rock singer Orpheus's music. She's immediately entranced by his sound.

The other ones	Thesman, Jean	Although it is not immediately obvious, the main character of this odd novel is a witch. On the surface, Bridget is nothing more than an awkward misfit at her high school, an outsider with few friends. She is also one of the Other Ones, a circle of gentle, loving folk who possess great magical powers. The plot revolves around her struggle about whether to accept her true nature or be normal.
The Poisonwood Bible	Kingslover, Barbara	Nathan Price's determination to convert the natives of the Congo to Christianity is, we gradually discover, both foolhardy and dangerous, unsanctioned by the church administration and doomed from the start by Nathan's self-righteousness. Fanatic and sanctimonious, Nathan is a domestic monster, too, a physically and emotionally abusive, misogynistic husband and father.
The reader	Schlink, Bernhard	<i>The Reader</i> is a brief tale about sex, love, reading, and shame in postwar Germany. Michael Berg is 15 when he begins a long, obsessive affair with Hanna, an enigmatic older woman. He never learns very much about her, and when she disappears one day, he expects never to see her again. But, to his horror, he does.
The rescue	Sparks, Nicholas	Volunteer fireman Taylor McAden couldn't bring himself to take one risk: to fall in love. When he meets single mother Denise Holton, who's involved in a near-fatal car crash during a violent storm in their small North Carolina town, Taylor must look into his past and see if it's not too late to take a chance on the future.
The Russia house	LeCarre, John	A mysterious manuscript purporting to prove the Soviet defense system is unworkable is smuggled out of Moscow. It was intended for a flaky English publisher, a womanizing saxophone-playing boozier, but the smuggler has turned it over to British intelligence. In order to prove its authenticity, they recruit the publisher as an amateur spy and send him to Moscow to reestablish contact with the author. But the "truth" Barley Blair finds there is love and a purpose for his shambles of a life.
The school of beauty and charm	Sumner, Melanie	The wry comic narrator of this novel will immediately capture teens' attention with her vivid, figurative language. Louise Peppers is the only daughter of a loving, middle-class family in Counterpoint, GA. However, her grief and guilt over the death of her older brother eventually lead her to abuse alcohol, engage in loveless sex, and drop out of college to join the circus.
The second summer of the sisterhood	Brashares, Ann	With a bit of last summer's sand in the pockets, the Traveling Pants and the sisterhood who wears them embark on their second summer together. A lovely novel filled with strength and heartbreak, beauty and joy.
The sisterhood of the traveling pants	Brashares, Ann	Once there was a pair of pants. Just an ordinary pair of jeans. But these pants, The Traveling Pants, went on to do great things. This is the story of four best friends, the biggest summer of their lives, and the magical pants that bring it all together.
The sky, the stars, the wilderness	Bass, Rick	All three novellas in this collection examine a different aspect of the predator-prey relationship of humans with the natural world.
The slave dancer	Fox, Paula	This Newbery Award-winning classic tells the story of Jessie, a young boy who is snatched off the docks in New Orleans and thrown aboard a slave ship in a suspenseful and horrifying depiction of survival.
The sledding hill	Crutcher, Chris	Billy Bartholomew is dead. His best friend, Eddie Proffit, is still alive. Billy and Eddie meet on the sledding hill--like they always have. And Billy is not about to let a little thing like death stop him from hanging in there with Eddie in his epic struggle to get his life back on track.
The stone goddess	Ho, Minfong	When the Khmer Rouge takes over Cambodia, the Sokha family flees Phnom Penh along with thousands of other city dwellers. Nakri, almost 13, winds up in a brutal labor camp along with older siblings Teeda and Boran. Trained as a classical dancer, Teeda nurses Nakri through an illness and inspires her with her dedication to dance. Only Nakri and Boran survive the camp, rejoining the remnants of their family who journey to a refugee camp on Thailand's border.
The Talisman	King, Stephen	The first (1984) collaboration between horror/fantasy writers King and Straub, this book has been reissued in multiple formats to coincide with the publication of its sequel, <i>Black House</i> . In <i>The Talisman</i> , 12-year-old Jack Sawyer takes on a quest in this and a parallel world, the <i>Territories</i> , to acquire a mystical talisman that will save the life of his dying mother and her "twinner," the Queen of the Territories.

The tears of the salamander	Dickinson, Peter	Alfredo, a choir boy in 18th century Italy, loses his family in a fire, and his mysterious Uncle Giorgio spirits him away to their ancestral home below a volcano. There he learns that Uncle Giorgio is the Master of the Mountain and he can control the volcano.
The things we do to make it home	Gologorsky, Beverly	<i>The Things We Do to Make It Home</i> captures, in clear, unadorned prose, the legacy the Vietnam War left to the wives and children of the men who fought in it.
The thought of high windows	Kositsky, Lynne	When trapped or frightened, Esther sees windows - and flying out of them - as her only salvation. Young, Jewish and on the run from the Nazis, Esther is one of a group of children who manage to flee Germany for Belgium and then France at the beginning of World War II. Despite her perilous situation, she frets over her frumpy looks, is ridiculed by the popular girls and loves a boy who - at the best of times - treats her like a sister. As the war rages on and Esther bears witness to its horrors, her pain and isolation grow - until only the highest windows bring the promise of release.
The time traveler's wife: a novel	Niffenegger, Audrey	<i>The Time Traveler's Wife</i> is the story of Clare, a beautiful art student, and Henry, an adventuresome librarian, who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was thirty-six, and were married when Clare was twenty-three and Henry was thirty-one. Impossible but true, because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with Chrono-Displacement Disorder: periodically his genetic clock resets and he finds himself misplaced in time, pulled to moments of emotional gravity from his life, past and future. His disappearances are spontaneous, his experiences unpredictable, alternately harrowing and amusing.
The treasure of Savage Island	Hart, Lenore	After Rafe, a runaway slave, stows away on a ship that wrecks off an island near the Eastern Shore, he is helped by thirteen-year-old Molly, and the two of them share an adventure involving pirates, spies, and a lost treasure.
The true meaning of cleavage	Fredericks, Mariah	When Jess and Sari, best friends since seventh grade, begin their freshman year of high school and Sari becomes obsessed with a senior boy, Jess wonders if their friendship will survive.
The Truth about Forever	Dessen, Sarah	The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.
The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green	Braff, Joshua	A hilarious and heartbreaking novel about the unreasonable expectations a narcissistic father places on his less-than-perfect son.
The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Enter the hilarious world of Kenny and his family, the Watsons, who in their amazing Ultraglide head off on a trip like no other.
The way to somewhere	Day, Angie	Taylor Jessup is the engaging narrator, a self-effacing, attractive loner from a down-and-out family that gets torn apart when her father leaves her mother to take to the road as a truck driver.
The wedding	Sparkes, Nicholas	Wilson Lewis has been married to Noah and Allie's daughter, Jane, for 30 years. Wilson and Jane have raised three children and lived a satisfying and prosperous life in the bucolic town of New Bern, N.C. After forgetting his anniversary, Wilson realizes that the passion and romance have gone out of his marriage and fears his wife no longer loves him.
The Wee Free Men	Pratchett, Terry	Armed only with a frying pan and her common sense, Tiffany Aching, a young witch-to-be, is all that stands between the monsters of Fairyland and the warm, green Chalk country that is her home. Forced into Fairyland to seek her kidnapped brother, Tiffany allies herself with the Chalk's local Nac Mac Feegle -- aka the Wee Free Men -- a clan of sheep-stealing, sword-wielding, six-inch-high blue men who are as fierce as they are funny.
The white horse	Grant, Cynthia D.	Raina is 16, pregnant, and an all-too-frequent victim of her drug-addicted mother's violent rages. Ms. Johnson is Raina's fortysomething teacher who has a love-hate relationship with her job and a serious problem with the fact that she has no life outside of work. This pair seems too caught up in their own problems to pay much attention to each other, but how else will Raina be saved from her family's cycle of abuse--and Ms. Johnson rescued from her suffocating self-pity?
The Wild Girl : the notebooks of Ned Giles, 1932 : a novel	Fergus, Jim	From the award-winning author of "One Thousand White Women" comes a novel in the tradition of "Little Big Man," tracing one man's search for adventures and the wild Apache girl who invites him into her world.

The wolving time	Jennings, Patrick	In 16th-century France, a family of werewolves faces threats of persecution from villagers in this novel that raises questions about humanity that provoke and fascinate.
The women of Brewster Place	Naylor, Gloria	This is the story of the communal strength of seven diverse black women who live in decaying rented houses on a walled-off street of an urban neighborhood.
The work of wolves	Meyers, Kent	Even at the tender age of fourteen, Carson Fielding possessed a preternatural gift for communicating with horses, as well as for sizing up the people he meets in his South Dakota reservation border town. So when Carson buys his first horse - a run-down, wild-eyed roan - from wealthy rancher Magnus Yarborough, he quickly develops an instinctive dislike for the man and his rough manner with people and animals.
The Yokota officers club	Bird, Sarah	Readers travel with 18-year-old Bernie Root as she returns from her freshman year of college in the States to visit her military family, currently stationed on Okinawa.
Three clams and an oyster	Powell, Randy	High school juniors Flint McCallister, Dwight Deshutis, and Rick Beaterson's four-man flag football team, Three Clams and an Oyster, is short one shellfish. Cade Savage, their fourth, would rather party than practice. The guys know they have to get serious if they really want to go to Nationals.
Thursday's child	Hartnett, Sonya	Set in the harsh mining outback of Australia during the Depression, this startling coming-of-age story combines narrator Harper Flute's grindingly realistic account of a family mired in poverty with a more surreal tale of her younger brother, Tin. Gifted with an uncanny ability to dig through the earth, Tin creates his own subterranean world that provides him both escape and a link to his struggling family.
Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaelsen, Ben	Within Cole Matthews lie anger, rage and hate. Cole has been stealing and fighting for years. This time he caught Alex Driscal in the parking lot and smashed his head against the sidewalk. Now Alex may have permanent brain damage and Cole is in the biggest trouble of his life. Cole is offered Circle Justice: a system based on Native American traditions that attempts to provide healing for the criminal offender, the victim and the community. With prison as his only alternative, Cole plays along.
Treasure at the heart of Tanglewood	Pierce, Meredith Ann	Hannah lives in the heart of a forest, the Tanglewood, with a magpie, a badger, and three fox pups as her only companions. The nearby villagers seek her help as a healer but also fear her.
Trembling earth	Siegelson, Kim L	In 1864, two boys, one a slave running toward freedom and one hoping to collect the reward for capturing him, make their way through Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp, relying on knowledge the white boy's father, disabled by the war, had passed on to him in happier times.
Trouble don't last	Pearsall, Shelley	Samuel, the 11-year-old slave who narrates the story, is awakened by 70-year-old Harrison, who has decided to flee their tyrannical Kentucky master. The questions that immediately flood the boy's mind provide the tension that propels the novel: What has precipitated the old man's sudden desire for freedom?
True believer	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	At 15, LaVaughn already knows that life is hard and that getting ahead takes a strong mind and an even stronger will. Surrounded by poverty and violence, she strives every day not to be just another inner-city statistic: "My hope is strong like an athlete. Every morning when we walk through the metal detectors to get into school ... it is an important day of dues-paying so I can go to college and be out of here."
True confessions of a heartless girl	Brooks, Martha	In the midst of a heaven-rattling summer storm a young stranger blows into a small prairie town. On the run after taking her latest boyfriend's truck, with a pocketful of stolen money and a heart full of pain, seventeen-year-old Noreen Stall seems to invite trouble. And trouble comes soon enough as Noreen's new mistakes trigger calamities that shake the lives of the residents of Pembina Lake.
Tuck everlasting	Babbitt, Natalie	The Tuck family discovers a spring which grants eternal life, decides to protect it for the sake of humanity, and finally meets challenges to their goals in the form of a ten-year-old's inquisitive mind and a greedy stranger who suspects their secret.
Twilight	Meyer, Stephanie	When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Uglies	Westerfeld, Scott	Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.
Unseen companion	Orenstein, Denise Gosliner	Bethel, Alaska -- a small community in a stark landscape where a powerful and richly textured story spins together, one voice at a time. It is the late 1960s as beaten teenaged Dove Alexie sits in prison. One day, Dove suddenly vanishes, and there is nothing in the prison records to mark his arrival or departure.
Up Molasses Mountain	Baker, Julie	Elizabeth, 15, has always been thoughtfully inclusive toward shunned, cleft-palated Clarence, finding him to be much more intelligent than his hampered speech suggests. Then she becomes distracted by a romance with Johnny, a popular football player. It is 1953, and tension builds in the small West Virginia coal town as the UMW attempts to unionize the mine.
Vampire High	Rees, Douglas	A boy learns how tough it is to be the new kid at school when your classmates are vampires
Vampire kisses	Schreiber, Ellen	Sixteen-year-old Raven, an outcast who always wears black and hopes to become a vampire some day, falls in love with the mysterious new boy in town, eager to find out if he can make her dreams come true.
Waiting for Christopher	Hawes, Louise	Feena Harvey's life changes dramatically when her baby brother, Christy, falls victim to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.
We all fall down	Cormier, Robert	In an unapologetically severe story about four boys who victimize Karen Jerome and her family, Cormier once again explores the potential for malice in all of us.
Wedding song	Mahfouz, Naguib	A new play is the talk of Cairo. Through the script, the author, a young unknown named Abbas Karam Younis, seems to implicate himself in the death of his ailing wife and the disclosure to the police of his mother, a prostitute, and his father, a gambler. Then Abbas mysteriously vanishes, leaving behind a suicide note but no corpse.
What about Anna?	Simeon, Jan	Anna, a 16-year-old girl on the verge of graduating from school in Louvain Belgium, holds everyone at a distance since the death of her two brothers. Her mother cannot quite extinguish her hope of finding Michael, and her architect father has moved out to his own apartment in Ostend, by the North Sea. Then one of Michael's friends sends Anna a letter with evidence that suggests her brother is alive but he wants her to tell no one, not even her parents.
What Niall saw	Cullen, Brian	Cullen writes with an unusual sensitivity and depth that makes the narrator, a seven-year-old boy, speak vividly, with innocent sadness, about life after a nuclear war.
What we do is secret : a novel	Hillsbery, Kief	The beautifully realized setting of this semiautobiographical novel is Hollywood in 1980, when punk has captured the attention and imagination of a crazy coterie of Southern California kids. But punk, Rockets explains, isn't a style; it's a way of life that, in his case, is lived on "home street home." And, for an abandoned-at-birth child of drug addicts, it's an identity.
Where it stops nobody knows	Ehrlich, Amy	Nina Lewis has led a fairly normal life, except that she and her single mother have never lived in one place for very long. Now, in junior high school with a boy interested in her, Nina would like to settle down, but her mother insists that they continue to move.
White midnight and/or Firegold	Calhoun, Dia	In this companion to <i>Firegold</i> , Calhoun delivers a mesmerizing new novel that is the mystical story of a journey made by 15-year-old Rose Chandler from girl to young woman.
White rose	Ephron, Amy	Evangelina Cisneros is a very beautiful nineteen-year-old girl who, along with her father, is active in the struggle to oust the Spanish from Cuba in the late 1890s. When her father is arrested, she pleads his case to a Spanish general, who falls in love with her. She spurns his advances and is herself thrown in jail for her revolutionary activities.
Wild Roses	Caletti, Deb	In Washington State, seventeen-year-old Cassie learns about the good and bad sides of both love and genius while living with her mother and brilliant, yet disturbed, violinist stepfather and falling in love with a gifted young musician.
Witness	Hesse, Karen	It is 1924, and a small Vermont town finds itself under siege--by the Ku Klux Klan. Using free verse, Newbery Medal-winning author Karen Hesse allows 11 unique and memorable voices to relate the story of the Klan's steady infiltration into the conscience of a small, Prohibition-era community.

Yellow Jack : how yellow fever ravaged America and Walter Reed discovered its deadly secrets	Pierce, John R	Yellow fever made its first appearance in the Caribbean 350 years ago and ravaged the Americas for 250 years. This account follows the four- member US Army Yellow Fever Board, led by US Army major and physician Walter Reed, as they overturned leading theories of the day on the cause, spread, and control of yellow fever.
You & You & You	Nilsson, Per	Young Anon, who marches to the beat of a different drummer in galoshes to protect himself from radiation, touches the lives of all around him, resulting in disillusionment, loss, love, and more than a few surprises.
His(story) -- and Hers!		
1776	McCullough, David G	David McCullough tells the story of those who marched with General George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence - when the whole American cause was riding on their success, without which all hope for independence would have been dashed and the noble ideals of the Declaration would have amounted to little more than words on paper.
1912: Wilson, Roosevelt, Taft & Debs - the election that changed the country	Chance, James	Four extraordinary men sought the presidency in 1912. Theodore Roosevelt was the charismatic and popular former president who sought to redirect the Republican Party toward a more nationalistic, less materialistic brand of conservatism and the cause of social justice. His handpicked successor and friend, William Howard Taft, was a reluctant politician whose ambition was to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court. Thwarted by a convention controlled by Taft, Roosevelt abandoned the GOP and ran in the general election as the candidate of a third party of his own creation, the Bull Moose Progressives. Woodrow Wilson, the former president of Princeton University, astonished everyone by seizing the Democratic nomination from the party bosses who had made him New Jersey's governor.
9-11, emergency relief	Mason, Jeff, ed.	The terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington DC on September 11th touched people worldwide, and cartoonists have turned to art to express their grief. <i>9-11: Emergency Relief</i> is a comic book project to benefit the American Red Cross featuring some of the comic world's leading talents. From legendary creators such as Will Eisner to new talents such as cover artist Frank Cho, cartoonists from all areas of the cartooning world have joined together in this community effort.
A foreign field	Chan, Gillian	Life has been tough for fourteen-year-old Ellen Logan. With her country embroiled in the Second World War, she's forced to shoulder many family responsibilities. Life's even tougher for Stephen Dearborn, a young British pilot in training at the local airfield. As Ellen and Stephen are forced to grow up before their time, their friendship deepens -- and together they discover that sometimes falling apart is only steps away from falling in love.
American ground, unbuilding the World Trade Center	Langewiesche, William	Within days after September 11, 2001, William Langewiesche had secured unique, unrestricted, round-the-clock access to the World Trade Center site. <i>American Ground</i> is a tour of this intense, ephemeral world and those who improvised the recovery effort day by day, and in the process reinvented themselves, discovering unknown strengths and weaknesses.
B for Buster	Lawrence, Iain	In the spring of 1943, sixteen-year-old Kak, desperate to escape his abusive parents, lies about his age to enlist in the Canadian Air Force and soon finds himself based in England as part of a crew flying bombing raids over Germany.
Baghdad Burning : girl blog from Iraq	Riverbend	In August 2003 a young Iraqi blogger began reporting her experiences as a civilian observer in Baghdad. Calling herself Riverbend, she has offered searing eyewitness accounts of daily life in the war zone and has garnered a worldwide audience hungry for unfiltered news and fresh analysis.
Bloody Jack	Meyer, L. A.	Life as a ship's boy aboard the HMS <i>Dolphin</i> is a dream come true for Jacky Faber. Gone are the days of scavenging for food and fighting for survival on the streets of eighteenth-century London. Instead, Jacky is becoming a skilled and respected sailor as the crew pursues pirates on the high seas. There's only one problem: Jacky is a <i>girl</i> . And she will have to use every bit of her spirit, wit, and courage to keep the crew from discovering her secret.

Cold Mountain	Frasier, Charles	Sorely wounded and fatally disillusioned in the fighting at Petersburg, Inman, a Confederate soldier, decides to walk back to his home in the Blue Ridge Mountains and to Ada, the woman he loved there years before. His trek across the disintegrating South brings him into intimate and sometimes lethal converse with slaves and marauders, bounty hunters and witches, both helpful and malign.
Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager's Story	Akbar, Said Hyder and Burton, Susan	Said Hyder Akbar was living an ordinary suburban life in California when the shocking events of September 11, 2001, turned his world upside down. After the fall of the Taliban, Hyder's father, a scion of an Afghan political family, sold his business - a hip-hop clothing store in Oakland - and left for Afghanistan, where he became President Hamid Karzai's chief spokesman. Obsessed since youth with a country he had never even visited, seventeen-year-old Hyder convinced his father to let him join him during three successive summer vacations. In Afghanistan, Hyder witnessed a scarred country at a time of radical change, its hope for the future marred by blood feuds, poverty, and divided loyalties.
Crofton's fire	Coplin, Keith	In 1876, a green lieutenant named Crofton barely escapes Little Big Horn - where before his startled eyes, Custer is killed by his own enraged men - only to find that his own adventures have just begun. Over the next three years, curiosity, fate, and the schemes of others will take Crofton halfway around the world, from a "whore's war" in Kansas to a rebellion in Cuba to the horrors of the Zulu war in East Africa.
Daniel, half human and the good Nazi	Chotjewitz, David	In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as anti-Semitism buoys Hitler to power, Daniel learns he is half Jewish, threatening the friendship even as life in their beloved Hamburg, Germany, is becoming nightmarish. Also details Daniel and Armin's reunion in 1945 in interspersed chapters.
Devil at my heels	Zamperini	A juvenile delinquent, a world-class NCAA miler, a 1936 Olympian, a World War II bombardier: Louis Zamperini had a life fuller than most when it changed in an instant. On May 27, 1943, his B-24 crashed into the Pacific Ocean. Louis and two other survivors found a raft amid the flaming wreckage and waited for rescue. Instead, they drifted two thousand miles for forty-seven days.
Eyes of the Emperor	Salisbury, Graham	Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.
Facing the lion: growing up Maasai on the African Savanna	Lekuton, Joseph	From a green and beautiful village on the side of a small hill in Kenya comes this firsthand account of a boy's journey to manhood. Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton is a Maasai tribesman brought up in the nomadic way of life. The only child in his family to go to school, Lemasolai is torn between the traditional ways of his family and the western ways taught by his teachers. In his struggle to balance two cultures, he learns to apply lessons learned in each of his worlds to the problems of the other.
For freedom : the story of a French spy	Bradley, Kimberly	Life for Suzanne David, a 13-year-old French schoolgirl and music apprentice, dramatically changes in May, 1940, when she and her best friend witness the brutal death of a neighbor when a bomb drops directly in front of them. Soon the Germans take over Cherbourg, and the Davids are forced from their home into poverty. Then Suzanne is given the opportunity to help the Allies. Bravely, she risks her life, family, and singing career in order to spy for the Resistance. The pace of this suspenseful novel moves swiftly into action within the first chapter, showing the young heroine as strong, courageous, and clever.
Forever a Soldier : unforgettable stories of wartime service	ed. By Tom Wiener	Every war is a tapestry woven of the individual stories of millions of men and women thrust into a violent world where simple survival acquires a new, often permanently life-changing perspective. Forever a Soldier captures this personal side of war in 37 extraordinary narratives that relate the American soldier's experience of battle from the First World War to the ongoing struggle in Iraq.
Forgotten Fire	Bagdasarian, Adam	It is 1915 and Vahan Kendarian, the pampered youngest son of one of the most influential Armenian families in Turkey, is confident that his privileged world will always include the house he loves, the laughter of his brothers and sisters, a sense of belonging. But when his uncle disappears and his father is taken away, when two brothers are shot before his eyes in the family garden, VahanOtilde's world shatters.

Growing Up in Slavery : Stories of Young Slaves as Told By Themselves	Ed. by Yuval Taylor	Ten African Americans--among them Frederick Douglass and Harriet Jacobs, as well as less well-known individuals--tell what it was like to be a child and teenager under slavery.
Hear the wind blow	Hahn, Mary Downing	On a cold, snowy night, Haswell Magruder makes a decision that will have a profound effect on his own life as well as the lives of all those he loves. A wounded Confederate soldier appears at the family's Virginia farm, and Haswell convinces his mother and sister to take the man in, despite the certain repercussions if the enemy Yankees were to catch them in such a "traitorous" act. Unfortunately, this is precisely what happens, setting off a horrific chain of events that leaves Haswell's mother dead and the farmhouse burned to the ground.
Horse of the seven moons	Taschek, Karen	In 1881, after sixteen-year-old Bin-daa-dee-nin, an Apache fugitive, prays for help to survive in the mountains of New Mexico, he encounters a unique horse, and the path of his life with that horse crosses the life path of fourteen-year-old Sarah Chilton.
How I live now	Rosoff, Meg.	To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land.
I remember Korea: veterans tell their stories of the Korean War	Granfield, Linda	What is it like to go to war? How does a war affect the men and women who are fighting in it? Here are vivid first-person accounts that address these questions and offer powerful insights into what it means to serve in the armed forces in an unfamiliar country far from home.
Inside Hitler's bunker: the last days of the Third Reich	Fest, Joachim C.	Inside Hitler's Bunker is a searing portrayal of the last weeks of the Third Reich. Nothing in recent history comes close to the cataclysmic events that took place during the spring of 1945. Fest, the author of a highly regarded biography of Hitler, shows in chilling detail that the devastation was not only the result of Allied attacks but also of Hitler's determination to leave behind nothing but a wasteland.
Ivanhoe	Scott, Walter, Sir	The epitome of the chivalric novel, <i>Ivanhoe</i> sweeps readers into Medieval England and the lives of a memorable cast of characters. Ivanhoe, a trusted ally of Richard-the-Lion-Hearted, returns from the Crusades to reclaim the inheritance his father denied him. Rebecca, a vibrant, beautiful Jewish woman is defended by Ivanhoe against a charge of witchcraft -- but it is Lady Rowena who is Ivanhoe's true love. The wicked Prince John plots to usurp England's throne, but two of the most popular heroes in all of English literature, Richard-the-Lion-Hearted and the well-loved famous outlaw, Robin Hood, team up to defeat the Normans and regain the castle.
Left for dead : a young man's search for justice for the USS Indianapolis	Nelson, Peter	The story of the USS Indianapolis, the worst naval disaster in American history, is indeed true. So is the story of the shameful court-martial of the ship's captain, shameful because the loss of the ship was not his fault, and the Navy knew it. Hunter Scott became the catalyst for the survivors' efforts to clear their captain's name and set the record straight. This is the story of the ship, her brave sailors, their wronged captain, and a young man's crusade to right an old injustice.
Letters from Vietnam	Adler, Bill ed.	"No heroes, everyone did their part, and everyone was scared to death." They are the words of soldier Mark W. Harms in 1968, summing up his combat experience during the Vietnam War. His stunning letter home is just one of hundreds featured in this unforgettable collection.
Lovely green eyes	Lustig, Arnost	A Feldhure, or army prostitute, working in Feldbordell No. 232 Ost somewhere near the eastern front during World War II, Skinny is known to the German soldiers who frequent the camp brothel as Lovely Green Eyes. Managing to pass as a gentile and lying about her age the 15-year-old comes by her position after her entire family perishes at Auschwitz-Birkenau.
Milkweed: a novel	Spinelli, Jerry	Set in Nazi-occupied Poland just before the Warsaw ghetto uprising, Spinelli's first historical novel tells a tale of heartbreak, hope, and survival through the eyes of a young orphan.

Montmorency : Thief, Liar, Gentleman?	Udall, Eleanor.	In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician's case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself.
My canary yellow star	Wiseman, Eva	In 1944, in Budapest, Swedish Diplomat Raoul Wallenberg saved thousands of Jews from deportation to concentration camps by supplying them with Swedish passports. This novel is told from the perspective of Marta, a Jewish girl whose life is saved on several occasions by his intervention.
My detachment : a memoir	Kidder, Tracy	My Detachment is a war story, an unromanticized portrait of a young man coming of age in the controversial war that defined a generation. In an account of his tour of duty in Vietnam, storyteller Tracy Kidder writes for the first time about himself." "Kidder was an ROTC intelligence officer, just months out of college and expecting a stateside assignment, when his orders arrived for Vietnam.
Normandy: the real story: how ordinary Allied soldiers defeated Hitler	Whitaker, W. Denis	Now a definitive new history, coauthored by a highly decorated field commander, proves otherwise. Using archival data, oral histories, and exclusive new interviews, <i>Normandy: The Real Story</i> takes the reader deep into the minds, hearts, and souls of the allied armies to show how-despite the shortcomings of their superiors and the inferiority of their weaponry-they destroyed two well-equipped German armies and won the war.
Postcards from No Man's Land	Chambers, Aidan	Seventeen-year-old backpacker Jacob Todd has come to Amsterdam to honor his grandfather, a soldier who died in a nearby town in World War II. He isn't ready for the seductive assault the city launches on his senses. A stranger flirts with him in a café leaving him with this prophetic scribbled message: Nothing in Amsterdam is what it appears to be.
Prairie whispers	Arrington, Frances	Colleen didn't mean for Ma and Pa to think that the wagon woman's baby was their own. It was almost an accident, the way her stillborn little sister got switched with the dying woman's newborn; Ma was too ill to know what was happening, and Pa was away. The woman begged Colleen to take the baby girl and keep it safe from her cruel husband, so how could Colleen refuse? She meant to tell Ma and Pa the truth about that night, but somehow it never seemed the right moment . . . now what if they think she did the wrong thing?
President Kennedy has been shot	by the Newseum with Cathy Trost & Susan Bennett	Packaged with an audio CD, this title lets readers relive the JFK assassination with accounts from top reporters in text, photos, broadcasts and rare archival audio.
Reaching for the stars	Connelly, Mark	Mark Connelly examines the beleaguered reputation of the Command, and delves into its construction and bases. He places the Command's actions in the context of the bombings of London and Coventry, and speculates that without the use of the force, Churchill would not have survived as Prime Minister.
Remembering Manzanar: life in a Japanese relocation camp	Cooper, Michael	Uses firsthand accounts, oral histories, and essays from school newspapers and yearbooks to tell the story of the Japanese Americans who were sent to live in government-run internment camps during World War II.
Resistance	Graber, Janet	In German-occupied Normandy, France, fifteen-year-old Marianne worries that her mother is exposing the family, especially Marianne's deaf younger brother, to great danger by volunteering for more perilous assignments in the resistance movement.
Semper Fi		<i>Semper Fi</i> collects into one volume the best, most compelling stories and eyewitness accounts from the vast literature about the elite few who call themselves United States Marines. The history of the Marine Corps is inextricably intertwined with that of the country it defends—from its formation during the American Revolution right up to its recent role in Afghanistan.
September 11, 2001 : American writers respond		This anthology of reactions to the events of September 11th is thought provoking and emotional.

She went to the field: women soldiers of the Civil War	Tsui, Bonnie	Examining the Civil War through the lens of these women soldiers who fought in the conflict offers valuable insight. This volume will acquaint readers with these women, offering in-depth biographies and behind-the-scenes information.
Shylock's daughter	Pressler, Mirjam	Pressler attempts to answer questions that have plagued Shakespeare scholars for a long time: what were the motivations of Shylock and his daughter Jessica, 16, in <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> ? This novel gives an excruciatingly detailed look at life in the Jewish ghettos of Venice in 1594.
Sin killer: a novel	McMurtry, Larry	Part western, part satire of the English class system contrasted with rugged frontier society, McMurtry introduces the randy, bumbling Berrybender clan, a rich but inept aristocratic British family that journeys up the Missouri River to try to capitalize on the land boom of the 1830s.
Soldier boys	Hughes, Dean	Parallel stories follow teenagers Spence Morgan, a farm boy from Utah, and Dieter Hedrick, a farm boy from Bavaria. Stirred by complex feelings of patriotism and adolescent insecurities, both young men find themselves fighting for their respective countries in World War II.
Sudden sea	Scotti, R. A.	This account of the 1938 hurricane makes you feel as if you were there in Southeastern Connecticut and Rhode Island as the storm killed many people and did unforgettable damage.
Summer's End	Coulumbis, Audrey	Three teenaged cousins worry about their uncle who is missing in Vietnam, their brothers--the one who was drafted and the two who are dodging the draft, and the effects of their absence on the four generations gathered at the family farm in the summer of 1965.
Testament: a soldier's story of the Civil War	Bobrick, Benson	Civil War buffs will relish this extraordinary new history from Bobrick, based on a collection of letters written by his great-grandfather, Benjamin "Webb" Baker. The letters date from 1861, when the 19-year-old enlisted in the Union army, to 1864, when he was honorably discharged a corporal.
The ancient Romans	Lassieur, Allison	The Romans were a powerful force during ancient times, evolving into an empire that spread to much of present-day Europe as well as parts of Africa and the Middle East. They brought their culture and rules of law to the areas they conquered, and left their mark through construction. Aqueducts to provide water, roadways to travel their vast lands, and temples to honor their gods are just some of the structures created by the Romans.
The Attack on Pearl Harbor	McNeese, Tim	McNeese begins his discussion of the attack on Pearl Harbor with a helpful explanation of how economic, social, and political conditions in Japan in the 1920s and 1930s led to the country's increasingly aggressive military actions. This opening offers a solid base for the main story: the planning, execution, and effects of the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor in 1941.
The boys' crusade	Fussell, Paul	The Boys' Crusade is the great historian Paul Fussell's unflinching and unforgettable account of the American infantryman's experiences in Europe during World War II. Based in part on the author's own experiences, it provides a stirring narrative of what the war was actually like, from the point of view of the children - for children they were - who fought it. While dealing definitively with issues of strategy, leadership, context, and tactics.
The confessor	Silva, Daniel	Gabriel Allon, Daniel Silva's protagonist in an interesting series about a Mossad spy who doubles as an art restorer, returns in a fascinating tale of Vatican complicity in the Holocaust.
The English assassin	Silva, Daniel	Switzerland's shameful behavior in WWII provides the backdrop for this superbly crafted thriller that puts Silva at the forefront of his generation of foreign intrigue specialists.
The fall of Baghdad	Anderson, Jon Lee	In channeling a tragedy of epic dimensions through the stories of real people caught up in the whirlwind of history, Anderson has written a book of timeless significance.
The gladiator	Baker, Alan	While there were a few famous gladiators, such as Spartacus, the majority of these warriors were unnamed slaves, criminals or prisoners of war whose lives were nasty, brutish and short. The games themselves were sponsored by the emperor, whose popularity was often secured by the magnitude of the contests he hosted.

The lady and the unicorn	Chevalier, Tracy	A set of bewitching medieval tapestries hangs today in a protected chamber in Paris. They appear to portray a woman's seduction of a unicorn, but the story behind their making is unknown - until now. Paris, 1490. A shrewd French nobleman commissions six lavish tapestries celebrating his rising status at Court. He hires the charismatic, arrogant, sublimely talented Nicolas des Innocents to design them.
The painted drum	Erdrich, Louise	When a woman named Faye Travers is called upon to appraise the estate of a family in her small New Hampshire town, she isn't surprised to discover a forgotten cache of valuable Native American artifacts. After all, the family descends from an Indian agent who worked on the North Dakota Ojibwe reservation that is home to her mother's family. However, she stops dead in her tracks when she finds in the collection a rare drum - a powerful yet delicate object.
The Real Revolution : The Global Story of the American Revolution	Aronson, Marc	In what he calls a "transnational" approach to history, he frames the events of the American Revolution in the context of global economic and intellectual developments.
The rise of the Indian Rope Trick : how a spectacular hoax became history	Lamont, Peter	A rope rises up into the air. A boy climbs up the rope and when the boy gets to the top he vanishes into thin air," explains Lamont, winner of the Jeremy Dalziel prize in British History, about a tall tale that found its way into legend. The rope trick is one of the most successful hoaxes of all time, created by an amateur magician and printed in the Chicago Tribune in 1890.
The river between us	Peck, Richard	Within a page-turning tale of mystery, adventure, and the civilian Civil War experience, a master of stories about people in transition paints a portrait of the lifelong impact that one person can have on another.
The trouble with Islam: a Muslim's call for reform in her faith	Manji, Irshad	Canadian journalist Manji (she's also a television personality and writer-in-residence at the U. of Toronto) describes her radical ideas regarding her faith. She is particularly interested in encouraging Muslims to voice concerns about elements of the religion they find objectionable--and to do so publicly.
The USS Arizona	Jasper, Joy Waldron	This book tells the full story of the battleship Arizona, arguably one of America's most well-known ships. Of the ship's crew that fateful December 7, 1941, 1,177 died when the ship exploded following a fatal bomb hit that detonated the ship's ammunition magazines.
The winter people	Bruchac, Joseph	Saxso is fourteen when the British soldiers attack his Canadian village. It is the year 1759, and war is raging between the British and the French, with the Abenaki people-Saxso's people-by their side. In fact, most of the men of Saxso's village are away looking for the British elsewhere on the day of the attack. There aren't enough people home to put up a proper defense, and the village is destroyed. Many people are killed and some are taken hostage, including Saxso's own mother and two younger sisters.
Thura's Diary : my life in wartime Iraq	Al-Windawi, Thura	Nineteen-year-old Thura al-Windawi kept a diary during the conflict in Iraq, saying that it was her way of "controlling the chaos." The diary, which documents the days leading up to the bombings, the war itself, and the lawless aftermath, puts a personal face on life in Baghdad. As Thura describes her life and that of her two younger sisters, she shows readers the many small details that illuminate the reality of war for Iraqi families, and especially for Iraqi children.
Troy	Geras, Adele	The great battles of the bronze-clad warriors and the clashes between Achilles and Hector and Odysseus are seen at a distance from the walls of the city, where the Trojan townsfolk gather to sit each day and cheer the action like spectators at some archaic football game.
Under a war-torn sky	Elliott, L.M.	This novel celebrates acts of kindness and heroism without glorifying war. American Henry Forester, a young flier with the RAF during World War II, is a complex mix of insecurities, unresolved feelings about his punitive father, and heroic aspiration.
Under the Persimmon Tree	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher who is awaiting her husband's return from Mazar-i-Sharif, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan.
Understanding the Holy Land	Frank, Mitch	The author tackles the complex subject of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, making it comprehensible, if not any less horrific; in some ways, the plain recitations of the facts make the hatred, death, and destruction even more shocking.

Voices from D-Day	Bastable, Jonathan	D-Day was the daring invasion of occupied France by Allied armies. This vast operation, code-named Overlord, was planned and executed in a matter of months. Tens of thousands of troops and civilians were involved in the buildup, but no hint of the time or place of the invasion was leaked to the Germans.
When the elephants dance	Holthe, Tess	In the waning days of World War II, the Filipino people were caught between a brutal Japanese occupation and battling U.S. forces. In this compelling, incandescent novel, thirteen-year-old Alejandro Karangalan, his spirited older sister Isabelle, and Domingo, a passionate guerilla commander, narrate the story of the Karangalans, a family who huddle with their neighbors in the cellar of a house near Manila to wait out the war. I Spellbinding, with a dazzling array of ghosts, witches, supernatural creatures, and courageous Filipinos from history, these tales transport the listeners and give them new resolve to survive.
Where I'm bound: a novel	Ballard, Allen	An engrossing fictional account of the important role of African-American soldiers in the Civil War. Joe Duckett, whose father was African and whose mother was "part colored, part Choctaw," escaped from the Mississippi plantation where he and his family were enslaved. He joins the Union army and the strong and skillful man moves up the ranks of the Third United States Colored Cavalry.
Witch child	Rees, Celia	During the witch hunts of the mid-1600s, many young Englishwomen died on the gallows, innocent victims of false or hysterical accusations of witchcraft. But what of those women who actually claimed the name "witch" as their own? In the pages of her secret journal, Mary Nuttall reveals what it is like to live in a climate of mistrust and piety in which differences are dangerous and rumors can kill, where she must hide her heritage as a healer and pagan.
World War II	Brinkley, Douglas ed.	The Times has culled the archives for a history of the war. The selections in this volume masterfully chart the Axis's tightening grip on Europe and the Pacific: the transcript of Hermann Goring's private conference in the hours following Kristallnacht; Hitler's invasion plan for Poland; a merchant ship captain's memoir of the evacuation of Dunkirk; Edward R. Murrow's broadcasts from London during the Blitz; a memoir from the siege of Leningrad; FDR's cables to Japan in the hours before Pearl Harbor; Jimmy Doolittle's report after his B-25 raid to Tokyo; the last telegraph from an American GI on Corregidor.
World War II on the air: Edward R. Murrow and the broadcasts that riveted a nation	Bernstein, Mark	As CBS Radio's overseas news director during World War II, Edward R. Murrow supervised a team of reporters that covered the war from capitals and battlefields across Europe, Africa, and Asia. This text focuses on the reporting of the "Murrow Boys" from the Nazi Anschluss in 1938 through the Allied invasion of Germany.
Around the World		
A lesson before dying	Gaines	This is the story of a young black man in the 1940's who is condemned to death for the murder he did not commit. His loved ones insist that he die with self-esteem and dignity.
A yellow raft in blue water	Dorris, Michael	This novel about three generations of American Indian women where each seeks her own identify while dealing with family responsibilities and acts of loyalty and love.
Before we were free	Alvarez, Julia	Anita de la Torre never questioned her freedom living in the Dominican Republic. But by her 12th birthday in 1960, most of her relatives have emigrated to the United States, her Tío Toni has disappeared without a trace, and the government's secret police terrorize her remaining family because of their suspected opposition of el Trujillo's dictatorship. Using the strength and courage of her family, Anita must overcome her fears and fly to freedom, leaving all that she once knew behind.
Black and White	Volponi, Paul	Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.
Call me Maria : a novel	Ortiz Cofer, Judith	Fifteen-year-old Maria leaves her mother and their Puerto Rican home to live in the barrio of New York with her father, feeling torn between the two cultures in which she has been raised.

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two	Bruchac, Joseph	After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
Funny in Farsi: a memoir of growing up Iranian in America	Dumas, Firoozah	In 1972, when she was seven, Firoozeh Dumas and her family moved from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of this country beyond her father's glowing memories of his graduate school years here. More family soon followed, and the clan has been here ever since. Funny in Farsi chronicles the American journey of Dumas's wonderfully engaging family.
Goodbye, Tsugumi	Yoshimoto, Banana	Goodbye Tsugumi is an offbeat story of a deep and complicated friendship between two female cousins. Maria is the only daughter of an unmarried woman. She has grown up at the seaside alongside her cousin Tsugumi, a lifelong invalid.
Killing raven	Coel, Margaret	When the body of a white man is recovered from a shallow grave in one of the most troubled corners of the Wind River Reservation, Father John O'Malley knows that if the murderer isn't caught quickly, this tragedy will only be the beginning. The victim's widow is already out for revenge. And the one person Father John believes could lead him to the killer is a terrified fifteen-year-old running for her life.
Last Dance on Holladay Street	Carbone, Elisa Lynn	In 1878, thirteen-year-old Eva seeks her birth mother in Colorado, only to find the city and her mother are not what she imagined.
Love	Morrison, Toni	The first page of Toni Morrison's novel <i>Love</i> is an introduction to a narrator who pulls you in with her version of a tale of the ocean-side community of Up Beach, a once popular ocean resort. Morrison introduces an enclave of people who react to one man--Bill Cosey--and to each other as they tell of his affect on generations of characters living in the seaside community. One clear truth here, told time and again, is how folks love and hate each other and the myriad ways it's manifested; these versions of humanity are seen in almost every line.
Meyebela: my Bengali girlhood	Nasarina, Tasalima	"Meyebela" means "girlhood"; Nasrin coined the word because Bengali lacked an equivalent term. Here, she remembers her life from early childhood in the mid '60s to adolescence in Bangladesh, a society bound by class, colonialism, religious extremism, and the terrible social disruption of civil war.
Mountains beyond mountains	Kidder, Tracy	At the center of Mountains Beyond Mountains stands Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard Professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, world-class Robin Hood, Farmer was brought up in a bus and on a boat, and in medical school found his life's calling: to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most.
Mr. Potter	Kincaid, Jamaica	The novel follows the life of one man, Mr. Potter, from his birth to his death (not necessarily in that order) on the Caribbean island of Antigua. Mr. Potter, a native Antiguan of African descent, works as a chauffeur for a Mideastern immigrant and then for himself.
Pigs in heaven	Kingslover, Barbara	When a young Cherokee tribal lawyer comes to the door to claim Taylor's illegally adopted Indian daughter, the white woman must face the fact that her stable life is about to be torn apart. The story follows her and six-year-old Turtle across the West as they flee from the threat of separation and exist on minimum-wage earnings.
Refugees	Stine, Catherine	Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Dawn, a sixteen-year-old runaway from San Francisco, connects by phone and email with Johar, a gentle, fifteen-year-old Afghani who assists Dawn's foster mother, a doctor, at a Red Cross refugee camp in Peshawar.

Slave	Nazer, Mende	Born into the Karko tribe in the Nuba mountains of northern Sudan, Nazer has written a straightforward, harrowing memoir that is a sobering reminder that slavery still needs to be stamped out. The first, substantial section of the book concentrates on Nazer's idyllic childhood, made all the more poignant for the misery readers know is to come. Nazer is presented as intelligent and headstrong, and her people as peaceful, generous and kind. In 1994, around age 12 (the Nuba do not keep birth records), Nazer was snatched by Arab raiders, raped and shipped to the nation's capital, Khartoum, where she was installed as a maid for a wealthy suburban family.
Swift as desire	Esquivel, Laura	Laura Esquivel's <i>Swift as Desire</i> , an enchanting and sensuous romance, reflects upon an undying love and the will to overcome an unspeakable tragedy. <i>Swift as Desire</i> is rich with metaphor, coated with magic, and very much about the power of desire.
The afterlife	Soto, Gary	A young man is murdered, but that's just when his life becomes interesting as he finally sees that people love him. He then faces the consequences of his actions and even stumbles on what may be true love.
The feast of the goat	Vargas Llosa, Mario	Vargas Llosa's fictional portrait of ruthless Dominican Republic dictator Rafael Trujillo focuses on the end of the old "goat's" life. Trujillo, who well understood that his power depended upon the United States, is said to have sought his protection and promotion by paying Congressmen and other U.S. "leeches" the equivalent of the annual military aid his nation received from Washington. Although the United States eventually got fed up with his excesses, its fear of a second Communist regime in the Caribbean kept him in power.
The house of spirits	Allende, Isabel	Isabel Allende manages beautifully to mingle fiction with reality, and tells the story of a family, and especially the relationship between a girl, who is telling the story, her mother and her grandmother. They are not the only characters in the book, and, as in real life, the story is filled with many different people that come through the door of anyone's life, some stay for just a few seconds, some become best friends, some even enemies.
The kite rider	McCaughrean, Geraldine	In 13th-century China, a 12-year-old boy prepares to say goodbye to his father, who is about to put to sea as a crew member of the Chabi, and to watch the testing of the wind, which involves strapping a man to a huge kite and seeing if it flies straight up (a good omen for the Chabi's voyage) or at a certain angle (foretelling danger).
The known world	Jones, Edward P.	Henry Townsend, a black farmer, boot maker, and former slave, has a fondness for <i>Paradise Lost</i> and an unusual mentor - William Robbins, perhaps the most powerful man in antebellum Virginia's Manchester County. Under Robbins's tutelage, Henry becomes proprietor of his own plantation - as well as of his own slaves. When he dies, his widow, Caldonia, succumbs to profound grief, and things begin to fall apart at their plantation: slaves take to escaping under the cover of night, and families who had once found love beneath the weight of slavery begin to betray one another. Beyond the Townsend estate, the known world also unravels: low-paid white patrollers stand watch as slave "speculators" sell free black people into slavery, and rumors of slave rebellions set white families against slaves who have served them for years.
The letters	Yumoto, Kazumi	Chiaki Hoshino returns to the house that she lived in as a small child for the funeral of the landlady and remembers how the already elderly Mrs. Yanagi had helped her come to terms with her father's death. The scary old woman claimed to be a mail carrier who would take letters written to those who had died with her when she passed away. Until then, she would keep them safe in a drawer.

The pickup	Gordimer, Nadine	When Julie Summers's car breaks down on a sleazy street in a South African city, a young Arab mechanic named Abdu comes to her aid. Their attraction to one another is fueled by different motives. Julie is in rebellion against her wealthy background and her father; Abdu, an illegal immigrant, is desperate to avoid deportation to his impoverished country. In the course of their relationship, there are unpredictable consequences, and overwhelming emotions will overturn each one's notion of the other.
The red of his shadow: a novel	Montero, Marya	In her retelling of the true and tragic love story of Simil Bolosse and Zul, Montero illuminates the world of Haitian Vodou. At the age of 12, Zul, the wild and willful only surviving daughter of a cursed family, is anointed mambo, or priestess, of a powerful Dominican Vodou community.
The spirit catches you and you fall down	Fadiman, Anne	Lia Lee was born in 1981 to a family of recent Hmong immigrants, and soon developed symptoms of epilepsy. By 1988 she was living at home but was brain dead after a tragic cycle of misunderstanding, overmedication, and culture clash.
Thin wood walls	Patneaude, David	When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada and his family face growing prejudice, eventually being torn away from their home and sent to a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.
Walk across the sea	Fletcher, Susan	Eliza Jane McCully's father maintains a lighthouse perched on a picturesque island along the coast of northern California in 1886. Twice a day, the tide withdraws, leaving a rocky isthmus between the island and the mainland. The 13-year-old loves to observe the delicate creatures collected in the tide pools, for just a few hours before the sea covers them again.
We just want to live here	Rifa'I Amal	An unsparing--yet hopeful--account of what it means to grow up in Jerusalem today as told through the candid exchange of letters between a Palestinian teenager and an Israeli teenager.
White Girl	Olsen, Sylvia	White people were just people. It was the other people who stuck out." That is how it has always been for Canadian teen Josie, until her mom marries Martin, "a real ponytail Indian," and they move to his home on the reservation. Suddenly Josie is "Blondie," alone, and a stranger, taunted by bullies and longing for her friends back at the mall. She eventually finds a friend who shows her around, and later, a boyfriend; but it is the complex story of her family that is the heart of the novel.
Without reservation	Benedict, Jeff	In 1973, an old American Indian woman dies with nothing left of her tribe but a 214-acre tract of abandoned forest. It seems to be the end of the Mashantucket Pequot tribe. But it is just the beginning. Over the next three decades, the reservation grows to nearly 2,000 acres, home to more than 600 people claiming to be tribal members. This book tells how the tribe and its leadership have become owners of Foxwoods, the largest casino in the world, grossing more than \$1 billion a year.
Zazoo	Mosher, Richard	One wispy October dawn, a boy on a bike came and went. Little did almost-14-year-old Zazoo know that this inquisitive, bird-watching bicyclist would hold the key to her past and open a window to the future as well. The orphaned Zazoo lives alongside a canal with her loving adoptive grandfather, who brought her from Vietnam to his French village when she was just 2 years old.
Who Done It?		
A certain justice	James, P.D.	It begins, dramatically enough, with a trial for murder. The distinguished criminal lawyer Venetia Aldridge is defending Garry Ashe on charges of having brutally killed his aunt. For Aldridge the trial is mainly a test of her courtroom skills, one more opportunity to succeed--and she does. But now murder is in the air.

A winter haunting	Simmons, Dan	"Forty-one years after I died, my friend Dale returned to the farm where I was murdered. It was a very bad winter." What follows proves to be just as spooky as this opening suggests.
American Mafia: a history of its rise to power	Repetto, Thomas A.	Spurred by prohibition, which exploded opportunities for organized crime, men like Chicago's John Torrio and New York's Lucky Luciano built their organizations along corporate lines, parceling out territories and adopting rules for the arbitration of disputes. Good management and a tight organizational structure enabled Italian gangs to continue operations even when leaders were jailed or rubbed out. Though bootlegging ties to "legitimate" businesses and cafe society gave Mafia big shots a shadowy respectability, it was bullets and bribes that counted.
Angels and demons	Brown, Dan	World-renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to a Swiss research facility to analyze a cryptic symbol seared into the chest of a murdered physicist. What he discovers is unimaginable: a deadly vendetta against the Catholic Church by a centuries-old underground organization, the Illuminati.
Bleeders	Pronzini, Bill	A simple case gets murderously complicated when "Nameless," Bill Pronzini's seasoned private-eye, exposes a nasty scam that involves junior account executive Jay Cohalan, his unhappy wife, and a mistress with a serious drug problem.
Bone house: a novel	Tobin, Betsy	A maid in early 17th-century rural England investigates the death of the village prostitute in this elegant, haunting debut novel.
Boy in the burning house	Wynne-Jones, Tim	Trying to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance from their rural Canadian community, fourteen-year-old Jim gets help from the disturbed Ruth Rose, who suspects her stepfather, a local pastor.
Breaking and entering	Keating, H. R. F.	Officially excluded from the most baffling murder case to occur in Bombay, Inspector Ganesh Ghote is instead assigned to tracking down a cat burglar who has been scaling apartment buildings in the dead of night to steal valuable jewelry. In searching for the thief, Ghote finds that he may be the one to solve the murder after all.
Chocolate chip cookie murder	Fluke, Joanne	Hannah Swensen, runs an eat-in cookie establishment in Lake Eden, MN. When the well-liked milkman is murdered in the alley near her shop, Hannah joins forces with the deputy sheriff, who just happens to be her brother-in-law to gather clues and solve the mystery.
Cold pursuit	Parker, T. Jefferson	Homicide cop Tom McMichael is on the rotation when an 84-year-old city patriarch named Pete Braga is found bludgeoned to death. Not good news, especially since the Irish McMichaels and the Portuguese Bragas share a violent family history dating back three generations. Years ago Braga shot McMichael's grandfather in a dispute over a paycheck; soon thereafter Braga's son was severely beaten behind a waterfront bar -- legend has it that it was an act of revenge by McMichael's father
Compass in the blood	Coles, William E. Jr.	Dee Armstrong, a college freshman interested in journalism, gets caught up in trying to find out the truth behind a scandalous local story and embarks on an all-consuming investigation. Having written an award-winning paper about the real-life century-old crime the previous year, the young woman knows the published facts: In 1902, Katherine Soffel, the wife of a Pittsburgh prison warden, allegedly fell in love with one of two brothers awaiting execution and helped them escape.
Concrete desert	Talton, Jan	In order to make ends meet, David Mapstone teaches history and researches an unsolved, 40-year-old murder case for the Phoenix sheriff's office. Serendipitously, the old murder of the then-governor's niece shows unnerving similarities to the recent disappearance and murder of his college lover's younger sister. Could both murders be the work of the same person? Could the governor's family be involved, or could the murders be attributable to serial murderers?
Couldn't keep to myself: testimonies from our imprisoned sisters	Lamb, Wally, ed.	For the past several years, Lamb has taught writing to a group of women prisoners at York Correctional Institution. At first mistrustful of Lamb, one another, and the writing process, over time these students let down their guard, picked up their pens, and discovered their voices. In this unforgettable collection, the women of York describe in their own words how they were imprisoned by abuse, rejection, and their own self-destructive impulses long before they entered the criminal justice system.

Diamond dogs	Watt, Alan	Neil Garvin is a seventeen year old living in a small town outside Las Vegas. Abandoned by his mother when he was three, he blames his abusive father - the local sheriff - for driving her away. Neil is good-looking, popular, the quarterback of the high school football team & as cruel to his peers as his father is to him. He plans to get out of town on his "million dollar arm," until the night he accidentally commits a terrible crime & his father, unasked, covers up for him. As the FBI arrives & begins to narrow in, Neil & his father become locked in a confrontation that will break them apart & set them free.
Down the Rabbit Hole : an Echo Falls mystery	Abrahams, Peter	Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her hometown of Echo Falls.
Getting away with murder	Crowe, Chris	Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.
Hard road: a Cat Marsala mystery	D'Amato, Barbara	You're off to see the wizard in this delightful Oz-themed mystery, the ninth in the Cat Marsala series. As freelance journalist Cat is squiring her young nephew, Jeremy, around a mythical Oz festival in Chicago's Grant Park (would that such a festival actually existed!), two people die before her eyes, one a stabbing victim.
In darkness death	Hoobler, Dorothy	In eighteenth-century Japan, young Seikei becomes involved with a ninja as he helps Judge Ooka, his foster father, investigate the murder of a samurai.
Innocent blood	James, P.D.	Adopted as a child into a privileged family, Philippa Palfrey fantasizes that she is the daughter of an aristocrat and a parlor maid. The terrifying truth about her parents and a long-ago murder is only the first in a series of shocking betrayals.
Kiss the girls	Patterson, James	"Casanova" works the East Coast, "The Gentleman Caller" works the West Coast, and these two serial killers might just be working together. Washed-up Washington, D.C., police detective Alex Cross gets involved when his niece is abducted.
Legs	Kennedy, William	He's crude, blunt, violent, and a severe sociopath, but when you are talking about one of America's most infamous gangsters, those aren't necessarily bad characteristics. Jack "Legs" Diamond is a quick-witted, prohibition-era mobster who makes himself a household name by being thrust into the public eye in the 1920's and 30's.
Lord of the kill	Taylor, Theodore	In this exciting sequel to <i>Sniper</i> (1989), 16-year-old Ben Jepsen is back, continuing as the surrogate manager of Los Coyotes Preserve in California while his animal-rights activist parents tour the world. Once again, the presence of the preserve's big cats inflames several groups, including a nearby retirement community, the owner of a "canned hunt" operation that slaughters exotic zoo animals for sport, and a worldwide organized crime ring that poaches endangered species.
Montmorency: thief, liar, gentleman?	Updale, Eleanor	When a petty thief falls through a glass roof in his attempt to escape from the police, what should have been the death of him marks the beginning of a whole new life. After his broken body is reconstructed by an ambitious young doctor, he is released from prison, and -- with the help of Victorian London's extensive sewer system -- he becomes the most reclusive burglar in the city. He adopts a dual existence as a respectable, wealthy gentleman named Montmorency, and his degenerate servant Scarper. But Montmorency must always be on guard. The smallest mistake could reveal his secret and ruin both his lives.
No country for old men	McCarthy, Cormac	While hunting antelope he comes across dead bodies, heroine, and cash; he takes the money and runs.
Queen of ambition	Buckley, Fiona	Ursula Blanchard, lady-in-waiting and espionage agent to Queen Elizabeth I, shows her usual flare in dealing with murder and intrigue in Buckley's fifth engrossing Elizabethan mystery.
Savage run	Box, C.J.	Joe is called to the scene when an exploding cow kills a famous ecoterrorist, Stewie Woods, and his bride of three days, who were peacefully spiking trees. A visit to the cow's pugnacious owner leaves Joe defensive, angry, and curious: Why doesn't the rancher ask any questions about the bizarre accident that happened on his land?
Scorpi	Horowitz, Anthony	After being told that his father was an assassin for a criminal organization, fourteen-year-old Alex goes to Italy to find out more and becomes involved in a plan to kill thousands of English schoolchildren.

Shadow of a doubt	Rottman, S. L.	Can a teenager forgive his brother and learn to trust again after the older boy is charged with murder?
Sherlock Holmes and the giant rat of Sumatra	Vannemar, Alan	Sherlock Holmes travels the length of Asia to solve his most confounding case and thwart his most terrifying foe.
Sherlock Holmes and the Giant Rat of Sumatra	Vanneman, Alan	A cousin of Dr. Watson's late wife travels to Baker Street from Singapore to consult Sherlock Holmes regarding her husband's mysterious suicide. That consultation leads to another death under seemingly impossible circumstances, and to Holmes's decision to journey to Singapore to investigate both crimes.
Slayer of gods	Robinson, Lynda Suzanne	Meren is commanded by the young Pharaoh Tutankhamun to investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding Nefertiti's untimely demise.
Smoke-filled rooms	Nelscott, Kris	Smokey Dalton is a man on the run, and he's got something to hide. This thriller moves adroitly through the sweltering heat and simmering racial tension of the summer of 1968, when the Democratic National Convention came to Chicago.
Someone to watch over me	Churchill, Jill	When the stock market crash of 1929 takes the family fortune with it, Lily and Robert Brewster are lucky enough to inherit their great-uncle's home in New York state. Under the provisions of the will, they must live there for 10 years and earn their own salaries before the inheritance will legally be theirs. They take in boarders and begin plans to renovate the estate, until a mummified body of a murdered man is found in the ice house.
Sunflower	Powers, Margaret	In this riveting debut, a female detective and single mother in a small Wisconsin town pursues a serial killer of little girls, only to discover that he intends "her" to be his last victim.
The ABC murders	Christie, Agatha	Hercule Poirot is on the scene as a ruthless killer strikes down victims who correspond with each subsequent letter of the alphabet, from Mrs. Ascher of Andover, to Betty Bernard of Bexhill, and to Carmichael Clarke of Churston.
The analyst	Katzenbach, John	Starks must solve a riddle, he is told. He must find out whose life he ruined within two weeks. If he does not, he must kill himself. If he does not kill himself, then those nearest and dearest to him will be killed.
The boy in the burning house	Wynne-Jones, Tim	Fourteen-year-old Jim Hawkins's father, Hub, has disappeared, and Ruth Rose, the pastor's stepdaughter, tries to convince him that Fisher killed Hub. If that possibility isn't unsavory enough, Jim discovers that his dad and Fisher were both involved in a fire that killed another teenage boy 30 years before. It is the unraveling of this long-hidden mystery that gives <i>The Boy in the Burning House</i> its page-turning edginess.
The Da Vinci code	Brown, Dan	While in Paris on business, Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon receives an urgent late-night phone call: the elderly curator of the Louvre has been murdered inside the museum. Near the body, police have found a baffling cipher. While working to solve the enigmatic riddle, Langdon is stunned to discover it leads to a trail of clues hidden in the works of Da Vinci -- clues visible for all to see -- yet ingeniously disguised by the painter.
The devil's right hand	Rhoades, J D	When H&H is required to track down a lifelong loser for jumping bail on a routine burglary collar, Keller has no idea how gravely events are about to spiral out of his control.
The floating girl	Massey, Sujata	Rei Shimura thinks she'll have the column of a lifetime if she interviews a hot new comic book artist--until the artist and his best friend turn up dead. The situation is anything but comic as Shimura's search for the killer takes her through the sleazy parts of Tokyo.
The keeper of dreams	Ford, Peter Shann	Australia's ancient Aboriginal traditions and myths prove to be both powerful and real in <i>The Keeper of Dreams</i> , a deeply involving and evocative thriller in which contemporary greed confronts age-old taboos. Deep in the central desert of the Australian Outback, a sacred stone that contains codes and carvings of an Aboriginal group's most powerful creation stories is stolen. If the stone is not recovered and the thieves not punished, Aboriginal elders know their people will die. And so, one by one, the three men who carried out the theft fall victim to an ancient justice, a ritual in which the victim is literally "sung" to death.
The lord of the kill	Taylor, Theodore	With his parents in India, sixteen-year-old Ben Jepson is in charge of Los Coyotes Preserve, a refuge for big cats near Los Angeles, when two powerful groups try to shut it down by intimidation, murder, and kidnapping the largest tiger in captivity.

True blue: police stories by those who lived them	Sutton, Randy	After 9/11, Las Vegas Police Detective Randy Sutton began soliciting writing from officers. He received hundreds of stories from officers. The result is a collection of funny, exciting, haunting stories about murder investigations, missing children, bungling burglars, car chases, lonely shut-ins, routine traffic stops, officers killed in the line of duty--the entire human realm of police service.
True notebooks	Salzman, Mark	When Mark Salzman is invited to visit a writing class at Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for Los Angeles's most violent teenage offenders, he scrambles for a polite reason to decline. He goes -- expecting the worst -- and is so astonished by what he finds that he becomes a teacher there himself. <i>True Notebooks</i> is an account of Salzman's first years teaching at Central. Through it, we come to know his students as he did: in their own words.
Winter and night	Rozan, S.J.	When Bill receives a call from the New York City police telling him that his teenage nephew, Gary, is in jail and has asked for him, Bill is certainly surprised, especially because he has had no contact with his sister, Gary's mother, in some time.
Wolf rider	Avi	In this psychological thriller, Avi explores the dilemma of 15-year-old Andy, who is convinced that the crank call that he has received is the confession of a murderer. His father thinks that he's lying. The school counselor warns him against "crying wolf."
Poetry		
100 great poems by women	Kizer, Carolyn	Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Carolyn Kizer has compiled the 100 best poems by women, from the 15th century to the present. Although the book contains many of the obvious choices -- poems by Marianne Moore, Sylvia Plath, Emily Dickinson, and Adrienne Rich -- it is Kizer's selection of lesser-known but extraordinary poets that makes this collection stand out.
A Wreath for Emmett Till	Nelson, Marilyn	In 1955 people all over the United States knew that Emmett Louis Till was a fourteen-year-old African American boy lynched for supposedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi. The brutality of his murder, the open-casket funeral held by his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, and the acquittal of the men tried for the crime drew wide media attention. "In a profound and chilling poem, award winning poet Marilyn Nelson reminds us of the boy whose fate helped spark the civil rights movement.
Healing earthquakes	Baca, Jimmy Santiago	A series of small poems divided among five books, it explores the history of love in the poet's personal relationships: in his childhood community, his mother, and brother, and the first woman with whom he found love.
Love : Selected Poems	cummings, e.e.	This collection of poems by E.E. Cummings explores all the terrains of love, lust, romance, and seduction. Accompanied by electrifying artwork, this volume of verse speaks to the heart and makes an ideal gift for a romantic love interest.
Motion: American sports poems		As Noah Blaustein points out in his preface, among the many parallels made between sports and poetry is the idea of transcendence. Forged from the most basic elements of sport-energy, movement, and rhythm-the poems in this anthology reflect something universal: sport as metaphor, sport as struggle, sport as the battleground for mythic figures and local heroes.
Not much fun	Parker, Dorothy	Eclectic and exuberant, the 122 forgotten poems and verses display the raw talent and dexterity of America's most renowned cynic. Some are topical, providing gimlet-eyed commentary on urban life from the First World War through the mid-twenties. With incomparable wit, Parker dissects contemporary fads and, in the raucous "Hate Verses", gleefully maligns most facets of humanity and popular culture, from husbands and wives to bohemians, slackers, summer resorts and movies.
Roots and flowers		<i>Roots and Flowers</i> reveals heartfelt truths about poets and their families.
Sailing alone around the room	Collins, Billy	"High, Most Encouraging Tidings" -- that is how Billy Collins, the widely read and widely acclaimed poet, describes the music in his poem about the gospel singing group the Sensational Nightingales. The same phrase applies, just as joyfully, to the arrival of <i>Sailing Alone Around the Room</i> , a landmark collection of new and selected poems.

The road not taken	Frost, Robert	No poet is more emblematically American than Robert Frost. From "The Road Not Taken" to "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," he refined and even defined our sense of what poetry is and what it can do. T. S. Eliot judged him "the most eminent, the most distinguished Anglo-American poet now living," and he is the only writer in history to have been awarded four Pulitzer Prizes.
Touching the fire		As we approach the new century, Latino poetry is in the midst of its most vital and productive period. Poetry by Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Cuban Americans has changed the course of contemporary American writing forever. And it has done this by emphasizing poetry as the sound of everyday life--showing readers and other writers that the most effective manner of preserving the traditions of a culture comes from the colorful language of daily experience.
Walk on the wild side		In cities such as New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, poetry is reclaiming a place in our culture, as evidenced by hundreds of readings each month. With the city as its focus, this anthology of 120 poems taps into the urban resurgence of American poetry.
Sci Fi and Other Strange Stories		
A great and terrible beauty	Bray, Libba	After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.
A Hat Full of Sky	Pratchett, Terry	Tiffany Aching, a young witch-in-training, learns about magic and responsibility as she battles a disembodied monster with the assistance of the six-inch-high Wee Free Men and Mistress Weatherwax, the greatest witch in the world.
Airborn	Oppel, Kenneth	Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.
Basilisk	Browne, N. M.	Two teens who discover they are sharing the same dream of dragons fight to stop the evil dictator from bringing their dreams to life in the form of a terrible basilisk with the power to literally scare people to death.
Crossroads of twilight -- or any title in series	Jordan, Robert	In the tenth book of the <i>Wheel of Time</i> the world and the characters stand at a crossroads, and the world approaches twilight, when the power of the Shadow grows stronger. Fleeing from Ebou Dar with the kidnapped Daughter of the Nine Moons, whom he is fated to marry, Mat Cauthon learns that he can neither keep her nor let her go, not in safety for either of them, for both the Shadow and the might of the Seanchan Empire are in deadly pursuit.
Dr. Franklin's Island	Halam, Ann	Semirah Garson is certain that nothing could ever be more horrific than what she has just lived through: a plane crash in the middle of the ocean followed by the shocking discovery that she and the other survivors are stranded on an apparently deserted island. But she's wrong.
Dragon and thief: a dragonback adventure -- or any title in series	Zahn, Timothy	Timothy Zahn has been entertaining science fiction readers young and old for more than twenty years with exciting, thought-provoking adventures; now, with <i>Dragon and Thief</i> he offers his first new series in a number of years, one that's sure to delight all his fans and gain new readers as well. It's called Dragonback because Jack Morgan has a dragon on his back--literally. We think of dragons as enormous fire-breathing, flying creatures of myth. But in Jack's universe, dragons--or, more precisely, the dragon like K'da--are big, but they also depend on being in a symbiotic relationship with a humanoid.
Eragon -- or any title in series	Paolini, Christopher	Beautifully written and taut with suspense, <i>Eragon</i> is the first installment in an epic fantasy trilogy about a 15-year-old farm boy who discovers his destiny as a Dragon Rider.

Foxmask	Marillier, Juliet	The Norseman Eyvind, a fierce and loyal Wolfskin, came to a new land on top of the world to find his destiny. With his priestess bride, Nessa, he saved the land and weathered the treachery that was caused by Eyvind's blood-sworn friend, Somerled. After much pain and sorrow the two lovers have managed to create a society where the Norse warriors and the gentlefolk of the Orkney Isles live and thrive in contentment at last. A decade and more has passed since the settlement, and Eyvind and Nessa have watched their children grow and thrive in peace. But not all on the islands are content or at peace.
Freaks	Klause, Annette	Set in a turn-of-the-century carnival, this new work from the author of "Blood and Chocolate" tells the story of a normal boy whose parents perform with other "abnormalities of nature." Determined to make a life for himself outside the freak show, Abel Dandy finds fortune and romance in the most unexpected places.
Freewalker	Foon, Dennis	In this evocative, mythic, and powerful second novel in The Longlight Legacy, Dennis Foon again displays his great originality and unstoppable imagination. One year has passed since Roan, Alandra, and the children escaped from the Brothers.
Harry Potter and the half-blood prince --or any title in series	Rowling, J. K.	Rowling takes up Harry's sixth year at he Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Book will be available at bookstores in mid-July!.
Hawksong	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Danica Shardae is an avian shape shifter, and the golden hawk's form in which she takes to the sky is natural to her. The only thing more familiar to her is war: It has raged between her people and the serpiente for so long, no one can remember how the fighting began.
Inkheart	Funke, Cornelia Caroline.	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.
Jackaroo	Voigt, Cynthia	When hard times among the People revive the old stories of the hero Jackaroo, an innkeeper's daughter follows her own quest to unlock the secret reality behind the legend.
Kingdom of cages	Zettel, Sarah	Humanity has spread among the stars, colonizing new worlds. Now the species is in danger of extinction from the interrelated disasters of virulent new diseases and collapsing ecosystems. Only Pandora is unaffected, and the Pandorans are fanatically determined to preserve both their health and the pristine ecosystem.
Knife of Dreams	Jordan, Robert	The dead are walking, men die impossible deaths, and it seems as though reality itself has become unstable: All are signs of the imminence of Tarmon Gai'don, the Last Battle, when Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, must confront the Dark One as humanity's only hope. But Rand dares not fight until he possesses all the surviving seals on the Dark One's prison and has dealt with the Seanchan, who threaten to overrun all nations this side of the Aryth Ocean and increasingly seem too entrenched to be fought off. But his attempt to make a truce with the Seanchan is shadowed by treachery that may cost him everything. Whatever the price, though, he must have that truce. And he faces other dangers.
Magic or Madness	Larbalestier, Justine	From the Sydney, Australia home of a grandmother she believes is a witch, fifteen-year-old Reason Cansino is magically transported to New York City, where she discovers that friends and foes can be hard to distinguish.
Melusine	Monett, Sarah	Melusine - a city of secrets and lies, pleasure and pain, magic and corruption - and destinies lost and found." "Felix Harrowgate is a dashing, highly respected wizard. But his aristocratic peers don't know his dark past - how his abusive former master enslaved him, body and soul, and trained him to pass as a nobleman. Within the walls of the Mirador - Melusine's citadel of power and wizardry - Felix believed he was safe. He was wrong.

New spring	Jordan, Robert	For three days battle has raged around the great city of Tar Valon. On the slopes of Dragonmount is born an infant prophesied to change the world. That child must be found before the forces of the Shadow have an opportunity to kill him. Moiraine Damodred, a young Accepted soon to be raised to Aes Sedai, and Lan Mandragoran, a soldier fighting in the battle, are set on paths that will bind their lives together. But those paths are filled with complications and dangers, for Moiraine, of the Royal House of Cairhien, whose king has just died, and Lan, considered the uncrowned king of a nation long dead, find their lives threatened by the plots of those seeking power.
Prey	Crichton, Michael	The concept of nanotechnology can be traced back to a 1959 speech given by physicist Richard Feynman, in which he offered to pay \$1,000 to "the first guy who makes an operating electric motor... which is only 1/64-inch cube." Today the quest is to make machines that would be about 1,000 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair.
Rise of a Hero	Bell, Hilari	Although the Hrum believe their war against Farsala is nearly over, Soraya has strategic information that will help if she can reach Jiaan and Kavi and their separate resistance movements, but discord and Time's Wheel seem destined to keep them apart.
Secret sacrament	Jordan, Sherryl	Born in the urban city-state of Navora, Gabriel is also strongly drawn to the tribal society of Shinali that survives on the plain outside the city gates. He is haunted by a secret guilt, a moment from his childhood when out of fear he failed to help a dying Shinali woman.
Shadow of the giant	Card, Orson Scott	Bean's past was a battle just to survive. He first appeared on the streets of Rotterdam, a tiny child with a mind leagues beyond anyone else's. He knew he could not survive through strength; he used his tactical genius to gain acceptance into a children's gang and then to help make that gang a template for success for all the others. He civilized them, and lived to grow older. Then he was discovered by the recruiters for the Battle School." "For Earth was at war - a terrible war with an inscrutable alien enemy.
Singing the Dogstar blues	Goodman, Alison	Seventeen-year-old Joss is the daughter of a famous newscaster and a sperm donor; a wild girl who can play a mean harmonica; a student of time travel at the prestigious Centre for Neo-Historical Studies. This year, for the first time, the Centre has an alien student, Mavkel, from the planet Choria. And Mavkel has chosen Joss, of all people, as his roommate and study partner. Joss is less than thrilled to have her freewheeling lifestyle ruined by the high-tech security surrounding Mavkel, and alarmed by the danger he seems to attract, an assassin and an anti-alien lobby are the least of it.
Star of gypsies	Silverberg, Robert	Yakoub has been in slavery on three planets, subjected to every manner of indignity and suffering. Now, having at last come into his own as master of the entire human race, he tells of his long life, his many loves and his travels from world to world.
The Amulet of Samarkand	Stroud, Jonathan	Set in modern-day London, this first book in a gripping new trilogy introduces young magician's apprentice Nathaniel. Humiliated by a hotshot wizard, Nathaniel summons the not-so-tame djinni, Bartimaeus, and sends him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand.
The Anthem	Rand, Ayn	Written with all the power and conviction that made <i>The Fountainhead</i> a classic of American letters, Ayn Rand's Anthem is a hymn to man's independent spirit and to the highest word in the human language - "Ego." First written in 1937, <i>Anthem</i> was published in England, but was refused in publication in America, for reason which the reader might discover by reading it for himself.
The book without words	Avi	Avi's name on the cover of a new novel is enough to provoke shivers of anticipation in many readers, and in this "Fable of Medieval Magic" set in eleventh-century England, shivers are certainly warranted.
The Diary of Pelly D	Adlington, L. J.	When Toni V, a construction worker on a futuristic colony, finds the diary of a teenage girl whose life has been turned upside-down by holocaust-like events, he begins to question his own beliefs.

The dispossessed.	LeGuin, Ursula	Shevek, a brilliant physicist, decides to take action. he will seek answers, question the unquestionable, and attempt to tear down the walls of hatred that have isolated his planet of anarchists from the rest of the civilized universe. To do this dangerous task will mean giving up his family and possibly his life. Shevek must make the unprecedented journey to the utopian mother planet, Anarres, to challenge the complex structures of life and living, and ignite the fires of change.
The getaway special	Oltion, Jerry	In the tradition of Poul Anderson's <i>Operation Chaos</i> , Jerry Oltion, a rising star of science fiction and a Nebula Award-winning author, returns with a novel of intergalactic travel, a mad scientist, and otherworldly allies. Allen Meisner is a member of INSANE, the International Network of Scientists Against Nuclear Extermination. A card-carrying mad scientist, he develops a hyperdrive engine capable of taking anyone to the stars for just a few dollars. But after a demonstration aboard a space ship goes awry, Allen learns that there's no such thing as a free ride.
The Goblin Wood	Bell, Hilari	When young hedgewitch Makenna witnesses the murder of her mother by their neighbors, she flees to the forest and forms an unexpected alliance with an army of goblins and leads an attack on the humans--who are now their common enemy.
The golem's eye -- or any title in series	Stroud, Jonathan	The second adventure in the Bartimaeus trilogy finds our young apprentice magician Nathaniel working his way up the ranks of the government, when crisis hits. A seemingly invulnerable clay golem is making random attacks on London. Nathaniel and the all-powerful, totally irreverent djinni, Bartimaeus, must travel to Prague to discover the source of the golem's power. In the ensuing chaos, readers will chase a dancing skeleton across London's skyline, encounter the horror of the dreaded Night Police, witness a daring kidnapping, and enter the Machiavellian world of the magician's government.
The hobbit	Tolkein, J. R. R.	The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien's first and best-loved book, is set in the imaginary world of Middle-earth -- home to many strange beings, the most appealing of which are the hobbits themselves.
The house of the scorpion	Farmer, Nancy	At his coming-of-age party, Matteo Alacrán asks El Patrón's bodyguard, "How old am I?...I know I don't have a birthday like humans, but I was born." "You were harvested," Tam Lin reminds him. To most people around him, Matt is not a boy, but a beast.
The lion, witch and the wardrobe	Lewis, C. S.	When four children pass through a special wardrobe closet, they discover the kingdom of Narnia, a land of talking animals and mythical creatures.
The longest way home	Silverberg, Robert	A coming-of-age story set on a distant planet. Joseph has been trained all his life to be the next Master of his House (a sort of feudal state). The indigenous species and the humans seem to have worked out a stable, amicable system for sharing the planet, but while Joseph is visiting relatives on a faraway continent, "the Folk," a human worker caste, suddenly rebel, killing all the Masters.
The lord of the rings -- Any book of the trilogy	Tolkien, J. R. R.	Tolkien's epic, 10 years in the making, recounts the Great War of the Ring and the closing of Middle-Earth's Third Age, a time when magic begins to fade from the world and men rise to dominance.
The Minister's Daughter	Hearn, Julie	In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.
The Ordinary	Grimsley, Jim	The Twil Gate links two very different realms. On one side of the portal is Senal, an advanced technological civilization of some thirty billion inhabitants, all cybernetically linked and at war with machine intelligences many light-years away. On the other side is Irion, a land of myth and legend, where the world is flat and mighty wizards once ruled.

The princess, the crone, and the dung-cart knight	Morris, Gerald	Ever since the night when her mother and guardian were murdered, Sarah has been living on her own and searching for the knight who was responsible. Her quest for revenge leads to an even greater adventure when she witnesses Queen Guinevere being kidnapped. Soon Sarah finds herself accompanying Sir Gawain and Squire Terence on a remarkable journey to rescue the Queen. In their travels they meet a mystery knight traveling incognito in a dung cart, a fairy who becomes Sarah's first friend in a long time, a reclusive monk who plans to spend the rest of his life building a tomb for Sir Lancelot, and a princess who might have a little more gumption than she appears to.
The ropemaker	Dickinson, Peter	The Valley is left alone by barbarian marauders from the north and by the powerful, greedy Empire to the south. Old stories explain why. Although these ancient legends are hardly believed any more, Tilja's mother still goes into the forest to sing to the cedars and Tahl's grandfather talks to the waters that flow along the northern border.
The rover	Odom, Mel	Edgewick Lamplighter is a third-level librarian in the basement of the Great Library. When the Master sends the halfling to deliver a package/letter to a warder on the Yonderling Docks, his curiosity gets the best of him. Wick follows the man down an alley and saves him when he is attacked by creatures called Boneblights, sent by the evil Lord Kharrion.
The Secret under My Skin	McNaughton, Janet	In the year 2368, humans exist under dire environmental conditions and one young woman, rescued from a work camp and chosen for a special duty, uses her love of learning to discover the truth about the planet's future and her own dark past.
The seeing stone	Crossley-Holland, Kevin	A 13-year-old growing up in 12th-century England, Arthur soon discovers that his life parallels that of another Arthur, son of Uther centuries past, the legendary boy king "who was and will be." The second son of Sir John de Caldicot, lord of a manor near the Welsh border, Arthur narrates his everyday life in the Marchland in 100 clipped chapters of crisp, melodic prose. But his destiny entwined with that other, ancient Arthur is revealed only in snatches, after he receives (courtesy of our old friend Merlin) a piece of obsidian, a seeing stone, through which a well-woven story within a story unfolds.
The serpent's shadow	Lackey, Mercedes	This story takes place in the London of 1909, and is based on "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Lackey creates echoes of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, pays affectionate homage to Dorothy Sayers's Lord Peter Wimsey (who plays an important role under a thin disguise), and turns the dwarves into seven animal avatars who masquerade as pets of her Eurasian heroine, Maya.
The singer of all songs -- or any title in series	Constable, Kate	Set in an utterly original world where enchantment is worked by singing, <i>The Singer of All Songs</i> is the first title in a new fantasy trilogy.
The Wheel of Time--any book in the series	Jordan, Robert	<i>The Wheel of Time</i> turns and Ages come and pass. What was, what will be, and what is, may yet fall under the Shadow. Let the Dragon ride again on the winds of time.
The wizard	Wolfe, Gene	A novel in two volumes, <i>The Wizard Knight</i> is in the rare company of those works which move past the surface of fantasy and drink from the wellspring of myth. Magic swords, dragons, giants, quests, love, honor, nobility—all the familiar features of fantasy come to fresh life in this masterful work.
The wolves of Calla -- any book in series	King, Stephen	The Dark Tower series was begun by King when he was a freshman in college. He expects to finish the last book of the series within two years. Begin with Book 1, "The Gunslinger" or select any book from the series.
The xenocide mission	Jeapes, Ben	When a supposedly secret orbiting surveillance station is attacked by the Kin, a ferocious species that had nuked civilization on their own neighboring planet into oblivion, junior officer Joel Gilmore and his horselike "Rustie" associate Boon Round flee to that "Dead Planet," where several surprises await.
Things not seen	Clements, Andrew	Bobby Phillips is an average fifteen-year-old boy. Until the morning he wakes up and can't see himself in the mirror. Not blind, not dreaming—Bobby is just plain invisible. There doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to Bobby's new condition; even his dad the physicist can't figure it out. For Bobby that means no school, no friends, no life. He's a missing person.
Trickster's Choice	Pierce, Tamora.	Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

Vitals	Bear, Greg	You'd think the secret of eternal life would be an eagerly awaited boon to humanity. Yet when cutting-edge researcher Hal Cousins travels deep below the ocean's surface in a two-man submersible, seeking primitive lifeforms that may hold the key to immortality, his pilot attacks him. Barely surviving, Hal maneuvers the sub to the surface--and finds a fellow scientist has shot up his research ship. Then his lab is destroyed, his twin brother leaves a mysterious message saying they're both being pursued by an unknown force, and his sister-in-law calls to tell him his twin, who is also researching life extension, has been murdered.
Nonfiction -- The Real Thing!		
A most damnable invention : dynamite, nitrates, and the making of the modern world	Bown, Stephen R	Humanity's Desire to Harness the destructive capacity of fire is a saga that extends back to the dawn of civilization. The true age of explosives, when they radically and irrevocably changed the world, however, began in the 1860s with the remarkable intuition of a sallow Swedish chemist named Alfred Nobel. His discovery of dynamite made possible the famous industrial megaprojects that transformed the countryside and defined the era, including the St. Gothard rail tunnel through the Alps, the clearing of New York Harbor, the Panama Canal, and countless others.
Aquamarine Blue 5: Personal Stories of College Students with Autism	Prince-Hughes, Dawn ed.	The title comes from one of the contributor's experiences: she perceives numbers in color, and one of her favorites is the number "5," which she sees as aquamarine. Editor Prince-Hughes is herself a person with Asperger's Syndrome, (also termed high-functioning autism), which is a diagnosis being applied more frequently these days, to the relief of people plagued with its problems for years without explanation. Twelve individuals share their experiences.
Blue jean	Handel, Sherry S.	Handel sought to provide a magazine written and edited by young women from around the world. The result was a magazine whose purpose is to empower girls and young women to define themselves through their own medium.
Cod: a biography of the fish that changed the world	Kurlansky, Mark	Cod spans a thousand years and four continents. Mark Kurlansky introduces the explorers, merchants, writers, chefs, and of course the fishermen, whose lives have interwoven with this prolific fish. He chronicles the fifteenth-century politics of the Hanseatic League and the cod wars of the sixteenth and twentieth centuries. He embellishes his story with gastronomic detail, blending in recipes and lore from the Middle Ages to the present. And he brings to life the cod itself: its personality, habits, extended family, and ultimately the tragedy of how the most profitable fish in history is today faced with extinction.
Einstein 1905 : the standard of greatness	Rigden, John S	For Albert Einstein, 1905 was a remarkable year. It was also a miraculous year for the history and future of science. In six short months, from March through September of that year, Einstein published five papers that would transform our understanding of nature.
Evil: an investigation	Morrow, Lance	Time magazine essayist Morrow has been writing about evil for over a decade now, and remains convinced that it cannot be understood. That does not mean it cannot be written about, however, and he offers 24 examples that illuminate it in the modern world.
Famous crimes revisited	Lee, Henry C.	In "Famous Crimes Revisited," renowned forensic scientist, Dr. Henry Lee, and Jerry Labriola, M.D. re-examine the O. J. Simpson, Vincent Foster, JonBenet Ramsey, Lindbergh baby, Sam Sheppard, JFK, and Sacco-Vanzetti cases. Surprising questions are raised and rare photographs provided.
Fat land: how Americans became the fattest people in the world	Critser, Greg	A nutrition and health writer provides a thoroughly documented but nevertheless engaging treatment of the very serious "epidemic of obesity" which affects the health and well-being of some 60 percent of the American population. Class, politics, culture, and economics are taken into account to show how Americans, particularly children, have become overweight.
Fingerprints	Beavan, Colin	Beavan's lively debut explores developments in criminal forensics that culminated in the first prosecution based on fingerprint evidence, in London in 1905. He opens his narrative with the wanton double murder of the elderly Farrows and the crude initial investigation. Beavan, a writer for Esquire and other magazines, examines at length the slow scientific inroads into 19th-century law enforcement.
Fish behavior in the aquarium	Reebs, Stephan	Fish look extremely relaxed from our side of the fish bowl, but underlying their observed tranquility is a world of complex behavior that has been the subject of much research.

Floating off the page	Wells, Ken ed.	"What, you may ask, are feuding nudists, dueling translators of the Bible into Klingon, and the makers of high-quality prison underwear doing on the front page of <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> ?" Veteran Journal reporter and Page One editor Ken Wells provides the answer in this collection of the most entertaining and memorable pieces from the renowned "middle column" of the Journal.
Gone Tomorrow : the hidden life of garbage	Rogers, Heather	After completing her 2002 documentary film of the same name, Rogers realized there was much more to garbage than would fit on the screen. She focuses on household waste--rather than industrial, agricultural and so on--because that is the interface with average people. Her topics include the waste stream, rationalized waste, the sanitary landfill, waste and environmentalism, and the corporatization of garbage.
Guinea Pig Scientists : Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine	Dendy, Leslie and Mel Boring	Stories of ten men and women, from the 1770s to the present, who devoted their lives, and sometimes risked them, to answer some of the big questions in science and medicine.
Guitar: an American life	Brooks, Tim	Brookes, a regular commentator on National Public Radio, traces the history of the guitar in America, from its arrival with the conquistadors to the present day. He also considers the instrument's cultural role as a symbol for ideals such as freedom, youthful sexuality, and protest. Interspersed with the historical narrative are essays describing step-by-step the creation of the author's custom Vermont cherry "dream guitar" by luthier Rick Davis.
Gunpowder: alchemy, bombards, and pyrotechnics	Kelly, Jack	Gunpowder first emerged from the ancient Chinese alchemical experiments to usurp the sword, spear and arrow in war. A must-read for history fans and military buffs alike, "Gunpowder" brings together a rich terrain of cultures and technological innovations with authoritative research and swashbuckling style.
Herd on the street: animal stories from the Wall Street journal	Wells, Ken ed.	For more than sixty years, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> has prided itself not just on its serious journalism, but also on the whimsical and arcane stories that amuse and delight its readers. In that regard, animal stories have proven to be the most beloved of all. Now, veteran Journal reporter and Page One editor Ken Wells gathers the finest, funniest, and most fascinating of these animal tales in one exceptional book. Here are lighthearted, witty stories of breakthroughs in goldfish surgery, the untiring efforts of British animal lovers who guide lovesick toads across dangerous motorways, and the quest to tame doggy anxieties by prescribing the human pacifier Prozac.
Invisible Allies : Microbes That Shape Our Lives	Farrell, Jeanette	Farrell now offers a fascinating, broad-ranging and imminently readable book on the beneficial roles of microbes. After stating some amazing facts about microbes and advising readers against "running, somewhat futilely, for a bar of soap," the introduction provides a vivid picture of Antony van Leeuwenhoek's discovery of microorganisms in 1676. The chapters that follow consider beneficial microbes in the production of bread, cheese, and chocolate as well as their vital role in the gut, where they break down certain foods, kill harmful microbes, and enable certain genes in the intestines to maximize digestion.
Krakatoa	Winchester, Simon	From the bestselling author of "The Professor and the Madman" and "The Map That Changed the World" comes an examination of the enduring and world-changing effects of the catastrophic eruption off the coast of Java of the world's most dangerous volcano--Krakatoa.
Medicine's Brave New World	Hyde, Margaret	The exciting first chapter neatly dissects Aldous Huxley's vision of a brave new world in which a totalitarian government controls our lives and replaces it with the exhilarating, and frightening, prospect of a virtually uncontrolled world in which scientific discoveries and decisions will shape human physiology, medicine, and culture.
Nickel and dined	Ehrenreich, Barbara	With some 12 million women being pushed into the labor market by welfare reform, the author decided to do some good old-fashioned journalism and find out just how they were going to survive on the wages of the unskilled--at \$6 to \$7 an hour, only half of what is considered a living wage. So she did what millions of Americans do, she looked for a job and a place to live, worked that job, and tried to make ends meet.

Ophelia Speaks : adolescent girls write about their search for self	Shandler, Sara	At age sixteen, Sara Shandler read Mary Pipher's <i>Reviving Ophelia</i> , the national bestseller that candidly explored the unique issues that challenge girls in their struggle toward womanhood. Moved by Pipher's insight yet driven to hear the unfiltered voices of today's adolescent girls, Shandler yearned to speak for herself, and to provide a forum for other Ophelias to do so as well. A poignant collection of original pieces selected from more than eight hundred contributions, <i>Ophelia Speaks</i> culls writings from the hearts of girls nationwide, of various races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
Paris to the moon	Gopnik, Adam	New Yorker writer Adam Gopnik moved with his wife and son to Paris in 1995 to live and write; they stayed almost five years, through the birth of their second child. Gopnik's essays on Parisian culture, design, food, and the experience of raising an American child in an old and beautiful foreign city are sparkling. This selection of essays ranges from the politics of finding an apartment to a battle to defend a cherished brasserie from an Alsatian restaurant chain and includes Gopnik's poignant reflection that to the ear of his 3-year-old, who speaks perfect French, his own French is that of an immigrant.
Passing for thin: losing half my weight and finding myself	Kuffel, Frances	A fascinating, myth-busting window into what it's like to learn to live "normally" as a thin person after a lifetime of being viewed as freakishly overweight.
Patently female: from AZT to TV Dinners	Vare, Ethlie Ann	An informal sequel to <i>Mothers of Invention</i> , <i>Patently Female</i> records some improvement in the recognition of women innovators, a development they're determined to encourage, and their conviction infuses their book with energy and pride.
Pencil: a history of design and circumstance	Petroski, Henry	In this age of the computer, Petroski's delightful, elegant history of the lowly pencil is a mind-sharpener, a revelation. The pencil's slow evolution from metallic-lead stylus paralleled the growth of engineering prior to the Industrial Revolution.
Rats: observations on the history and habitat of the city's most unwanted inhabitants	Sullivan, Robert	Thoreau went to Walden Pond to live simply in the wild and contemplate his own place in the world by observing nature. Robert Sullivan went to a disused, garbage-filled alley in lower Manhattan to contemplate the city and its lesser-known inhabitants -- by observing the rat. Rats live in the world precisely where humans do; they survive on the effluvia of human society; they eat our garbage. While dispensing gruesomely fascinating rat facts and strangely entertaining rat stories -- everyone has one, it turns out -- Sullivan gets to know not just the beast but its friends and foes.
Rock and roll	Egendorf, Laura	Scholarly essays are organized around four major issues: the early days, politics and rock, the dangers of the music, and the future. Articles cover such topics as the influence of black music, protest and feminist rock, drug use by musicians, explicit lyrics, and the effect of technology on music.
Run like an antelope: on the road with Phish	Gibbon, Sean	Sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll are all here in this look at the "counterculture" world of Phish fans. The rock band from Vermont has never had a hit record, yet fanatical groupies follow its members from concert to concert with a devotion reminiscent of Grateful Dead fans.
Salt : a world history	Kurlansky, Mark	Mark Kurlansky turns his attention to a common household item with a long and intriguing history: salt. The only rock we eat, salt has shaped civilization from the very beginning, and its story is a glittering, often surprising part of the history of humankind. A substance so valuable it served as currency, salt has influenced the establishment of trade routes and cities, provoked and financed wars, secured empires, and inspired revolutions.
Savage inequities	Kozel, Jonathan	National Book Award-winning author Jonathan Kozol presents his shocking account of the American educational system in this stunning New York Times bestseller
Silent spring	Carlson, Rachel	This important book raised our awareness about the effects of pesticide use and calls for a greater measures to protect our environment.
Split	Chin, Ava	Today's hottest Gen X writers share their personal reflections on growing up as children of divorce An anthology of intimate personal accounts by hip young journalists and writers in their 20s and 30s, <i>Split</i> will be a source of insight, comfort, and healing for all those who were children of divorce.

Tales from the Morgue : forensic answers to nine famous cases including the Scott Peterson & Chandra Levy cases	Wecht, Cyril H	Pathologist Wecht and communications counsel Curriden, with help from freelance publicist Angela Powell, take readers along on the job with a forensic pathologist, from examining the body at the death scene and into the morgue to recognize, collect, and analyze all that may ultimately lead to the conviction of the assailant and the exoneration of the wrongly accused. Other famous cases they cover are John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe.
The casebook of forensic detection	Evans, Colin	This well-organized compendium by Evans covers cases from 1751 to 1991, arranged according to the methodology by which they were solved. Fifteen areas are listed alphabetically, ranging from ballistics through DNA typing, fingerprinting, odontology, serology and toxicology to the still-disputed voiceprint analysis.
The chip	Reid, T.R.	They're everywhere, but where did they come from? Silicon chips drive just about everything that sucks power, from toys to heart monitors, but their inventors aren't nearly as widely known. Journalist T.R. Reid has thoroughly updated <i>The Chip</i> , his 1985 exploration of the life work of inventors Jack Kilby and Robert Noyce, to reflect the colossal shift toward smarter gadgets that has taken place since then.
The code book	Singh, Simon	Simon Singh breaks down cryptic message in <i>The Code Book: How to Make It, Break It, Hack It, Crack It</i> . He covers actual instances of code breaking, from its role in the plan to execute Mary, Queen of Scots, to the Navajo code talkers of WWII.
The doctors' plague: germs, childbed fever, and the strange story of Ignac Semmelweis	Nutland, Sherwin	Puerperal (or "childbed") fever killed far more individuals in hospitals than out in the early 1800s, largely because doctors were spreading it by not washing their hands after handling cadavers. Medical historian Nuland (Yale U.) narrates the story of Ignac Semmelweis, who correctly identified the problem, only to wind up with his career and his health ruined.
The earth moved: on the remarkable achievements of earthworms	Stewart, Amy	Stewart, a gardening columnist, takes general readers on a journey underground and introduces the earthworm, looking at its impact on the ecosystem and its amazing abilities to plough soil, fight plant diseases, and absorb dangerous pollutants. She looks at the history of research on earthworms, especially the work of Charles Darwin, talks to current researchers studying worms, and looks at worms near and far, from the legendary giant Australian worm to the common earthworm in the compost bin.
The fly in the cathedral	Cathcart, Brian	Re-creating the frustrations, excitements, and obsessions of 1932, the "miracle year" of British physics, Brian Cathcart reveals in rich detail the astonishing story behind the splitting of the atom. The most celebrated scientific experiment of its time, it would lead to one of mankind's most devastating inventions the atomic bomb.
The Ig Nobel Prizes: The annals of improbable research	Abrahams, Marc	Each year, the science humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research awards 10 Ig Nobel prizes to assorted scientists, professors and ordinary folk for their projects and accomplishments, some of which are "commendable-if perhaps goofy," and others simply baffling. This book entertainingly immortalizes dubious, but real, endeavors, such as the study of electric shock treatment's effects on rattlesnake bites; the proposition that meditation would reduce violent crime in Washington, DC; and the British Royal Navy's budget-driven directive to have its sailors shout "Bang!" instead of using live cannon shells.
The living planet	Attenborough	An excellent book regarding the awe of nature's wildlife in a range of habitats from polar wastes to pristine jungle to the deep sea. For those interested in nature, biology, ecology or botany.
The Mercury 13	Ackmann, Martha	In 1961, just as NASA launched its first man into space, a group of women underwent secret testing in the hopes of becoming America's first female astronauts. They passed the same battery of tests at the legendary Lovelace Foundation as did the Mercury 7 astronauts, but they were summarily dismissed by the boys' club at NASA and on Capitol Hill. The USSR sent its first woman into space in 1963; the United States did not follow suit for another twenty years.

The new brain: how the modern age is rewiring your mind	Restak, Richard	Once a mysterious, hidden organ locked within our skulls, modern brain science now provides us with insights about the brain that only a few decades ago would have been considered the stuff of science fiction. We can now study the brain in "real time," witnessing how it functions while taking a test, practicing a craft, experiencing an emotion, or making a decision. Brain tests can even indicate when we're telling the truth or when we're lying. Dr. Richard Restak reports from the frontiers of modern brain science and asks the relevant questions such as, is Attention Deficit Disorder the brain syndrome of the future?
The riddle of the compass	Aczel, Amir D.	Prior to the invention of the compass, a merchant or sailor who wished to cross a large body of water was forced to navigate by studying the winds and stars or by never sailing out of the sight of land. Long ocean voyages were impossible and even sailing the Mediterranean could be a lengthy and hazardous voyage. The compass changed all of this.
The saltwater wilderness	Vanstrum, Glenn	This book plunges the reader into the heart of the sea. It is an elegantly-written account of one photojournalist's experience studying marine natural history and ecology. Illustrated with classic black and white photography, and annotated with references to classic marine literature, this book takes the reader from California to New Guinea, Fiji, Palau, and Tonga, to the Caribbean, to Alaska, and back again.
The science of Harry Potter	Highfield, Roger	Can Fluffy the three-headed dog be explained by advances in molecular biology? Could the discovery of cosmic "gravity-shielding effects" unlock the secret to the Nimbus 2000 broomstick's ability to fly? Is the griffin really none other than the dinosaur Protoceratops? Roger Highfield, author of the critically acclaimed <i>The Physics of Christmas</i> , explores the fascinating links between magic and science to reveal that much of what strikes us as supremely strange in the Potter books can actually be explained by the conjuring of the scientific mind.
The secret life of lobsters	Corson, Trevor	In this intimate portrait of an island lobstering community and an eccentric band of renegade biologists, journalist Trevor Corson escorts the reader onto the slippery decks of fishing boats, through danger-filled scuba dives, and deep into the churning currents of the Gulf of Maine to learn about the secret undersea lives of lobsters.
The trouble with Islam: a Muslim's call for reform in her faith	Manji, Irshad	Canadian journalist Manji (she's also a television personality and writer-in-residence at the U. of Toronto) describes her radical ideas regarding her faith. She is particularly interested in encouraging Muslims to voice concerns about elements of the religion they find objectionable--and to do so publicly.
The world is flat	Friedman, Thomas L.	The World Is Flat is a timely and essential update on globalization, its successes and discontents.
The Wright brothers and the invention of the aerial age	Crouch, Tom	With the hundredth anniversary of the Wright Brothers' history-making flight at Kitty Hawk, world attention is once again turning to these intrepid American inventors. Written by two of the world's leading experts on the Wrights, <i>The Wright Brothers and the Invention of the Aerial Age</i> will provide a definitive, richly illustrated look at the lives of the brothers and their world-changing invention.
Witch-hunt: mysteries of the Salem witch trials	Aronson, Marc	An acclaimed young adult historian sifts through the facts, myths, half-truths, misinterpretations, and theories around the Salem witch trials to present readers with a vivid, nonfiction narrative of one of the most compelling mysteries in American history.
You are a dog : life through the eyes of man's best friend	Bain, Terry	A hilarious, captivating commentary that gives us--finally--a true dog's-eye view of the world.
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A basic guide to softball	U.S. Olympic Committee	Softball became an official Olympic sport at the Atlanta games in 1996. This introduction to the game and its history is part of a series by the U.S. Olympic Committee designed to introduce Olympic sports to the public. Coverage is wide ranging and includes the game's history, brief profiles of the winning 2000 women's team, softball rules, advice on how to play, plus discussions about health and nutrition, safety and first aid, and information on organizing a team.
Albatross: The true story of a woman's survival at sea	Kiley, Deborah Scaling and Meg Noonan	In 1982, experienced sailor Kiley, then 24, agreed to crew a sailboat from Maine to Florida. After a fierce storm sank the boat off the coast of North Carolina, the crew of five struggled onto an ill-equipped rubber dinghy to face hunger, cold, thirst, sharks, festering sores, and hostile relations with each other. Telling her story is Kiley's way of overcoming the horrible memories of her ordeal.
Apocalypse	Bowler, Tim	Fifteen-year-old Kit and his parents must ground their sinking sailboat on a rocky island inhabited by a primitive sect who believe the stranded family has been sent by the devil.
Crashing the borders : how basketball won the world and lost its soul at home	Araton, Harvey	The catalyst for this book by an award-winning -New York Times columnist was the November 2004 Detroit brawl in which Indiana Pacer basketball players went into the stands in pursuit of cup-tossing fans, and the fans spilled onto the court in search of arrogant, multimillionaire players. Araton sees the brawl as symptomatic of the racial and economic divide that currently characterizes professional basketball.
Every second counts	Armstrong, Lance	The five-time Tour de France winner returns with an inspirational account of his recent personal and professional victories and some failures and an intimate glimpse into how almost dying taught him to really live.
Figure skating now: Olympic and world champions	Milton, Steve	Figure skating is a sport like no other. Combining grace, incredible athletic ability and true showmanship, every competition is exhilarating and highly entertaining. Anything can happen on the ice and often does. As the fans of figure skating know, beauty and danger add up to the greatest show on ice.
Friday night lights: a town.	Bissinger, H. G.	Odessa is not known to be a town big on dreams, but the Panthers help keep the hopes and dreams of this small, dusty town going. Socially and racially divided, its fragile economy follows the treacherous boom-bust path of the oil business. In bad times, the unemployment rate barrels out of control; in good times, its murder rate skyrockets. But every Friday night from September to December, when the Permian High School Panthers play football, this West Texas town becomes a place where dreams can come true.
Hurricane: the miraculous journey of Rubin Carter	Hirsch, James S.	<i>Hurricane</i> recounts the harrowing, inspiring odyssey of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a black boxer wrongly convicted of three murders, from fierce despair to freedom and enlightenment. On June 17, 1966, two black men strode into the Lafayette Grill, a white redoubt in racially mixed Paterson, NJ, and shot three people to death. Rubin Carter and his young acquaintance John Artis were not those men, but they were convicted of the murders in a highly publicized and racially charged trial. Fiercely outspoken at the best of times, Carter raged against his imprisonment and vehemently refused to subject himself to its regimens. He shunned the prison's food, insisted on keeping his ornate gold watch, and refused to don prison garb, even after a hellish month in the "hole."
I may be wrong but I doubt it	Barkley, Charles	Charles Barkley has never been shy about expressing his opinions. Michael Jordan once said that we all want to say the things that Barkley says, but we don't dare. But even die-hard followers of the all-time NBA great, the star of TNT's <i>Inside the NBA</i> and CNN's <i>TalkBack Live</i> , will be astonished by just how candid and provocative he is in this book—and just how big his ambitions are. Though he addresses weighty issues with a light touch and prefers to stir people to think by making them laugh, there's nothing Charles Barkley shies away from here—not race, not class, not big money, not scandal, not politics, not personalities, nothing.
In these girls, hope is a muscle.	Blaise, Madeline	We follow an underdog high school girls basketball team through the ups and downs of an amazing season.
Keeper	Peet, Mal	In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Lance Armstrong's War : one man's battle against fate, fame, love, death, scandal, and a few other rivals on the road to the Tour de France	Coyle, Daniel	Sports journalist Coyle recounts the story of Lance Armstrong's 2004 cycling season, which culminated in his sixth victory in the Tour de France. Drawing upon interviews with Armstrong as well as his friends, trainers, teammates, and rivals, Coyle describes how this remarkable athlete overcame a variety of challenges--including divorce, an aging body, and doping allegations.
Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America	Blumenthal, Karen	Of course they can...today. But just a few decades ago, opportunities for girls were far more limited, not because they weren't capable of playing or didn't want to become doctors or lawyers, but because they weren't allowed to. Then quietly, in 1972, something momentous happened: Congress passed a law called "Title IX," forever changing the lives of American girls.
My losing season	Conroy, Pat	In <i>My Losing Season</i> Pat Conroy has written an American classic about young men and the bonds they form, about losing and the lessons it imparts, about finding one's voice and one's self in the midst of defeat. In his trademark language we see the young Conroy walk from his life as an athlete to the writer the world knows him to be.
P3: pipes, parks, and powder	Richards, Todd	One of the world's most charismatic and popular snowboarders tells the story of his life and of the sport that in less than ten years has climbed to the forefront of the Olympics.
Rough waters	Rottman, S. L.	After their parents' death in an automobile accident, two teenage brothers are sent to Colorado to live with an estranged uncle, owner of a white water rafting outfit.
Runner's World complete book of women's running	Scott, Dagny	More than one hundred experts were interviewed on the unique problems and challenges women face when running, including clothing, injuries common to women, safety, and nutrition. With clear photographs, running sidebars, and testimonials from women runners of all ages and abilities, the <i>Runner's World Complete Book of Women's Running</i> provides the most up-to-date, practical advice for women runners of all levels.
Seabiscuit : an American legend	Hillenbrand, Laura	Gifted sportswriter Hillenbrand unearths the rarefied world of thoroughbred horse racing in this captivating account of one of the sport's legends. Though no longer a household name, Seabiscuit enjoyed great celebrity during the 1930s and 1940s, drawing record crowds to his races around the country.
Season of life: a football star, a boy, a journey to manhood	Marx, Jeffrey	Joe Ehrmann, a former NFL football star and volunteer coach for the Gilman high school football team, teaches his players the keys to successful defense: penetrate, pursue, punish, love. Love? A former captain of the Baltimore Colts and now an ordained minister, Ehrmann is serious about the game of football but even more serious about the purpose of life. <i>Season of Life</i> is his inspirational story as told by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jeffrey Marx, who was a ballboy for the Colts when he first met Ehrmann. and impact. It is a moving story that will resonate with athletes, coaches, parents -- anyone struggling to make the right choices in life.
Shoeless Joe	Kinsella, W. P.	The voice of a baseball announcer tells the Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella: "If you build it, he will come." "He" is Shoeless Joe Jackson, Ray's hero. "It" is a baseball stadium which Ray carves out of his cornfield. Like the movie <i>FIELD OF DREAMS</i> that was made from this novel, <i>SHOELESS JOE</i> is about baseball. But it's also about love and the power of dreams to make people come alive.
Sports for her: a reference guide for teenage girls	Hastings, Penny	Today, one in every three high school girls plays sports, and the number of sports offered to these young women has increased dramatically in the past decade. This unique resource explores these sports from a girl's perspective, while examining sports issues as they pertain to young women.
Sub-4:00: Alan Webb and the quest for the fastest mile	Lear, Chris	For 34 long years, not one American schoolboy had run a sub-4:00 mile. Indeed, nearing the turn of the millennium, the mile was dominated by African runners. American fans had long stopped caring about the sport of running. Then, in January 2001, Reston, Virginia, high schooler Alan Webb gave American track fans a reason to tune in. At the New Balance Games, he clocked a 3:59.86 mile, running the first U.S. high school sub-4:00 mile since 1967 and the fastest indoor U.S. high school mile ever. Then, just a few months later at the Prefontaine Classic, he achieved the impossible.

Swimming to Antarctica	Cox, Lynne	Cox was inducted into the Swimming Hall of Fame in 2000, and between her plunges, has written extensively about her adventures. Some of the two dozen essays here have appeared in <i>The New Yorker</i> or <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> .
Ted Williams: the biography of an American hero	Montville, Leigh	Still a gangly teenager when he stepped into a Boston Red Sox uniform in 1939, Williams had a boisterous personality and penchant for towering home runs that earned him adoring admirers (the fans) and venomous critics (the sportswriters). In 1941, the entire country followed Williams's stunning .406 season, a record that has not been touched in over six decades. At the pinnacle of his prime, Williams left Boston to train and serve as a fighter pilot in World War II, missing three full years of baseball. He was back in 1946, dominating the sport. Williams left baseball again in 1952 to fight in Korea, where he flew thirty-nine combat missions - crash-landing his flaming, smoke-filled plane in one famous episode. Ted Williams's personal life was equally colorful.
The Big O: my life, my times, my game	Robertson, Oscar	This is the story of perhaps the greatest all-around player in basketball history, told straight from his mouth. The name Oscar Robertson nowadays gets mentioned in conjunction with one of basketball's seminal accomplishments: the triple-double season. The year was 1962. He was all of twenty-three. No player in basketball history had ever done this. No one has done it since -- not Magic Johnson, not Larry Bird, not Michael or Kobe.
The boxer's heart: how I fell in love with the ring	Sekules, Kate	Initially, boxing was a way for Sekules to explore the glorious grit of the gym and to show off to her literary friends. She relished the determination, skill, stamina, and artistry the ring demands of its successful inhabitants. In addition to chronicling her own odyssey, this memoir supplies keen reflections on the rise of women's boxing and the struggle to keep it from becoming a freak show.
The last best league: one summer, one season, one dream	Collins, Jim	Every summer, in ten small towns across Cape Cod, elite college baseball players gather in hopes of making it to The Show. The hopes are justifiably high: The Cape Cod Baseball League is the best amateur league in the world, producing one out of every six major league players, from Nomar Garciaparra and Frank Thomas to Jeff Bagwell and Barry Zito. In this meticulously reported and brilliantly crafted narrative, Jim Collins chronicles a season in the life of the Chatham A's, perhaps the most celebrated team in the league. rd fans will revel in seeing baseball as it was meant to be played. The rest will at last understand what the game is all about.
The Old Ball Game : how John McGraw, Christy Mathewson, and the New York Giants created baseball	Deford, Frank	At the turn of the twentieth century, Christy Mathewson was one of baseball's first superstars. Over six feet tall, clean cut, and college educated (at a time when only a tiny fraction of Americans had even finished high school), he didn't pitch on the Sabbath and rarely spoke an ill word about anyone. He also had one of the most devastating arms in baseball.
The Red Rose crew	Boyne, Daniel	Boyne, a former women's varsity rowing coach at Tufts University, has written an exhilarating story about the early days of the U.S. women's national rowing team. Noting that society in the 1970s was radically different from today's, the author details some of the obstacles faced by women attempting to enter the male-dominated sport of rowing, especially in the Ivy League.
The rock, the curse, and the hub : a random history of Boston sports	ed by Randy Roberts	The Rock, the Curse, and the Hub is a collection of original essays about the people and places that lives in the minds and memories of Bostonians and all Americans.
The teammates	Halberstam, David	Filled with stories of their glory days with the Boston Red Sox, memories of legendary plays and players, and the reaction of the remaining three to Ted Williams' recent death, <i>The Teammates</i> offers us a rare glimpse into the lives of these celebrated men, and great insight into the nature of loyalty and friendship.
They don't play hockey in heaven	Baker, Ken	Hockey exerts a mesmerizing hold on its participants and fans, as exploits like Baker's attest. Once a highly touted high-school player, considered a strong possibility for the U.S. Olympic team, goalie Baker's pro hockey aspirations were forestalled during college by a brain tumor. After his recovery, the allure of the fast-paced hockey world surged within him again.

Travel team	Lupica, Mike	After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.
Triumph and tragedy in Mudville	Gould, Stephen	Among Stephen Jay Gould's many gifts was his ability to write eloquently about baseball, his great passion. Through the years, the renowned paleontologist published numerous essays on the sport; these have now been collected in a volume alive with the candor and insight that characterized all of Gould's writing. Here are his thoughts on the complexities of childhood streetball and the joys of opening day; tributes to Mickey Mantle, Babe Ruth, and lesser-knowns such as deaf-mute centerfielder "Dummy" Hoy.
True Fans : a basketball odyssey	Austin, Dan	Three friends. Three bicycles. Forty-eight hundred miles. One NBA-issue basketball.
Venus to the hoop: a gold medal year in women's basketball	Corbett, Sara	One of the truly inspiring sagas of the 1996 Olympics was the dominating performance of America's <i>other</i> Dream Team, the women's hoopsters. Led by charismatic coach Tara VanDerveer--she drove her players hard, but no harder than she drove herself--a group of 12 divergent personalities turned into an immensely appealing and cohesive unit.
Why not us? : the 86-year journey of the Boston Red Sox fans from unparalleled suffering to the promised land of the 2004 World Series	Montville, Leigh	Why Not Us? is about what the Red Sox's amazing victory in the 2004 World Series meant to the fans, It's about how it felt to be a Red Sox fan - not only 20 minutes to midnight on October 27, 2004, but decades before. Leigh Montville has interviewed dozens of fans: friends, friends of friends, old sportswriters, ballplayers, public figures, and plain folk.
Winning soccer for girls	Crisfield, Deborah	The author discusses rules and equipment; stretching and training; ball control; receiving, passing, shooting, and heading; and goalkeeping. There's also a concise but valuable overview of basic strategy.
Winningest pitchers: baseball's 300-game winners	Westcott, Rich	Since the beginning of major league baseball, more than 12,000 pitchers have thrown from the mound. Of them, only twenty have reached the ultimate goal of their profession: to be a 300-game winner. Rich Westcott, celebrated sports historian and journalist, offers in <i>Winningest Pitchers</i> profiles of each of those twenty pitchers, including Cy Young, Gaylord Perry, and Nolan Ryan. In small biographies, photographs, and stats, we gain a full picture of each of these rare players whose combined greatness contributes to baseball's continued importance to American athletic life
Winterdance: the fine madness of running the Iditarod	Paulsen, Gary	Paulsen and his team of dogs endured snowstorms, frostbite, dogfights, moose attacks, sleeplessness, and hallucinations in the relentless push to go on. Map and color photographs.
Within reach: my Everest story	Pfretzer, Mark	In May 1996 the media scrambled to document the gripping story of sixteen-year-old Mark Pfretzer's expedition to Mount Everest. Not only was he the youngest climber ever to attempt the summit, he also witnessed the tragedy documented in Jon Krakauer's <i>Into Thin Air</i> , in which eight climbers perished in a sudden storm. Within Reach is Mark's extraordinary account of this experience and of his triumphs over several other challenging peaks. At once triumphant and tragic, this story will be an inspiration to climbers, athletes, and armchair enthusiasts alike.