



THE FOREIGNER, by **Francie Lin** (Picador, \$14 paper, 9780312364045/0312364040) “This is a daring and original novel, a story of how a Taiwanese-American upholds tradition and ancestral respect against his own cultural and personal dualities, and especially against his own criminal brother. A sinister yet uplifting novel.”—**Marie du Vaure, Vroman’s Bookstore, Pasadena, CA**



MORALITY TALE, by **Sylvia Brownrigg** (Counterpoint, \$24, 9781582434049/1582434042) “Full of honesty, humor, and insight, Brownrigg gives us an unnamed narrator who is navigating the bumpy road of marriage as the second wife. After five years of turbulence, our narrator finds peace and happiness in an unlikely relationship in this wonderful read.”—**Meaghan Leenaarts, Island Bookstore, Corolla, NC**



RED BIRD: Poems, by **Mary Oliver** (Beacon, \$23, 9780807068922/0807068926) “Oliver’s theme is love—of the earth, of people, of place, of life itself. The red bird flits from poem to poem as a symbol of the soul, of the trickster, of beauty.”—**Rich Rennicks, Malaprop’s Bookstore/Cafe, Asheville, NC**



THE SPIES OF WARSAW, by **Alan Furst** (Random House, \$25, 9781400066025/1400066026) “Shifting his focus to 1937 Poland, Furst continues his epic evocation of a Europe hurtling towards war, confused loyalties, self-interest in conflict with idealism, and wrenching love stories. Furst plunges you into this world as few authors can.”—**Barbara Peters, The Poisoned Pen, Scottsdale, AZ**



STONE CREEK, by **Victoria Lustbader** (Harper Paperbacks, \$13.95 paper, 9780061369216/0061369217) “*Stone Creek* is a book about the highs and lows of life and how, sometimes, if we are lucky, the right people come along to help us through them. This is a love story about all the kinds of different loves we have in our lives and how they make us who we are and help us to be who we want to be.”—**Jackie Blem, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO**



THE YEAR OF DISAPPEARANCES, by **Susan Hubbard** (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95, 9781416552710/1416552715) “Ariella Montero, a 14-year-old vampire, is wise beyond her years, on her way to college, and can’t explain why her friends keep showing up dead. Hubbard’s characters, place descriptions, and story are as engaging as anything I’ve read this year.”—**Debbi Burton, The Rediscovered Bookshop, Boise, ID**



THE CHRIS FARLEY SHOW: A Biography in Three Acts, by **Tom Farley, Jr., and Tanner Colby** (Viking, \$26.95, 9780670019236/0670019232) “In the intimate and touching portrait culled from more than 160 interviews with friends, family, and SNL associates, we come to see Chris Farley as a complex soul who was gifted, gracious, giving, and deeply religious. A surprisingly revelatory offering.”—**Joe Drabyak, Chester County Book & Music Company, West Chester, PA**



DEAD LUCKY: Life After Death on Mount Everest, by **Lincoln Hall** (Tarcher, \$24.95, 9781585426461/1585426466) “This is one of the most touching memoirs that I have ever read. Australian mountain climber Lincoln Hall looks at every aspect of his Everest climb and includes Sherpa history along with his story. I didn’t want it to end.”—**Bobbi Brewer, Maine Coast Book Shop, Inc., Damariscotta, ME**



ESCAPE FROM THE DEEP: *A Legendary Submarine and Her Courageous Crew*, by Alex Kershaw (Da Capo, \$26, 9780306815195/0306815192) “Kershaw is a masterful storyteller. His investigations into the characters and events of WWII allow readers to witness from the inside the courage, beauty, and terrible sufferings of the men who fought on the front lines.”—**Bishop Hadley, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops, Milwaukee, WI**



THE FILM CLUB: *A Memoir*, by David Gilmour (Twelve, \$21.99, 9780446199292/044619929X) “Desperate father and movie critic David Gilmour gives his 15-year-old son a unique homework assignment: Watch three movies a week, discuss them with him, and drop out of school for a year. This story provides an unexpectedly rich and fertile ground for learning about each other. Thumbs way up!”—**Cristina Nosti, Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL**



THE FRUIT HUNTERS: *A Story of Nature, Adventure, Commerce, and Obsession*, by Adam Leith Gollner (Scribner, \$25, 9780743296946/074329694X) “Adam Leith Gollner’s story of the fruit of the world is one of those books that makes you want to tell everyone about it. I’ve been spouting fruit facts all over. His writing makes me want to jump a plane and head for the tropics.”—**Jamie Kornegay, Turnrow Book Co., Greenwood, MS**



SIMPLEXITY: *Why Simple Things Become Complex (and How Complex Things Can Be Made Simple)*, by Jeffrey Kluger (Hyperion, \$25.95, 9781401303013/1401303013) “Why are there all those unused buttons on your TV remote control? Why is truck driving much less simple than it seems? Why does the simple often seem so complex and the complex so simple? Kluger takes us on a fascinating tour of the practical applications of chaos theory to answer these questions.”—**Terry Whittaker, Viewpoint of Columbus, Columbus, IN**



SHOPPING FOR PORCUPINE: *A Life in Arctic Alaska*, by Seth Kantner (Milkweed, \$28, 9781571313010/157131301X) “Seth Kantner has written a compelling exploration of living off the land in Alaska. Although he lives miles from any town, growing up in an igloo with his family and a team of sled dogs, he still considers himself an outsider to the land and the culture. His stories of ice, snow, animal tracks, traveling where there are no trails, and listening and waiting for other humans make me want to pay close attention to the world around me and learn so much more.”—**Sheri Toomey, Village Books, Bellingham, WA**



SWAY: *The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior*, by Ori Brafman and Rom Brafman (Doubleday, \$21.95, 9780385524384/0385524382) “This is an absolutely fascinating look at the irrational way our supposedly rational minds work, especially our reluctance to stop digging when we find ourselves in a hole. An invaluable read!”—**Donna Hawley, Howard’s Bookstore, Bloomington, IN**



THE BIG BOTH WAYS, by John Straley (Alaska Northwest Books, \$16.95 paper, 9780882407326/0882407325) “In this excellent mystery, John Straley captures the feel of coastal Alaska—the rain, the beauty, the loneliness—in a story involving murder, 1930s union threats and corruption, and the dream of a new life. I couldn’t put it down.”—**Don Muller, Old Harbor Books, Sitka, AK**



BLACK OUT, by Lisa Unger (Shaye Areheart, \$23, 9780307338488/0307338487) “Annie Powers has escaped a depraved childhood only to find herself in the clutches of a serial killer. Unger has written a gripping, fast-paced, and dark thriller about control and absolution.”—**Janet Bollum, The Muse Book Shop, DeLand, FL**



BLOOD ALLEY, by Tom Coffey (Toby Press, \$24.95, 9781592642236/1592642233) “When Patrick Grimes, a World War II vet, takes a job as a rewrite man for the *New York Examiner*, he discovers a world of corruption. Convinced the police have the wrong man after the slaying of a socialite, Grimes hits the mean streets and the nightspots to unearth the real killer. Coffey’s prose is terse and stiletto sharp in this beautifully constructed novel with a heart of steel.”
—**David Lampe-Wilson, Mystery on Main Street, Brattleboro, VT**



BLOOD TRAIL: A Joe Pickett Novel, by C.J. Box (Putnam, \$24.95, 9780399154881/0399154884) “When a madman starts killing Wyoming hunters and stringing them up like elk, it is up to Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett to find this terrorist and bring him to justice. Box’s Joe Pickett never disappoints!”
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THE CALLING, by Inger Ash Wolfe (Harcourt, \$24, 9780151013470/0151013470) “DI Hazel Micallef is one of the most human and interesting mystery protagonists to come along in beyond-recent memory, and this story of a serial killer in a remote Ontario town is an especially well-written, compelling mystery!”—**Beth Simpson, Cornerstone Books, Salem, MA**



CARELESS IN RED, by Elizabeth George (Harper, \$27.95, 9780061160875/0061160873) “Elizabeth George is back at what she does best. When a heartbroken hiker discovers a dead body along the cliffs of Cornwall, you’ve got a mystery. When the hiker is Thomas Lynley, you’ve got one of the best character-driven suspense stories you are ever likely to read.”—**Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI**