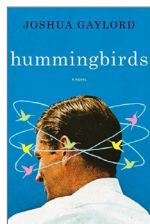




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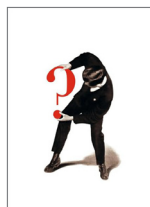
Hummingbirds

A Novel, by Joshua Gaylord

(Harper, \$25.99, 9780061769016)

“Joshua Gaylord has written a smart and edgy debut about life in a New York City all-girls prep school, a brilliant upstairs/downstairs take on the school that gives every character his or her introspective spotlight without losing the story’s momentum. Astounding.”

—David Mallmann, Next Chapter Bookshop, Mequon, WI



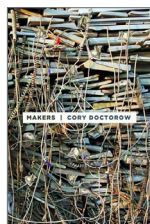
The Interrogative Mood

A Novel?, by Padgett Powell

(Ecco, \$21.99, 9780061859410)

“Padgett Powell has written his own take on Pablo Neruda’s Book of Questions, and the result is a hoot— but between the laughs there’s substance and style.”

—Lisa Stefanacci, The Book Works, Del Mar, CA



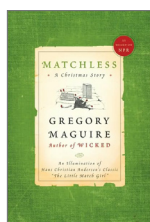
Makers

by Cory Doctorow

(Tor, \$24.99, 9780765312792)

“Based on Cory Doctorow’s predictive abilities, Makers seems like an all-too-true forecast of the near future. The result is both frightening and exhilarating and filled with characters you wish you knew. (Who knows, maybe you do!)”

—Randy Smith, Destinations Booksellers, New Albany, IN



Matchless

A Christmas Story, by Gregory Maguire

(Morrow, \$19.99, 9780061913013)

“This ‘re-illumination’ of the Hans Christian Andersen tale ‘The Little Match Girl’ was originally commissioned by and performed on NPR by Maguire himself. Accompanied by Maguire’s line drawings, this story is told in his inimitable style, and his fans will love it.”

—Jackie Blem, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO



A Separate Country

A Novel, by Robert Hicks

(Grand Central, \$25.99, 9780446581646)

“John Bell Hood was one of the Civil War’s most tragic figures. He lost a leg at Chickamauga and the use of his left arm at Gettysburg, and he moved to New Orleans to start life afresh after the war. Hick’s skillful weaving of several characters’ points of view will keep readers eager to discover the story of Hood’s search for peace and transformation.”

—Mary Gay Shipley, That Bookstore In Blytheville, Blytheville, AR



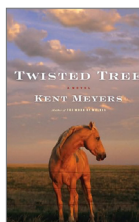
Soulless

An Alexia Tarabotti Novel, by Gail Carriger

(Orbit, \$7.99 paper, 9780316056632)

“Victorian London has never been more fun than in the company of Alexia Tarabotti. This refreshing blend of manners, parasols, werewolves, and vampires will appeal to fans of Sookie Stackhouse and Jane Austen—and it will have everyone laughing out loud. Alexia is a character to treasure.”

—Katie Glasgow, Mitchell Books, Fort Wayne, IN



Twisted Tree

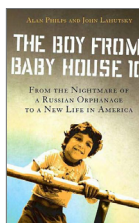
A Novel, by Kent Meyers

(Houghton, \$24, 9780151013890)

“Kent Meyers shows the true nature of small town life in the West in this story of a community’s response to the disappearance of a teenage girl. This is a very well-written novel about loss and heartbreak.”

—Josh Robers, Back To Books, Hudson, WI

NONFICTION



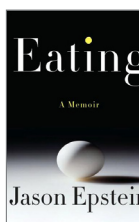
The Boy From Baby House 10

From the Nightmare of a Russian Orphanage to a New Life in America, by Alan Philps and John Lahutsky

(St. Martin’s, \$24.99, 9780312576974)

“The Boy From Baby House 10—the horrifying story of a young boy in a Russian orphanage—is one of the most touching books I have ever read, and it will leave you wanting to make a difference in the world. This book is a wonderful choice for anyone looking to read a true story of life, love, and the struggle to find a place in the world.”

—Nikki Bernard, The Book Bin, Onley, VA



Eating

A Memoir, by Jason Epstein

(Knopf, \$25, 9781400042968)

“Lovers of such writers as M.F.K. Fisher and Elizabeth David will adore this marvelous, dishy book about the world of publishing in its heyday, when lunches were long and leisurely, the drinks were stiff, and everybody knew everybody. Epstein was not just a power in the book business, he’s also a fantastic cook and raconteur. You’ll enjoy every delectable minute of reading Eating.”

—Kathy Ashton, The King’s English, Salt Lake City, UT



The Gift of an Ordinary Day

A Mother’s Memoir, by Katrina Kenison

(Springboard Press, \$23.99, 9780446409483)

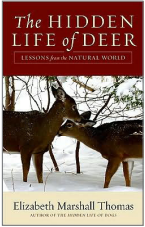
“The profound life transition from hands-on mother to empty nester makes you ache for routine days gone by. Katrina Kenison’s memoir—full of heart—offers a thoughtful read for moms of teens.”

—Candy Purdom, Anderson’s Bookshop, Naperville, IL



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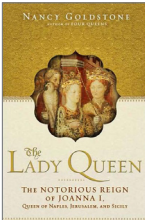
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The Hidden Life of Deer Lessons from the Natural World, by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas

(Harper, \$24.99, 9780061792106)
"This exquisite book intersperses the author's observations of a group of deer on her New Hampshire property with broader investigations of the natural world. Written with grace and clarity, Thomas sympathizes with animals without sentimentalizing them, and she expresses how much richer human lives are when we see ourselves as part of the natural world."

—Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI

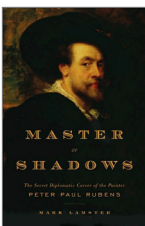


The Lady Queen The Notorious Reign of Joanna I, Queen of Naples, Jerusalem, and Sicily, by Nancy Goldstone

(Walker, \$27, 9780802716705)
"Joanna, Queen of Naples, Jerusalem, and Sicily, was one of the first women to rule in her own right, and she fought relatives, husbands, and popes to retain that right. The Lady Queen is history writing at its best. Fans of historical fiction will be riveted, and history buffs will be amazed at the story of this largely forgotten queen."

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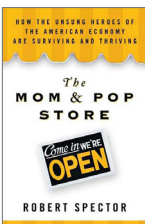
—Ann Carlson, Harborwalk Books, Georgetown, SC



Master of Shadows The Secret Diplomatic Career of the Painter Peter Paul Rubens, by Mark Lamster

(Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, \$29.95, 9780385523790)
"Peter Paul Rubens was certainly one of history's greatest painters, but his secret history as a diplomat is just as fascinating as his artistic career. The intense religious strife and dogmatic philosophy of the Thirty Years War comes alive in this study of an unknown Rubens."

—Bill Cusumano, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI

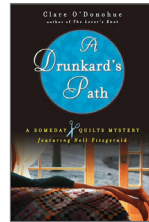


The Mom & Pop Store How the Unsung Heroes of the American Economy Are Surviving and Thriving, by Robert Spector

(Walker, \$26, 9780802716057)
"Robert Spector presents a great vision of local, independent business and its crucial role in the national economy. This is a must-read for anyone interested in the future of unique communities."

—Chuck Robinson, Village Books, Bellingham, WA

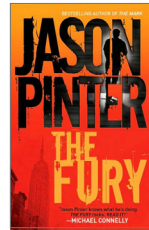
MYSTERY/SUSPENSE



A Drunkard's Path A Someday Quilts Mystery, by Clare O'Donohue

(Plume, \$13 paper, 9780452295582)
"Clearly a knowledgeable and experienced quilter, Clare O'Donohue is also a skilled crafter of suspense and of believable, interesting characters. Unlike some other needlework-themed mysteries, the plot here is more important than the crafty details. O'Donohue never descends into cuteness or whimsy, but, rather, she creates an interesting, straightforward tale with a solid, satisfying ending."

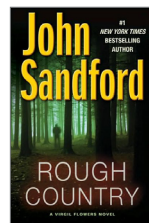
—Sherry Stegner, Snowbound Books, Marquette, MI



The Fury by Jason Pinter

(Mira, \$7.99 paper, 9780778326274)
"Jason Pinter's The Fury is a fast-moving mystery featuring Henry Parker, who again finds himself in a dangerous situation and a dark place. Pinter is a young writer, and his Parker character is growing and developing with each book."

—Terry Lucas, Open Book, West Hampton Beach, NY



Rough Country A Virgil Flowers Novel, by John Sandford

(Putnam, \$26.95, 9780399155987)
"John Sandford has again written a novel with very believable and intriguing characters. Virgil Flowers is a very different kettle of fish from Sandford's Lucas Davenport, but by the end of the first chapter of Rough Country I was swept into the fast-paced current of Sandford's writing."

—Jennie Turner-Collins, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH

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