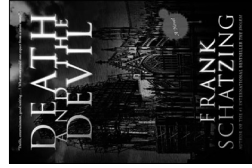


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FICTION



DEATH AND THE DEVIL, by **Frank Schatzing** (Morrow, \$25.95, 9780061349485/0061349488) "Set in 1260, this story of the construction of the Cathedral of Cologne, and of a merciless killer, will keep you on the edge of your seat, while bringing the horrors of the Devil to life."—**Kandice Noonan, The Next Page Bookstore, Decatur, IN**



DEXTER IN THE DARK, by **Jeff Lindsay** (Doubleday, \$23.95, 9780385518338/0385518331) "This third installment of the Dexter series is just as good as I would have hoped. This time around Dexter is targeted by the Watcher who stalks him just as Dexter stalks his victims. With the tables turned, and his trusty Dark passenger giving him the silent treatment, it's another gruesome wild ride well worth reading."—**Alie Hess, Brookline Booksmith, Brookline, MA**



EMPIRE RISING, by **Sam Barone** (Morrow, \$25.95, 9780060892463/0060892463) "Sam Barone's finely crafted sequel to *Dawn of Empire* will please fans of Eskkar and Trella who are hungry to know what happens next. Barone brings new readers up to date without sacrificing the story's quality for returning readers. A great fireside read."—**Keri Holmes, The Kaleidoscope: Our Focus Is You, Hampton, IA**

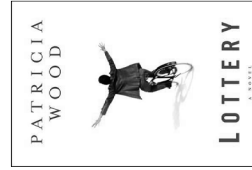


HOTEL DE DREAM: A New York Novel, by **Edmund White** (Ecco, \$23.95, 9780060852252/0060852259) "As Stephen Crane lies on his deathbed dying of tuberculosis, he rushes to complete a novel of the life of a boy prostitute in New York City in the last days of the 1800s. White beautifully evokes the period, alternating between scenes of the dying Crane and the imagined, dictated novel. Bereft of the lush overwriting that afflicts many historical novels, this is a wonderfully written *tour de force*."—**Matthew Lage, Iowa Book L.L.C., Iowa City, IA**



LITTLE FACE, by **Sophie Hannah** (Soho, \$25, 9781569474686/1569474680) "*Little Face* is an enthralling thriller and a real page-turner. Imagine a woman who comes home after her first post-childbirth outing and discovers the baby in the crib is not her own! Add a disbelieving husband, and Hannah has created a harrowing, disturbing tale."

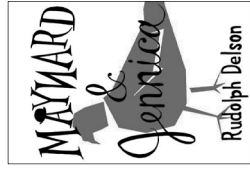
—**Dawn Sodt, Village Books, Bellingham, WA**



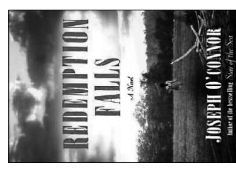
LOTTERY, by **Patricia Wood** (Putnam, \$24.95, 9780399154492/0399154493) "Perry L. Cranston is 31 years old, developmentally disabled, and a lottery winner. His beloved grandmother, who raised him, has recently died, and he is left to fend off his greedy family members and total strangers who want to take advantage of him. Enter Perry's world and he will touch your heart."—**Lisa Zupke, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Shorewood, WI**



A MAN OF NO MOON, by **Jenny McPhee** (Counterpoint, \$24, 9781582433752/1582433755) "This is a wonderfully descriptive and haunting novel of post-WWII Italy. Two beautiful American sisters and an Italian poet thrust themselves in and out of each other's lives, always teetering on the edge of danger."—**Claire Benedict, Bear Pond Books of Montpelier, Montpelier, VT**



MAYNARD & JENNICA, by **Rudolph Delson** (Houghton, \$24, 9780618834488/0618834486) "I was enraptured with *Maynard & Jennica* and its endearing set of characters—so witty, so quirky!—who tell the story of modern love in New York City. Delson's style of storytelling completely captures the pace of life in NYC."—**Chris Rickert, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH**



REDEMPTION FALLS, by **Joseph O'Connor** (Free Press, \$25, 9781416553168/1416553169) "Irish immigrants of various—and often dubious—backgrounds find themselves in the new American West at the end of the Civil War. O'Connor intriguing novel is a most unusual piece of historical fiction that delivers—even on the very last page!"—**Susan Reisinger, Bay Books, Coronado, CA**



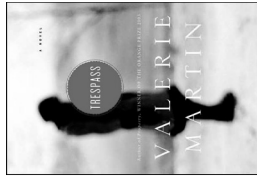
SEASON OF GENE, by **Dallas Hudgens** (Scribner, \$24, 978141654148/1416541489) "My new favorite writer is back with another fast-paced, Southern-fried caper featuring everyman Joe Rice. When his business partner Gene dies rounding third base, Joe and Gene's widow, Joy, discover that the 'bat man' had a lot of secrets. This novel has more action than a Hollywood blockbuster and more heart than a bloodhound. A super book."—**Kelly Justice, The Fountain Bookstore, Richmond, VA**

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TRESPASS, by Valerie Martin (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, \$25, 9780385515450/0385515456) "This story of a mother's growing distrust of her son's fiancé, a Croatian refugee, offers several surprising plot twists and an unexpected ending. This is definitely a novel for readers looking for unusual plots and characters."—**Marianne Dilman, Bestsellers Cafe, Medford, MA**

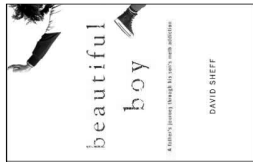


THE WORST THING I'VE DONE, by Ursula Hegi (Touchstone, \$25, 9781416543756/1416543759) "This is a story of three adults who've been best friends from childhood—with an edge. Beautifully written, with soul."—**Lisa Stefanacci, The Book Works, Del Mar, CA**

NONFICTION



ALEXANDER AND THE WONDERFUL, MARVELOUS, EXCELLENT, TERRIFIC NINETY DAYS: An Almost Completely Honest Account of What Happened to Our Family When Our Youngest Son, His Wife, Their Baby, Their Toddler, and Their Five-Year-Old Came to Live with Us for Three Months, by Judith Viorst (Free Press, \$17, 9781416550054) "This was a delightfully witty confirmation of the joys and benefits of grandparenthood, which clearly outweigh those of parenthood. Viorst captures the special relationship, and immediate bond, between a grandparent and a grandchild with humor, honesty, and love."—**Susan Kosberg, JackRabbit Hollow Unique, Peabody, KS**

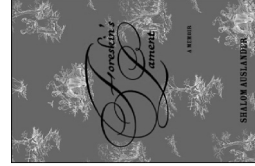


BEAUTIFUL BOY: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Meth Addiction, by David Sheff (Houghton, \$24, 9780618683352/0618683356) "Writer

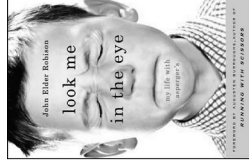
David Sheff shares his personal journey through the nightmare of his eldest son's drug and alcohol addiction. This starkly honest and heartbreaking story follows not only Nic's descent into the world of addiction, but the ripple effect of this disease on his family and friends who love him. A compelling read."—**Linda Walonen, Bay Books, San Ramon, CA**



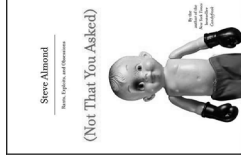
THE DAY OF BATTLE: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944, by Rick Atkinson (Holt, \$35, 9780805062892/0805062890) "Rick Atkinson follows his Pulitzer-Prize-winning *An Army at Dawn* with an account of the Italian campaign, which he brings to life in all its complexity and brutality. Atkinson examines not only the military aspects but also the intricate politics that were so crucial to all parts of the invasion to create a work that will take a place in the military canon."—**Bill Cusumano, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI**



FORESKIN'S LAMENT: A Memoir, by Shalom Auslander (Riverhead, \$24.95, 9781594489556/1594489556) "Auslander reads like an Orthodox Jewish David Sedaris with an enormous chip on his shoulder. Raised in a cloistered and isolated community in upstate New York, Auslander is angry, resentful, neurotic, insecure, and quite religious (which seems to be at the root of his troubles). Not for everyone (as the title suggests) but refreshingly offbeat and surprisingly intimate."—**Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI**



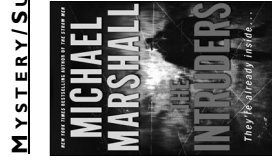
LOOK ME IN THE EYE: My Life with Asperger's, by John Elder Robinson (Crown, \$25.95, 9780307395986/0307395987) "Look Me in the Eye is an unflinching and amazing look into the mind of an Aspergian. Robinson's frankness and candor paints a vivid portrait of the world many of us can never see or even understand."—**Katie Glasgow, Mitchell Books, Fort Wayne, IN**



(NOT THAT YOU ASKED): Rants, Exploits, and Obsessions, by Steve Almond (Random House, \$21.95, 9781400066193/1400066190) "Mr. Candyfreak himself offers his first essay collection, mixing hilarious memoir, sharp observations, and fixations beyond his notorious sweet tooth. His rants target the likes of Condoleezza Rice and Sean Hannity, his exploits often involve hilariously humiliating dating experiences, and his obsessions are as American as baseball and lobster pad thai."—**Michael Keefe, Annie Bloom's Books, Portland, OR**



THE SHARPER YOUR KNIFE, THE LESS YOU CRY: Love, Laughter, and Tears at the World's Most Famous Cooking School, by Kathleen Flinn (Viking, \$24.95, 9780670018222/0670018228) "Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Kathleen Flinn takes us on a delightful romp through the renowned Parisian cooking school Le Cordon Bleu. Working with exacting chefs, finding true love, and perfecting puff pastry all meld together to make this a delicious book."—**Britton Trice, Garden District Book Shop, New Orleans, LA**



THE INTRUDERS, by Michael Marshall (Morrow, \$24.95, 9780061235023/0061235024) "Ex-cop Jack Whalen's life changes abruptly with a visit from a high school acquaintance, as well as the disappearance and reappearance of his wife. What follows is a wonderfully scary and complex story that I could not put down."—**Rachel Schultz, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Pittsburgh, PA**

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