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A Novel, by Stewart O'Nan

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by Deborah Copaken Kogan

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Cheryl McKeon, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



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Tracking Down the Sources of My Stuff, by Fred Pearce

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Conspiracy of Silence

by Martha Powers

"Mystery lovers are in for a treat. Martha Powers' character, Clare Prentice, a Chicago journalist, begins to unravel secrets of her past... and discovers that her whole life is a lie. A compelling, fast-paced story set in a small town determined to keep its secrets, Conspiracy of Silence is a must-read, not-to-be-missed mystery."

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The Wordy Shipmates

by Sarah Vowell

"As always, Vowell is darkly hilarious and freshly informative. She pokes fun at the buckle-shoed Puritans who first settled here, but she also tells a story of how their quirks, foibles, and love of words formed our country's personality. Her distinct and sharply witty voice makes this book an edifying delight."

Laura DeLaney, The Rediscovered Bookshop, Boise, ID



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Once Were Cops

A Novel, by Ken Bruen

"If you haven't read any Bruen yet, this gritty noir tale of a wild Irish cop on the loose in the NYPD is a great introduction. There are twists and turns aplenty in this riveting read."

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The Wettest County in the World

A Novel Based on a True Story, by Matt Bondurant

"I loved this book—an effective symbiosis of style, substance, and narrative technique. The novel absorbs the reader into its riveting account of the 1920s and 1930s Virginia moonshine trade and offers a fascinating perspective of American history. I was immersed from beginning to end."

Kristin Kirkham, The University Book Store, Madison, WI



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The Eleventh Man

A Novel, by Ivan Doig

"A football team that makes the papers in 1941 goes to war in 1943, its players deployed from Europe to the Pacific—all but the quarterback, who, son of a journalist, is assigned to chronicle their exploits for the wartime propaganda machine he loathes. Indelibly wrought characters and a plot that mixes love, treason, heroism, and history make this a blissfully good read."

Betsy Burton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



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Second Violin

An Inspector Troy Thriller, by John Lawton

"Second Violin is the work of an accomplished author who draws you into the story through fully developed characters and plot twists that keep you engrossed. I'm not sure how I missed Lawton's earlier Inspector Troy titles, but I will make up for it by recommending them to anyone who loves historical fiction, thrillers, or just a good yarn."

Ann Carlson, Harborwalk Books, Georgetown, SC



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The Best American Comics 2008

edited by Lynda Barry, Jessica Abel, and Matt Madden

"Lynda Barry gives us a volume that is an editorial miracle. The whimsical, the malicious, the heartbreaking, the surreal, the hilarious—all the work included testifies to the vibrancy of the contemporary comic form. This is a collection to convert the remaining unbelievers and to excite the connoisseurs."

Josh Cook, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA



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Freeman Walker

A Novel, by David Allan Cates

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Barbara Theroux, Fact & Fiction, Missoula, MT



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Fred Astaire

by Joseph Epstein

"How could a string bean with an oversize forehead, jug ears, and an obvious toupee be one of the romantic leads of movie history? Epstein meditates on this heavenly hooper from every angle, and the results will have you jonesing for a TCM movie marathon."

Daniel Goldin, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops, Milwaukee, WI



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