

Rose in a Storm

by Jon Katz EILEEN'S PICK (Fiction)

From bestselling author Jon Katz comes a moving novel, the first one inspired by life on his celebrated Bedlam Farm-and perceptively told from the point of view of Rose, a dedicated working dog. When an epic blizzard hits, it will take all of Rose's resourcefulness to help Sam save the farm.

A Secret Kept

by Tatiana de Rosnay ROBERTA'S PICK (Fiction)

The delayed resolution of a French family's mystery electrifies de Rosnay's glimpse at the crushing cost of keeping secrets. Parisian architect Antoine Rey and his sister Melanie celebrate her 40th birthday on the island where they vacationed as children with their mother, until she died there in 1974.

A Single Man

by Christopher Isherwood LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

George is adjusting to life on his own after the sudden death of his partner, and determines to persist in the routines of his daily life. *A Single Man* catches the texture of life as it spans twenty-four hours in an ordinary day, revealing a man who loves being alive despite everyday injustices and loneliness.

Soul of a Dog

by Jon Katz EILEEN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 636.7 KAT)

Do animals have souls? Some of our greatest thinkers- Aristotle, Plato, and countless animal lovers have been obsessed with this question for thousands of years. Katz looks for an answer and finds even more questions as he recounts the stories of the residents of his celebrated Bedlam Farm.

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

by Alan Bradley ROBERTA'S PICK (Fiction)

**Starred Review, Booklist.* Flavia, an 11-year-old with a chemistry lab, finds a corpse in a cucumber patch and applies the detective skills she learned plotting against her older sisters. This delightful debut mystery won the 2007 Canadian Crime Writer Association's Debut Dagger Award.

True Compass

by Ted Kennedy MARGARET'S PICK (Biography)

Edward M. Kennedy is the patriarch of one of America's most heralded families. In this landmark autobiography, Senator Kennedy speaks with unprecedented candor about his extraordinary life.

Women's Place in New Jersey History

by Deborah M. Kelly and Ellen F. Schultz MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 305.4 KEL)

A look at political, social, economic, and cultural ideas through the places where women made history in New Jersey, from Lenape life to Post WWII. Eye opening, educational, and interesting.

Year of Wonders

by Geraldine Brooks MARSHA'S PICK (Fiction)

This gripping historical novel is based on the true story of Eyam, the "Plague Village", in the rugged mountain spine of England in 1666. It is a story of unconventional love and a richly detailed evocation of a riveting moment in history.

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All Is Forgotten, Nothing Is Lost

by Lan Samantha Chang LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

**Starred Review, Booklist.* Set at a renowned writing school, Chang pursues the fraught relationships between mentors and students, the value of poetry, the price of ambition, and the loneliness of artistic endeavor in this novel about the poet's lot.

American Pastoral

by Philip Roth LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Seymour "Swede" Levov - a legendary high school athlete, a devoted family man, a hard worker, the prosperous inheritor of his father's Newark glove factory - comes of age in thriving, triumphant postwar America. But everything he loves is lost when the country begins to run amok in the turbulent 1960s.

An Hour Before Daylight

by Jimmy Carter ANNALISE'S PICK (Biography)

This vivid recollection of Carter's Georgia childhood focuses on the people who nurtured him on the farm and in Plains. Carter supplies lively portraits of many of the adults and children, black and white, who impressed him when he was little.

As They See 'Em

by Bruce Weber ALEXA'S PICK (Non-Fiction 796.357 WEB)

**Starred Review, Booklist.* An outstanding book that demands a place on any sports shelf. Weber shares the particulars of umping a game, the torturous path to becoming a major league ump, instant replay, and the pace of games. And for the starstruck baseball fans among us, there are lots of stories about ump, players, and managers we know.

Clara's War

by Clara Kramer MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fic 940.5318 KRA)

Kramer's heart wrenching memoir is about survival--hiding from the Nazis in an underground bunker with 17 other people.

Day After Night

by Anita Diamant ROBERTA'S PICK (Fiction)

Diamant tells the story of four women, refugees from Nazi Europe, who find friendship, love, and salvation in a postwar British camp in Palestine.

Dear Money

by Martha McPhee ANNALISE'S PICK (Fiction)

In this Pygmalion tale of a novelist turned bond trader, Martha McPhee brings to life the greed and riotous wealth of New York during the heady days of the second gilded age. Shedding her artist's life with surprising ease, India embarks on a raucous ride to the top of the income chain.

Dewey the Library Cat & Dewey's Nine Lives

by Vicki Myron MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 636.8 MYR)
How is it possible for an abandoned kitten to transform a small library, save a classic American town, and eventually become famous around the world? You can't even begin to answer those questions until you hear the charming story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat of Spencer, Iowa.

Five Mile House

by Novak DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

A modern day mystery with a 19th Century ghost, this is a both a haunted house story and a story about the lengths a mother will go to in order to protect her children.

Geek Love

by Katharine Dunn LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Geek Love throws light on our notions of the freakish and the normal, the beautiful and the ugly, the holy and the obscene through the story of the Binewskis, a carny family who set out with the help of amphetamine, arsenic, and radioisotopes—to breed their own exhibit of human oddities.

Glass Room

by Mawer DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

High on a Czechoslovak hill, the Landauer House shines as a wonder of steel and glass and onyx built specially for newlyweds Viktor and Liesel, a Jew married to a gentile. As the storm clouds of WW2 gather, the world spins into chaos and the highly symbolic Landauer house is the only constant.

Hell's Corner

by David Baldacci CAROL'S PICK (Fiction)

Oliver Stone, former CIA assassin and now the leader of the shadowy group known as the Camel Club, is whisked away to a top-secret meeting with the president of the U.S. But before he can even begin his mission training, Stone finds himself in the middle of what appears to be a terrorist attack on the life of the British prime minister. The latest Camel Club novel is, as usual, skillfully constructed and very difficult to put down.

Kitchen House

by Kathleen Grissom DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

An Irish orphan finds a new family among slaves in Grissom's pulse-quickening debut. Lavinia is only six in 1791, when her parents die aboard ship and the captain, James Pyke, brings her to work as a white indentured servant with black slaves at Tall Oaks, his Virginia plantation.

Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness ALEXA'S PICK (Fiction)

Readers are in for a white-knuckle journey in this series that follows a boy and girl on the run from a town where all thoughts can be heard--and the passage into manhood embodies a horrible secret.

Life

by Keith Richards ROBIN'S PICK (Biography)

The long-awaited autobiography of the guitarist, songwriter, singer, and founding member of the Rolling Stones. With The Rolling Stones, Keith Richards created the songs that roused the world, and he lived the original rock and roll life.

Lost Hero

by Rick Riordan AISHA'S PICK (Fiction)

After saving Olympus from the evil Titan lord, Kronos, Percy and friends have rebuilt their beloved Camp Half-Blood, where the next generation of demigods must now prepare for a chilling prophecy of their own.

The Lotus Eaters

by Tatjana Soli PAT'S PICK (Fiction)

A unique debut novel about an American female combat photographer in the Vietnam War, as she captures the wrenching chaos and finds herself torn between the love of two men. Soli paints a canvas contrasting the horror of war and the treacherous narcotic of obsession.

Native Speaker

by Chang-rae Lee LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Korean-American Henry Parks is "surreptitious, a B+ student of life, illegal alien, emotional alien..." or so says his wife in the list she writes upon leaving him. Henry is forever uncertain of his place, a perpetual outsider, looking at American culture from a distance.

Nemesis

by Roth DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

In the "stifling heat of equatorial Newark," a terrifying epidemic is raging, threatening the children of the New Jersey city with paralysis, lifelong disability, and even death. This is the startling theme of Roth's new book: a wartime polio epidemic in the summer of 1944 and the effect it has on a closely knit, family-oriented Newark community.

Nick & Nora's Infinite Playlist

by Rachel Cohn LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

This romance is a sexy, funny roller coaster of a story about one date over one night, with two teenagers, both recovering from broken hearts, who are just trying to figure out who they want to be and where the next great band is playing. Teeming with music references, humor, angst, and endearing side characters, this is a love story you'll wish were your very own.

Oracle of Stamboul

by Michael David Lukas PEGGY'S PICKS (Fiction)

An elegantly crafted, utterly enchanting debut novel set in a mystical, exotic world, in which a gifted young girl charms a sultan and changes the course of an empire's history late in the summer of 1877 in a town on the Black Sea.

Out Stealing Horses

by Per Petterson ANNALISE'S PICK (Fiction)

*Starred Review. Three years after his wife's accidental death, Trond Sander, 67, settles into an isolated cabin near Norway's southeastern border with Sweden, where he last saw his father. The novel's lush descriptions of forest and river, rain and snow, sunlight and night skies are on a par with those of Cather, Steinbeck, Berry, and Hemingway, and its emotional force is equivalent to what those authors can deliver, too.

People of the Book

by Geraldine Brooks DANI'S & MARCIA'S PICK (Fiction)

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March*, the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war. In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war.

Quiet Hero

by Cosby MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 940.5472 COS)

Emmy award winning journalist, TV host, and New York Times bestselling author Rita Cosby has always asked the tough questions in her interviews with the world's top newsmakers. Now, in a powerful memoir, she reveals how she uncovered an amazing personal story of heroism and courage, the untold secrets of a man she has known all her life: her father.