

HOLIDAY Gift Guide

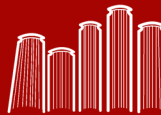


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*Recommendations in this
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*If you're still stumped for a gift idea,
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for additional suggestions.*

*From all of us at APL, we wish you a
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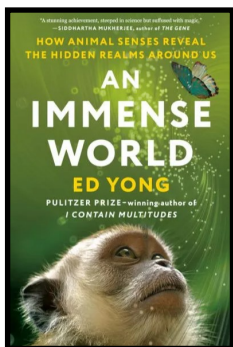




For Anyone Tired of Being Angry

Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better by Brant Hansen

It turns out giving up your “right” to be offended can be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things you can do. Hansen argues that the idea of our own “righteous anger” is a myth. It is the number one problem in our societies today, and *Unoffendable* offers concrete, practical ways to live life with less stress.

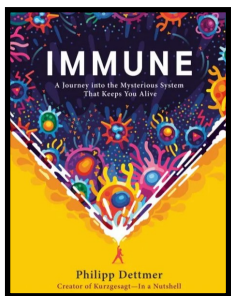


For Curious Animal Lovers

An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us

by Ed Yong

Funny, rigorous, and suffused with the joy of discovery, *An Immense World* coaxes us beyond the confines of our own senses, allowing us to perceive the skeins of scent, waves of electromagnetism, and pulses of pressure that surround us.

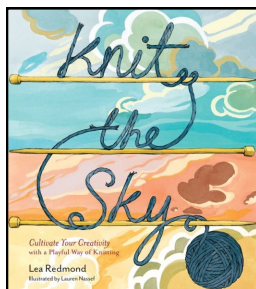


For Health and Science Nerds

Immune: A Journey into the Mysterious System That Keeps You Alive

by Philipp Dettmer

A gorgeously illustrated deep dive into the immune system that will forever change how you think about your body, from the creator of the popular science YouTube channel *Kurzgesagt—In a Nutshell*

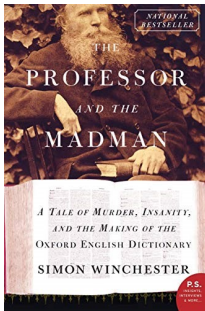


For Artsy Seekers

Knit the Sky: Cultivate Your Creativity with a Playful Way of Knitting

by Lea Redmond

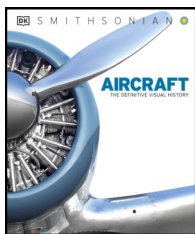
Record the beauty, emotions, and experiences of everyday life—not in your journal but with your knitting needles! Author Lea Redmond offers 32 enchanting projects that will inspire you to create beautiful, finished pieces full of personal meaning and memories.



For History Buffs Who Love Words

The Professor and The Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester

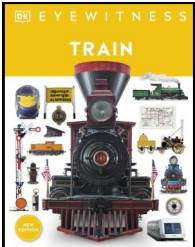
The making of the OED was one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken, and the overseeing committee was surprised to learn that Dr. W. C. Minor had submitted more than ten thousand definitions. But they were stunned to learn that Dr. Minor, an American Civil War veteran, was also an inmate at an asylum for the criminally insane.



For Lovers of Planes, Trains, & Vehicles

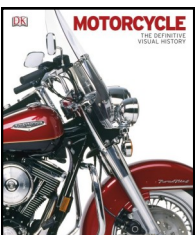
DK Smithsonian: Aircraft

A century of flight is chronicled in hundreds of pages of jaw-dropping photography and accessible text. Aviation enthusiasts of all stripes and ages will be captivated by this comprehensive and beautifully presented guide to the story of flight.



DK Eyewitness: Train

Trains goes beyond the trains and tracks to also talk about the systems and people that make train operations possible. It also identifies some of the iconic train journeys from around the world. A timeline lists all the important "firsts" in the history of trains and railroads.



DK Motorcycle: Definitive Visual History

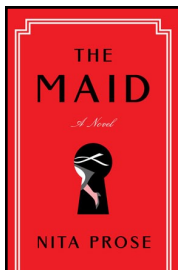
Motorcycle: The Definitive Visual History shows the brilliance and impracticality of different designs and features detailed cross-sections of engines such as the air-cooled two-stroke. It explains how the great marques such as the Royal Enfield, the "legendary" Indian Scout, Vespa, and Norton all became household names.



For Space Geeks

Apollo Remastered: The Ultimate Photographic Record by Andy Saunders

Published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the last steps taken on the moon, this unique, definitive book about the Apollo missions reveals hundreds of extraordinary, newly restored, and all-new images from the NASA archives that provide a never-before-seen perspective on the Apollo endeavors.



For Mystery Lovers Who Like Unconventional Protagonists

The Maid by Nita Prose

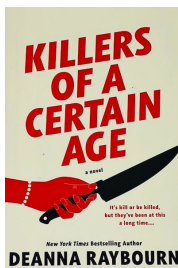
A *Clue*-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, *The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.



For Fans of Quick-Witted Banter and Slow-Burn Romances

People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry

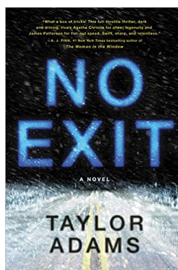
Two best friends. Ten summer trips. One last chance to fall in love. This sparkling novel will leave you with the warm, hazy afterglow reserved for the best vacations.



For the Young-at-Heart Thriller Fan

Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn

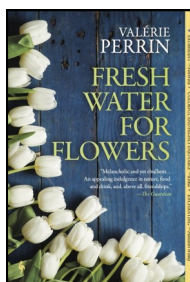
They've spent their lives as the deadliest assassins in a clandestine international organization, but now that they're sixty years old, four women friends can't just retire. It's kill or be killed in this action-packed thriller by *New York Times*-bestselling and Edgar Award-nominated author Deanna Raybourn.



For Lovers of Creepy Thrillers

No Exit by Taylor Adams

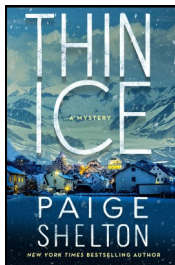
A brilliant, edgy thriller about four strangers, a blizzard, a kidnapped child, and a determined young woman desperate to unmask and outwit a vicious psychopath. With exquisitely controlled pacing and terrifying twist and turns, Taylor Adams diabolically ratchets up the tension with every page.



For Bittersweet Story Lovers

Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrine

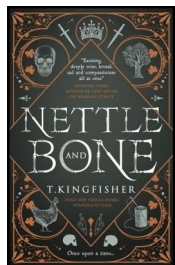
Violette has an unusual occupation: she is a caretaker of a cemetery in a small town in France. She tends graves, comforts mourners, and records funerals. But how did she get there? Violette's story includes the greatest love, the deepest sorrow, and multiple narrators. Moving back and forth in time with unforgettable characters, this book will appeal to anyone who enjoys beautiful stories that linger long after the last page.



For Readers Who Love the Cold

Thin Ice by Paige Shelton

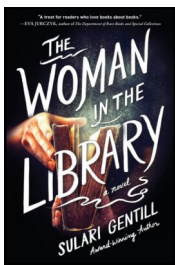
Beth Rivers was a best-selling author in her previous life, but that ended when she was kidnapped. Even though she managed to escape, the police haven't been able to track down the man who held her. To make matters worse, she can only remember bits of what happened, and those are accompanied by blinding headaches. She flees to a remote area of Alaska, where she has a chance of hiding from her stalker. Life in Benedict, Alaska comes with sudden rainstorms, wildlife of all kinds, and a murder.



For Twisted Fairy Tale Fans

Nettle & Bone by T. Kingfisher

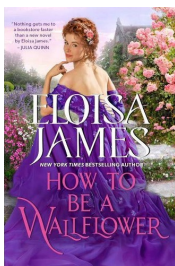
From Hugo, Nebula, and Locus award-winning author T. Kingfisher comes an original and subversive fantasy adventure. This isn't the kind of fairytale where the princess marries a prince. It's the one where she kills him.



For Lovers of Literary Mysteries

The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill

When the tranquility of the Boston Public Library is shattered by a woman's terrified scream, security guards instruct everyone to stay put. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers pass the time in conversation and friendships are struck. Each has his or her own reasons for being in the reading room that morning—it just happens that one is a murderer.



For Readers Who Love a Light Romance

How to be a Wallflower by Eloisa James

From *New York Times* bestseller Eloisa James, a new Regency-set novel in which a heiress with the goal of being a wallflower engages a rugged American in a scorchingly sensual, witty wager that tests whether clothing does indeed make the man—or the wallflower!



For Romantic Comedy Lovers

Things We Never Got Over by Lucy Score

Fans of Colleen Hoover will devour Lucy Score's novel *Things We Never Got Over*. *New York Times*-bestselling author Lucy Score brings you a grumpy/sunshine romance guaranteed to knock you out.



For Sci-Fi Lovers Who Need a New Series

The Chronicles of St. Mary's series by Jodi Taylor

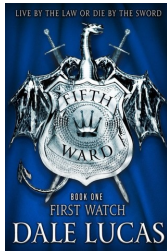
Behind the seemingly innocuous facade of St. Mary's Institute of Historical Research, a different kind of academic work is taking place. Just don't call it "time travel"—these historians "investigate major historical events in contemporary time."

And they aren't your harmless eccentrics either; a more accurate description might be unintentional disaster-magnets.



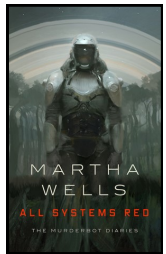
The Renegade series by J.N. Chancy

Jace Hughes is a Renegade. That means taking jobs and not asking questions. That is, until he comes face to face with an item of unprecedented value—something that could give him everything he needs to pay off his debt and be free. But selling it would also shift the balance of power between the two largest empires in the galaxy, and spark another intergalactic war. Unfortunately for Jace, he won't have long to decide.



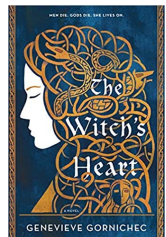
The Fifth Ward series by Dale Lucas

The grit of grimdark meets a police procedural in this rollicking debut fantasy series where two watchmen protect the streets of one of fantasy's most dangerous cities. A member of the Yenara City guard has gone missing. The culprit could be any of the usual suspects: drug-dealing orcs, mind-controlling elves, uncooperative mages, or humans being typical humans. It's up to Rem and Torval to uncover the truth and catch the murderer loose in their fair city.



The Murderbot Diaries by Martha Wells

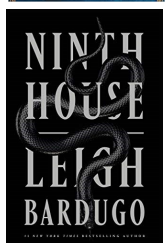
He doesn't like people. He's a bit of a rogue. He's also a robot. He calls himself Murderbot and hires out as a security unit for various interplanetary ventures. He's loyal to his employers regardless of the risk to himself, but fortunately he can be repaired (that robot thing comes in handy).



For Fans of Mythology Retellings

The Witch's Heart by Genevieve Gornichec

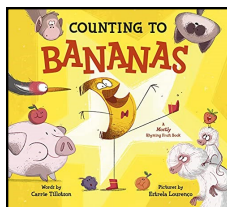
When a banished witch falls in love with the legendary trickster Loki, she risks the wrath of the gods in this moving, subversive national bestselling debut novel that reimagines Norse mythology.



For Ghost Story Mystery Lovers

Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo

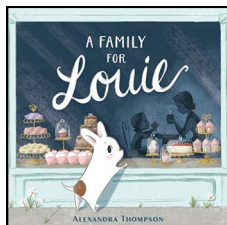
Ninth House is a dark academia novel packed with murder, mystery, and ghosts. When Alex Stern is offered a spot in Yale's incoming freshmen class, she's more than skeptical of her acceptance. Who knew ghost communication was a coveted skill at Yale?



For Counting with Laughs

Counting to Bananas: A Mostly Rhyming Fruit Book by Carrie Tillotson

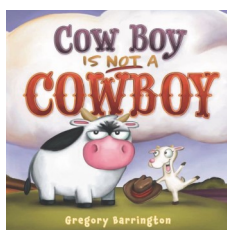
A hilarious picture book about a banana and narrator who can't quite agree on what their book is about. Perfect for fans of Mo Willems' *We Are in a Book!*



For Dog Lovers

A Family for Louie by Alexandra Thompson

A foodie French bulldog finds a forever home in this heartwarming and adorable debut picture book, sure to appeal to fans of *Gaston*, *Ellie*, and *Little Elliot, Big City*.



For Heartwarming Friends

Cow Boy Is Not A Cowboy

by Gregory Barrington

Meet Goat Girl and Merle: an irresistible pair of characters who show young readers that the best friendships are built on *more* than first impressions.



For Heroes in the Making

Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

A determined Owl builds strength and confidence in this medieval picture book about the real mettle of a hero: wits, humor, and heart.

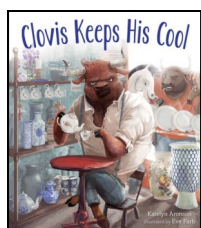


For a New Way of Seeing the World

ABC: Alphabet from the Sky

by Benedikt Gross and Joey Lee

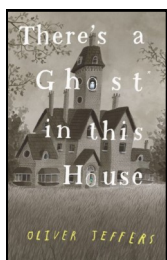
Geographer and designer duo Benedikt Gross and Joey Lee have taken the alphabet to new heights—literally! Using satellite imagery and computer technology, the pair has discovered "accidental letters" all over the world: in roads, rivers, buildings, lakes, and more. Take a journey around the Earth in 26 letters with this special book.



For Kids Learning to Stay Calm

Clovis Keeps His Cool by Katelyn Aronson

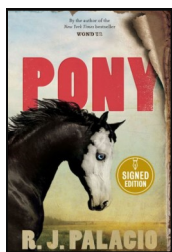
Readers will fall in love with Clovis's gentle soul in this heartwarming and entertaining story about finding inner peace and second chances.



For a First Ghost Story

There's a Ghost in this House by Oliver Jeffers

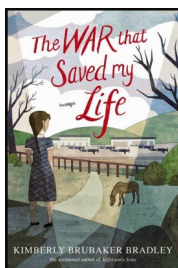
A captivating and utterly unique picture book with interactive, transparent pages about a girl who lives in a haunted house from world-renowned artist Oliver Jeffers.



For Adventure Lovers

Pony by RJ Palacio

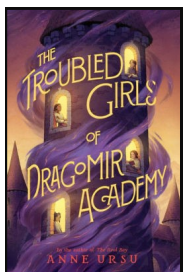
An instant classic, *Pony* is the poignant tale of a young boy on a journey to find his beloved father on the 19th-century American frontier. Accompanied by a mysterious pony and a ghost only he can see, Silas faces his fears to embark on an epic quest fueled by the indomitable power of love. This richly imagined adventure story is undoubtedly worthy of a spot on every young reader's bookshelf.



For Budding History Buffs

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

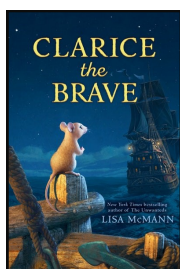
This #1 *New York Times* bestseller is an exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II, from the acclaimed author of *Fighting Words*, and for fans of *Fish in a Tree* and *Sarah, Plain and Tall*.



For Girls Who Stand Up for Themselves

The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy by Anne Ursu

Pay no attention to the recommended reading level; Anne Ursu's books are enjoyable and thought provoking for all ages and her latest novel does not disappoint. When Marya is ordered to the Dragomir Academy, a reform school for wayward girls, her parents can only hope the school will be able to deal with her. After all, the school offers *troubled* girls a change to escape their past and build a future in service to a powerful sorcerer. But there are dark secrets surrounding the magic wielded by powerful men. *The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy* is a fable for our times.



For Facing Your Fears

Clarice the Brave by Lisa McMann

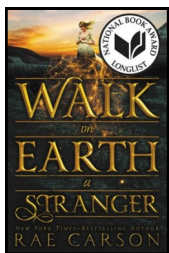
Clarice is a young ship mouse grieving the loss of her mother when a mutiny forces her onto a small, leaky boat with a dangerous cat. Worse, she is separated from her younger brother, Charles Sebastian, who is trapped aboard the great ship. Clarice and Charles Sebastian were taught to always be careful—but they will need to grow bold if they are to survive . . . and find one another again.



For Historical Fiction Lovers

The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee

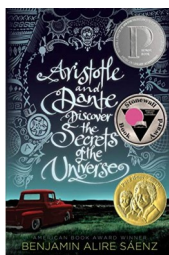
From the critically acclaimed author of *Luck of the Titanic*, *Under a Painted Sky*, and *Outrun the Moon* comes a powerful novel about identity, betrayal, and the meaning of family.



For Fans of Adventure and Magic

Walk on Earth a Stranger by Rae Carson

The first book in a trilogy from acclaimed *New York Times*–bestselling author Rae Carson. A young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold must flee her home, taking her on a sweeping and dangerous journey across Gold Rush–era America.



For Finding Yourself

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.



For Lovers of Magical Romance

A Million Junes by Emily Henry

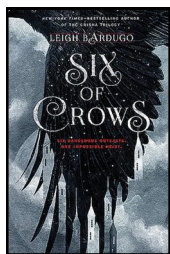
Romeo and Juliet meets *One Hundred Years of Solitude* in Emily Henry's brilliant novel about the daughter and son of two long-feuding families who fall in love while trying to uncover the truth about the strange magic and harrowing curse that has plagued their bloodlines for generations.



For Creepy Mystery Afficionados

White Rabbit by Caleb Roehrig

Rufus Holt is having the worst night of his life. Then Rufus gets a call from his sister April, begging for help. He finds her, drenched in blood and holding a knife beside the dead body of her boyfriend. Rufus has one night to clear his sister's name . . . or die trying. Caleb Roehrig delivers another spellbinding YA murder mystery.



For Lovers of Dark Fantasy

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.



Sky in the Deep by Adrienne Young

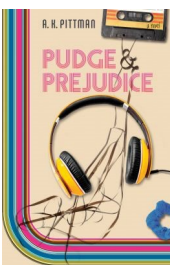
A 2018 Most Anticipated Young Adult book from debut author Adrienne Young, *Sky in the Deep* is part *Wonder Woman*, part *Vikings*—and all heart. Raised to be a warrior, seventeen-year-old Eelyn fights alongside her Aska clansmen in an ancient, rivalry against the Riki clan. Her life is brutal but simple: fight and survive. Until the day she sees the impossible on the battlefield—her brother, fighting with the enemy—the brother she watched die five years ago.



For Heist Story Fans

Death Prefers Blondes by Caleb Roehrig

Death Prefers Blondes is a high-stakes YA thriller featuring a rebel heiress and butt-kicking, jewel-thieving drag queens from Caleb Roehrig, author of a *BuzzFeed* Best YA Novel, *Last Seen Leaving*.



For Lovers of Jane Austen Retellings

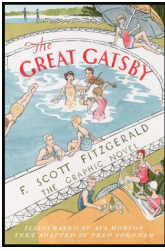
Pudge and Prejudice by A.K. Pittman

It's 1984 and after moving to Northenfield, Texas, Elyse Nebbit faces the challenge of finding her place in a new school, one dominated by social status and Friday night football. When Elyse's beautiful older sister Jayne starts dating golden boy Charlie Bingley, Elyse finds herself curious about Charlie's brooding best friend, Billy Fitz. Elyse's body insecurities eventually complicate her relationship with Billy, leaving Jayne and Elyse's blunt friend, Lottie, to step in and help Elyse accept herself for who she is, pant size and all.



For Brutal Sci-Fi Fans

In a world where there are no natural deaths, Scythes must take on the gruesome task of population control. This gripping series follows Citra and Rowan as they grapple with their newfound profession of killing people. The unique and chilling plot of *Scythe* is an unsettling tale perfect for fans of dystopian novels.



For Exploring Classics in a New Way

The Great Gatsby – The Graphic Novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald,, Fred Fordham, and Aya Morton (Illustrator)

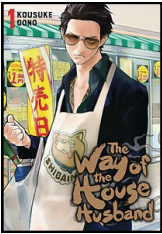
The Great Gatsby has been acclaimed by generations of readers and is now reimaged in stunning graphic novel form. Jay Gatsby, Nick Carraway, Daisy Buchanan, and the rest of the cast are captured in vivid and evocative illustrations by artist Aya Morton. The iconic text has been artfully distilled by Fred Fordham, and Blake Hazard, F. Scott Fitzgerald’s great-granddaughter, contributes a personal introduction.



For Manga Fans

Spy x Family by Tatsuya Endo

An action-packed manga comedy about a fake family that includes a spy, an assassin, and a telepath!



Way of the House Husband by Kosuke Oono

He was the fiercest member of the yakuza, a man who left countless underworld legends in his wake. They called him “the Immortal Dragon.” But one day he walked away from it all to travel another path—the path of the house husband! The curtain rises on this cozy yakuza comedy!

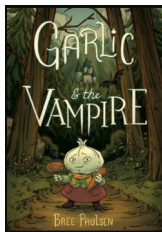


For 19th Century Adventure Lovers

Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant

by Tony Cliff

Lovable ne'er-do-well Delilah Dirk has traveled to Japan, Indonesia, France, and even the New World. Delilah's adventures continue as she plots to rob a rich and corrupt Sultan in Constantinople. For Delilah, one adventure leads to the next in this thrilling and funny installment in her exciting life.



For Being Brave

Garlic and the Vampire by Bree Paulsen

Garlic is happy to just tend her garden, where it’s nice and safe. But when her village of vegetable folk learns that a bloodthirsty vampire has moved into the nearby castle, they all agree that, in spite of her fear and self-doubt, Garlic is the obvious choice to confront him.



For Lovers of Quirky Sci-Fi

Resident Alien, Season 1 – DVD

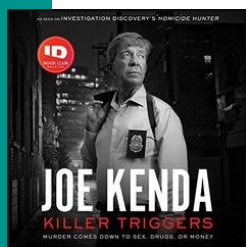
A comedic sci-fi drama based on the Dark Horse comic book series of the same name, *Resident Alien* follows a crash-landed alien (Alan Tudyk) who must take on the identity of a small-town Colorado doctor and somehow find a way to fit in with the local human population. While attempting to complete his secret mission on Earth, he is forced to consider the possibility that humans might be worth saving after all.



For Dark Hero Fans

The Batman — DVD

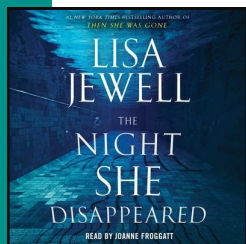
Matt Reeves' noirish, epic reimagining for the Dark Knight finds traumatized billionaire Bruce Wayne (Robert Pattinson) early in his second life of costumed vigilantism and faced with the serial slayings of ranking Gotham City officials by the mysterious Riddler (Paul Dano). The Batman's forced to run a treacherous maze of civic corruption and mob warfare to unmask the sociopath and stop his endgame of destruction.



For True Crime Lovers

Killer Triggers: Murder Comes Down to Sex, Drugs, or Money by Joe Kenda – Audiobook narrated by the author

The most common triggers for homicide are fear, rage, revenge, money, lust, and, more rarely, sheer madness. This isn't an exact science, of course. Any given murder can have multiple triggers. Sex and revenge seem to be common partners in crime. Rage, money, and revenge make for a dangerous trifecta of triggers, as well. And even if we solve a case without knowing the trigger, the *why* still intrigues us, disrupting our dreams and lingering in our minds, perhaps because each of us fears the demons that lie within our own psyche - the triggers waiting to be pulled.



For Lovers of Dark Thrillers

The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell – Audiobook narrated by Joanne Froggatt

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Jewell delivers a page-turning thriller about a young couple's disappearance on a gorgeous summer night, and the mother who will never give up trying to find them.

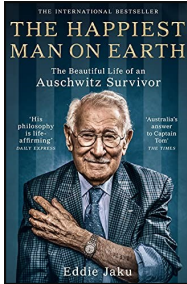


For Music Lovers

The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music

by Dave Grohl

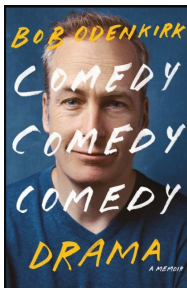
Dave Grohl, a 16-time Grammy-winning musician, 2-time Emmy-winning director, and twice-inducted Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member for his work with Nirvana and the Foo Fighters shares stories about his life and music. *The Storyteller* was named one of *Variety's* Best Music Books of 2021.



For Inspiration

The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku

In this uplifting memoir in the vein of *The Last Lecture* and *Man's Search for Meaning*, a Holocaust survivor pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom, and living his best possible life.

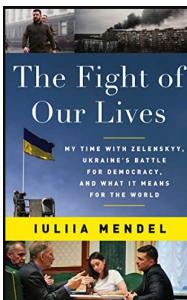


For Comedy Fans

Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama

by Bob Odenkirk

Bob Odenkirk's career is inexplicable. And yet he will try like hell to explicate it for you. Charting a "Homeric" decades-long "odyssey" from his origins in the seedy comedy clubs of Chicago to a dramatic career full of award nominations—with a side-trip into the action-man world that is baffling to all who know him—it's almost like there are many Bob Odenkirks! But there is just one, and one is plenty.



For Current Events Junkies

The Fight of Our Lives: My Time with Zelenskyy, Ukraine's Battle for Democracy, and What It Means for the World by Iuliia Mendel

When Ukrainian journalist Iuliia Mendel got the call she had been hired to work for President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, she had no idea what was to come. In this frank and moving inside account, Zelenskyy's former press secretary tells the story of his improbable rise from popular comedian to the president of Ukraine. Mendel had a front row seat to many of the key events preceding the 2022 Russian invasion.



For Nature Lovers

Rewilding: Bringing Wildlife Back Where It Belongs by David A Steen; illustrated by Chiara Fedele

Rewilding is the process of reintroducing wildlife to areas from which they have disappeared—usually because of humans overhunting them or negatively impacting their ecosystems.

This clearly written and beautifully illustrated book tells stories of rewilding projects all over the globe, and why the projects were needed in the first place. You'll learn about biologists who raised condor chicks by feeding them with hand puppets, and how reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone helped restore balance to the ecosystem. You'll also learn about projects to save less popular animals like snot otters (not a typo) and efforts to teach species what they need to know to survive in the wild. This is not a one-side-only look at the practice of rewilding. Author David Steen includes criticisms of the practice and explains what kind of questions scientists need to answer before launching a rewilding project, along with information about climate change and other factors that impact species survival.

This book is *technically* for middle grade readers, but it contains a huge amount of information and can be enjoyed by anyone who wants to learn more about wildlife and how human actions can harm or help.

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