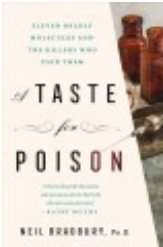


2022 Non-Fiction:

Books, Lists and Articles

1.



A taste for poison: eleven deadly molecules and the killers who used them (Feb 2022)

By: Bradbury, Neil

Blending popular science, medical history and true crime, a Professor of Physiology and Biophysics explores, on a cellular level, the poisons used by spurned lovers, shady scientists, medical professionals and political assassins throughout history.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

2.



Aftermath: life in the fallout of the Third Reich, 1945-1955 (Jan 2022)

By: Jahner, Harald, 1953-

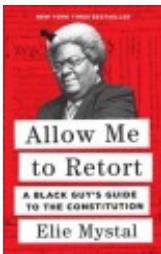
The years 1945 to 1955 were a raw, wild decade that found many Germans politically, economically, and morally bankrupt. Victorious Allied forces occupied the four zones that make up present-day Germany. More than half the population was displaced; 10 million newly released forced laborers and several million prisoners of war returned to an uncertain existence. Using major global political developments as a backdrop, Harald Jahner weaves a series of life stories into a nuanced panorama of a nation undergoing monumental change. Poised between two eras, this decade is portrayed by Jahner as a period that proved decisive for Germany's future—and one starkly different from how most of us imagine it today.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

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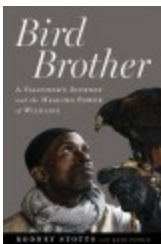
Allow me to retort: a Black guy's guide to the Constitution (Jan 2022)

By: Mystal, Elie

According to commentator and lawyer Elie Mystal, Republicans are wrong when they tell you the First Amendment allows religious fundamentalists to discriminate against gay people who like cake. They're wrong when they tell you the Second Amendment protects the right to own a private arsenal. They're wrong when they say the death penalty isn't cruel or unusual punishment, and they're wrong when they tell you we have no legal remedies for the scourge of police violence against people of color. In fact, Mystal argues, Republicans are wrong about the law almost all of the time, and now, instead of talking about this on cable news, Mystal explains why in his first book.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

4.



Bird brother: a falconer's journey and the healing power of wildlife (Feb 2022)

By: Stotts, Rodney

Tells the story of a young African American's unlikely journey from the tough streets of Southeast Washington, D.C. and eventual incarceration to becoming one of American's few Black master falconers.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

5.



Bittersweet: how sorrow and longing make us whole (Apr 2022)

By: Cain, Susan

The author of the best-selling *Quiet* discusses how a bittersweet state of mind can actually be a kind of silent energy that aids us in overcoming our personal and societal suffering.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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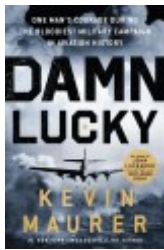
Blood, sweat & chrome: the wild and true story of Mad Max: Fury Road (Feb 2022)

By: Buchanan, Kyle

This oral history of the film that has been hailed as the greatest action movie ever features interviews with the cast and crew, including director George Miller and stars Charlize Theron and Tom Hardy.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

7.



Damn lucky: one man's courage during the bloodiest military campaign in aviation history (Apr 2022)

By: Maurer, Kevin

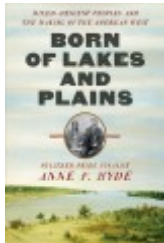
The story of a young American B-17 Flying Fortress pilot who survived 25 of the deadliest bombing missions as part of the Eighth Air Force's 100th Bomb Group during World War II.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

8.



Born of lakes and plains: mixed-descent peoples and the making of the American West (Feb 2022)

By: Hyde, Anne Farrar, 1960-

A revealing history of the West that pivots on Native peoples and the mixed families they made with European settlers.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

9.



Camera man: Buster Keaton, the dawn of cinema, and the invention of the twentieth century (Jan 2022)

By: Stevens, Dana, (Film critic)

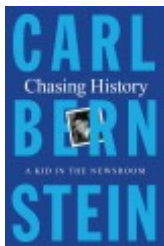
The chief film critic for Slate magazine presents a biography of the comedy legend and acclaimed filmmaker, from his vaudeville beginnings to his rise to Hollywood stardom as an actor and director during the silent film era.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

10.



Chasing history: a kid in the newsroom (Jan 2022)

By: Bernstein, Carl, 1944-

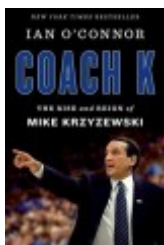
The Pulitzer Prize winning coauthor of All The President's Men recounts the world of the 1960s as he experienced it as a young reporter learning his craft at the Washington Star.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

11.



Coach K: the rise and reign of Mike Krzyzewski (Feb 2022)

By: O'Connor, Ian

This definitive biography of college basketball's all-time winningest coach looks at how he built a basketball empire at Duke and led Team USA to three Olympic basketball gold medals.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

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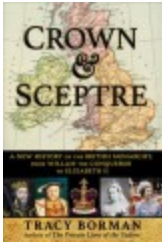
Comedy comedy comedy drama (Mar 2022)

By: Odenkirk, Bob, 1962-

The Emmy-winning star of Mr. Show, Breaking Bad and Better Call Saul discusses his early career as a cult comedy writer, as well as his reinvention as an action star at age 50

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

13.



Crown & sceptre: a new history of the British monarchy, from Willam the Conqueror to Elizabeth II (Feb 2022)

By: Borman, Tracy

This sweeping history of the British monarchy looks at the 41 kings and queens, from William I to Queen Elizabeth II, who have sat on the throne and set helped set the course of history.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

14.



Deaf utopia: a memoir and a love letter to a way of life (Apr 2022)

By: DiMarco, Nyle, 1989-

A heartfelt and inspiring memoir and Deaf culture anthem by Nyle DiMarco, actor, producer, two-time reality show winner, and cultural icon of the international Deaf community.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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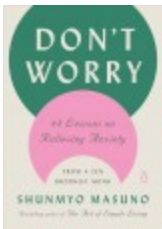
Dilla time: the life and afterlife of J Dilla, the hip-hop producer who reinvented rhythm (Feb 2022)

By: Charnas, Dan

Equal parts musicology, biography, and cultural history, Dilla Time chronicles the invention of a new kind of beat by the most underappreciated musical genius of our time.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

16.



Don't worry: 48 lessons on relieving anxiety from a Zen Buddhist monk (Apr 2022)

By: Masuno, Shunmyo

The head priest of a 450-year old Zen Buddhist temple in Japan and best-selling author offers 48 simple lessons and 30 "zengo" sayings that help readers focus on the present and become calmer and more positive versions of themselves.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

17.



Eating to extinction: the world's rarest foods and why we need to save them (Jan 2022)

By: Saladino, Dan, 1970-

"A global tour of some of the world's rarest and most endangered foods"--Provided by publisher.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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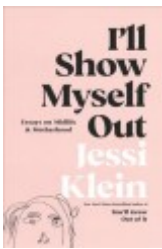
Finding me (Apr 2022)

By: Davis, Viola, 1965-

A noted actress's memoir, in her own words, spans her incredible, inspiring life, from her coming-of-age in Rhode Island to her present day.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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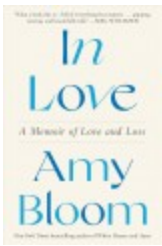
I'll show myself out: essays on midlife and motherhood (Apr 2022)

By: Klein, Jessi, 1975-

The New York Times best-selling author and Emmy Award-winning writer and producer hilariously destroys the cultural myths and impossible expectations of modern-day motherhood and explores the humiliations, poignancies and possibilities of midlife.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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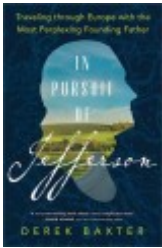
In love: a memoir of love and loss (Mar 2022)

By: Bloom, Amy, 1953-

Amy Bloom began to notice changes in her husband, Brian: He retired early from a new job he loved; he withdrew from close friendships; he talked mostly about the past. Suddenly, it seemed there was a glass wall between them, and their long walks and talks stopped. Their world was altered forever when an MRI confirmed what they could no longer ignore: Brian had Alzheimer's disease. Forced to confront the truth of the diagnosis and its impact on the future he had envisioned, Brian was determined to die on his feet, not live on his knees. Supporting each other in their last journey together, Brian and Amy made the unimaginably difficult and painful decision to go to Dignitas, an organization based in Switzerland that empowers a person to end their own life with dignity and peace.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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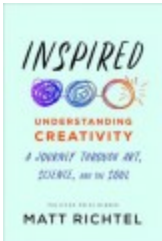
In pursuit of Jefferson: traveling through Europe with the most perplexing Founding Father (Mar 2022)

By: Baxter, Derek, 1973-

In 1784, travel wrenched Thomas Jefferson out of the darkest period of his life. He sailed to France a broken man but on the road, he rediscovered a world of hidden beauty and penned a guide he called Hints for Americans Traveling in Europe. During a crisis of his own, Derek Baxter dares himself to follow Jefferson's route. On a series of journeys (piloting a Dutch canal boat, hiking the French Alps, and fishing in the Atlantic), Baxter follows the obscure guide across six countries. But not all of his insights into the life of the complex founding father are pleasant. In Pursuit of Jefferson is the surprising story of one man's travels through Europe, led by Thomas Jefferson, and the lessons he learns about history-and himself-along the way.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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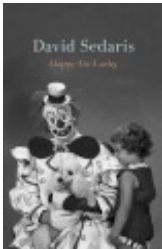
Inspired: understanding creativity: a journey through art, science, and the soul (Apr 2022)

By: Richtel, Matt

A new investigation into the mysteries of creativity and how to maximize your creative potential, from a Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter and the best-selling author of An Elegant Defense.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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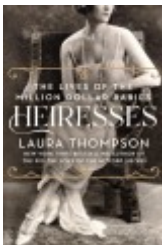
Happy-go-lucky (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Sedaris, David

The author of Calypso and regular contributor to The New Yorker is back with a whole new collection of satirical and humorous essays that chronicle his own life and ordinary moments that turn beautifully absurd.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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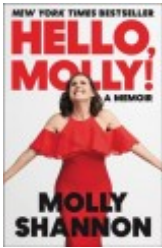
Heiresses: the lives of the million dollar babies (Feb 2022)

By: Thompson, Laura, 1964-

Looks at the lives of heiresses throughout history such as Consuelo Vanderbilt, the original American "Dollar Heiress," Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress and Patty Hearst, the notorious heiress to a newspaper fortune turned terrorist.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

25.



Hello, Molly! (Apr 2022)

By: Shannon, Molly, 1964-

A candid, humorous, and heartbreaking memoir of resilience and redemption by a noted alum of Saturday Night Live.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

26.



How civil wars start: and how to stop them (Jan 2022)

By: Walter, Barbara F.

A leading political scientist examines the dramatic rise in violent extremism around the globe and sounds the alarm on the increasing likelihood of a second civil war in the United States.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

27.



How to be perfect: the correct answer to every moral question (Jan 2022)

By: Schur, Michael, 1975-

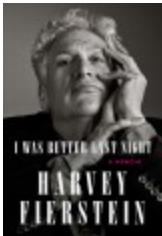
From Michael Schur, the creator of The Good Place and the co-creator of Parks and Recreation, comes a hilarious, thought-provoking guide to living an ethical life, drawing on 2,500 years of deep thinking from around the world. Most people think of themselves as “good,” but it’s not always easy to determine what’s “good” or “bad”—especially in a world filled with complicated choices and pitfalls and booby traps and bad advice. Fortunately, many smart philosophers have been pondering this conundrum for millennia and they have guidance for us. With bright wit and deep insight, How to Be Perfect explains concepts like deontology, utilitarianism, existentialism, ubuntu, and more so we can sound cool at parties and become better people.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

28.



I was better last night (Mar 2022)

By: Fierstein, Harvey, 1954-

This autobiography from the cultural icon, gay rights activist and four-time Tony Award--winning actor and playwright looks back on his legendary career, from community theater in Brooklyn to the excesses of Hollywood.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

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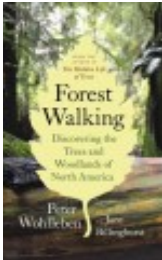
Fire and flood: a people's history of climate change, from 1979 to the present (Apr 2022)

By: Linden, Eugene, 1947-

An award-winning science journalist looks at the last thirty years of climate change and the shocking failure by governments and key business interests to address the issue despite the evidence in front of our own eyes.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

30.



Forest walking: discovering the trees and woodlands of North America (Apr 2022)

By: Wohlleben, Peter, 1964-

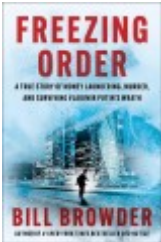
Helps readers become a "forest detective" on their next outdoor adventure by decoding nature's signs by following tree roots, crossing streams and turning over rocks to awaken the ancient past and thrilling present of the ecosystem around them.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

2022 Non-Fiction:

Books, Lists and Articles

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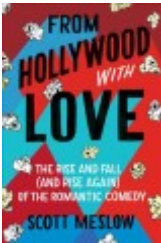
Freezing order: a true story of money laundering, murder, and surviving Vladimir Putin's wrath (Apr 2022)

By: Browder, Bill, 1964-

When Bill Browder's young Russian lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, was beaten to death in a Moscow jail, Browder made it his life's mission to go after his killers and make sure they faced justice. The first step of that mission was to uncover who was behind the \$230 million tax refund scheme that Magnitsky was killed over. As Browder and his team tracked the money as it flowed out of Russia through the Baltics and Cyprus and on to Western Europe and the Americas, they were shocked to discover that Vladimir Putin himself was a beneficiary of the crime. At once a financial caper, an international adventure, and a passionate plea for justice, *Freezing Order* is a stirring morality tale about how one man can take on one of the most ruthless villains in the world—and win.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

32.



From Hollywood with love: the rise and fall and rise again of the romantic comedy (Feb 2022)

By: Meslow, Scott

An in-depth celebration of the romantic comedy's modern golden era and its role in our culture--tracking the genre from its heyday in the '80s and the '90s, through its unfortunate decline in the 2000s and up to its explosive reemergence in the age of streaming--features exclusive interviews with the directors, writers, and stars of the iconic films that defined the genre.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

33.



From strength to strength: finding success, happiness, and deep purpose in the second half of life (Feb 2022)

By: Brooks, Arthur C., 1964-

A social scientist and Harvard professor draws on social science, philosophy, biography, theology and eastern wisdom, as well as dozens of interviews with everyday people to help those over 50 find purpose, meaning and success as they age.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

34.



Go back to where you came from: and other helpful recommendations on how to become American (Jan 2022)

By: Ali, Wajahat

A rollercoaster ride of a memoir, by turns hilarious and heartbreaking, by the journalist, playwright, and political activist Wajahat Ali. "Go back to where you came from, you terrorist!" This is just one of the many warm, lovely, and helpful tips that Wajahat Ali and other children of immigrants receive on a daily basis. Go back where exactly? His hometown in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he can't afford rent? Awkward, left-handed, suffering from OCD, and wearing Husky pants, Ali grew up on the margins of the American mainstream, devoid of Brown superheroes, where people like him were portrayed as goofy sidekicks, shop owners with funny accents, sweaty terrorists, or aspiring sweaty terrorists. Driven by his desire to expand the American narrative to include protagonists who look like him, he became a writer, and in the aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks, an accidental activist and ambassador of all things Muslim-y. He uses his pen with turmeric-stained fingernails to fill in missing narratives, challenge the powerful, and booby trap racist stereotypes. In his bold, hopeful and hilarious memoir, Ali offers indispensable lessons and strategies to help cultivate a more compassionate America.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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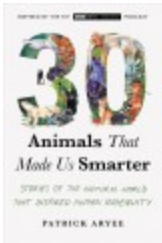
Reading together: share in the wonder of books with a parent-child book club (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Brown, Noah, 2001-

Reading Together is the essential guide for parents interested in starting a book club with their kids and raising their children to become book-loving adults.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

36.



30 animals that made us smarter: stories of the natural world that inspired human ingenuity (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Aryee, Patrick

Did you know that mosquitoes' mouthparts are helping to develop pain-free surgical needles? Who'd have thought that the humble mussel could inspire so many useful things from plywood production to a "glue" that can cement the crowns on teeth? Or that the design of polar bear fur may one day help keep humans warm in space? In everything from fashion to architecture, medicine to transportation, it may surprise you how many extraordinary inventions have been inspired by the natural world. In *30 Animals That Made Us Smarter*, join wildlife biologist, TV host, and BBC podcaster Patrick Aryee as he tells stories of biomimicry, or innovations inspired by the natural world, that enrich our lives every day—and in some cases, save them.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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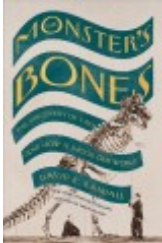
Romare Bearden in the homeland of his imagination: an artist's reckoning with the South (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Gilmore, Glenda Elizabeth

Romare Bearden (1911-1988), one of the most prolific, original, and acclaimed American artists of the twentieth century, richly depicted scenes and figures rooted in the American South and the Black experience. Bearden hailed from North Carolina but was forced to relocate to the North when a white mob harassed [his family] in the 1910s. His family story is a compelling, complicated saga of Black middle-class achievement in the face of relentless waves of white supremacy. It is also a narrative of the generational trauma that slavery and racism inflicted over decades. But as Glenda Gilmore reveals in this trenchant reappraisal of Bearden's life and art, his work reveals his deep imagination, extensive training and rich knowledge of art history.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

38.



The monster's bones: the discovery of T. rex and how it shook our world (Jun 2022), Forthcoming

By: Randall, David K.

From prehistory to present day, from remote Patagonia to the unforgiving badlands of the American West to the penthouses of Manhattan, this riveting narrative follows a fearless paleontologist who, after unearthing the first T-Rex fossils, saved NY's struggling American Museum of Natural History.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

39.



France: an adventure history (Jul 2022),
Forthcoming

By: Robb, Graham, 1958-

Graham Robb's own adventures and discoveries while living, working, and traveling in France connect this tour through space and time with on-the-ground experience. There are scenes of wars and revolutions from the plains of Provence to the slums and boulevards of Paris. Robb conveys with wit and precision what it felt like to look over the shoulder of a young Louis XIV as he planned the vast garden of Versailles, and the dangerous thrill of having a ringside seat at the French revolution. Some of the protagonists may be familiar, but appear here in a very different light—Caesar, Charlemagne, Louis XIV, Napoleon Bonaparte, General Charles de Gaulle. This extraordinary narrative is the fruit of decades of research and thirty thousand miles on a self-propelled, two-wheeled time machine (a bicycle). Even seasoned Francophiles will wonder if they really know that terra incognita on the edge of Europe that is currently referred to as "France."

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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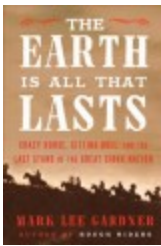
Phasers on stun!: how the making and remaking of Star Trek changed the world (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Britt, Ryan

Including extensive interviews with current Star Trek showrunner Michael Chabon, and actors William Shatner and Jonathan Frakes, this book charts an out-of-this-world course through Star Trek's history, reveling bold choices that have allowed it to help shape the world that watched it.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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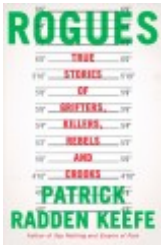
The Earth is all that lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the last stand of the great Sioux Nation (Jun 2022), Forthcoming

By: Gardner, Mark L.

Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull: Their names are iconic, their significance in American history undeniable. Together, these two Lakota chiefs, one a fabled warrior and the other a revered holy man, crushed George Armstrong Custer's vaunted Seventh Cavalry. Yet their legendary victory at the Little Big Horn has overshadowed the rest of their rich and complex lives. Now, based on years of research and drawing on a wealth of previously ignored primary sources, author Mark Lee Gardner delivers the definitive chronicle, thrillingly told, of these extraordinary Indigenous leaders.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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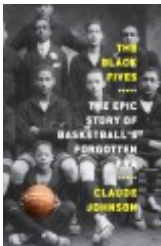
Rogues: true stories of grifters, killers, rebels and crooks (Jun 2022), Forthcoming

By: Keefe, Patrick Radden, 1976-

Patrick Radden Keefe has garnered prizes for his meticulously-reported, hypnotically-engaging work on the many ways people behave badly. Rogues brings together a dozen of his most celebrated articles from The New Yorker. As Keefe says in his preface “They reflect on some of my abiding preoccupations: crime and corruption, secrets and lies, the permeable membrane separating licit and illicit worlds, the bonds of family, the power of denial.” The appearance of his byline in The New Yorker is always an event, and collected here for the first time readers can see his work forms an always enthralling but deeply human portrait of criminals and rascals, as well as those who stand up against them.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

43.



The Black Fives: the epic story of basketball's forgotten era (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Johnson, Claude, 1960-

Drawing on interviews, mined archives and collected artifacts, an advocate fiercely committed to our history discusses the largely unknown early days of Black basketball that weaves together stories of these forgotten pioneers and rewrites our understanding of the story of basketball.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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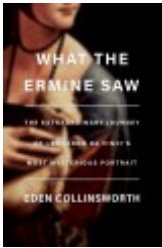
Undelivered: the never-heard speeches that would have rewritten history (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Nussbaum, Jeff, 1975-

For almost every delivered speech, there exists an undelivered opposite. These "second speeches" provide alternative histories of what could have been if not for schedule changes, changes of heart, or momentous turns of events. In Undelivered, political speechwriter Jeff Nussbaum presents the most notable speeches the public never heard, from Dwight Eisenhower's apology for a D-Day failure to Richard Nixon's refusal to resign the presidency, and even Hillary Clinton's acceptance for a 2016 victory—the latter never seen until now. Examining the content of these speeches and the context of the historic moments that almost came to be, Nussbaum considers not only what they tell us about the past but also what they can inform us about our present.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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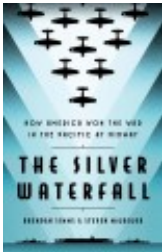
What the ermine saw: the extraordinary journey of Leonardo da Vinci's most mysterious portrait (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Collinworth, Eden

In the tradition of *The Lady in Gold* and *The Hare with the Amber Eyes*, the remarkable story behind one of history's most enigmatic portraits. Five hundred and thirty years ago, a young woman sat for her portrait, which was to be painted by a tall, Grecian-nosed artist known as Leonardo da Vinci. Expertly researched and deftly told, *What the Ermine Saw* is an enthralling account of Renaissance Italy and its actors; a comprehensive study of artistry and innovation; a riveting tale of Nazi plunder; of art lost and found; and a reminder that genius, power, and beauty always have a price.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

46.



The silver waterfall: how America won the war in the Pacific at Midway (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Simms, Brendan

The stunning and decisive battle of Midway was perhaps the most crucial naval battle in the Pacific theater during World War II. Walter Lord explained away the US victory at Midway against a numerically superior and apparently more skilled Japanese fleet due to 'Lady Luck.' In *The Silver Waterfall* acclaimed historian Brendan Simms and historian and military veteran Steve McGregor show it was no such thing. Instead the authors show how the forces of industrial dynamism and innovation were central to the US being able to win the war in the Pacific. Equally important, the Navy drew on the skills of a wide variety of immigrants or descendants of immigrants - especially those from Germany, the principal hostile power. The engineer who designed the plane which decided the Battle of Midway was Ed Heinemann, the strategist who decided America would defend Midway Island was Chester Nimitz; and the pilot who symbolized American performance on the day was Dusty Kleiss. Without these men, America could not have designed, planned, or done what was needed to win.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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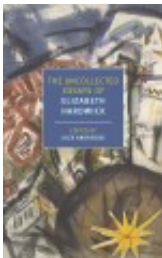
California: an American history (May 2022),
Forthcoming

By: Faragher, John Mack, 1945-

California is the most multicultural state in the nation. As John Mack Faragher argues in this concise and lively history, that is nothing new. California's natural variety has always supported diversity, including Native peoples speaking dozens of distinct languages, Spanish and Mexican colonists, gold seekers from all corners of the globe, and successive migrant waves from the eastern states, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Beautifully crafted and elegantly written, Faragher tells the stories of a colorful cast of characters, some famous, others mostly unknown. California's multicultural diversity often led to conflict, turmoil, and violence, but also to invention, improvisation, and a struggle for multicultural democracy.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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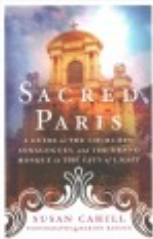
**The uncollected essays of Elizabeth
Hardwick** (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Hardwick, Elizabeth

The Uncollected Essays of Elizabeth Hardwick is a companion collection to The Collected Essays, a book that proved a revelation of what, for many, had been an open secret: that Elizabeth Hardwick was one of the great American literary critics, and an extraordinary stylist in her own right. The thirty-five pieces that Alex Andriess has gathered here—none previously featured in volumes of Hardwick's work—make it clear that her powers extended far beyond literary criticism, encompassing a vast range of subjects, from New York City to Faye Dunaway, from Wagner's Parsifal to Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, and from the pleasures of summertime to grits soufflé. In these often surprising, always well-wrought essays, we see Hardwick's passion for people and places, her politics, her thoughts on feminism, and her ability, especially from the 1970s on, to write well about seemingly anything.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

49.



Sacred Paris: a guide to the churches, synagogues, and the grand mosque in the City of Light (Apr 2022)

By: Cahill, Susan

"When visiting the City of Light, the spirit of Paris can be felt everywhere. It holds a sacred history that goes beyond words, beyond religion, and its legendary places of worship are truly its crown jewels. Sacred Paris is a guide for seasoned Parisian visitors, novices, and armchair travelers to the historicreligious sites of the city, from the well-known landmarks to the sacred spots off the beaten track, from the magnificent towers of Notre Dame and the sweeping arches of the Grand Mosque to the serenity of St. Julien le Pauvre."

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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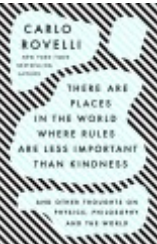
Red sauce: how Italian food became American (Apr 2022)

By: MacAllen, Ian, 1981-

"A narrative social history tracing the evolution of traditional Italian American cuisine from its origins in Italy and its transformation in America into a distinct new cuisine"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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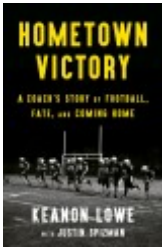
There are places in the world where rules are less important than kindness: and other thoughts on physics, philosophy and the world (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Rovelli, Carlo, 1956-

One of the world's most prominent physicists and fearless free spirit, Carlo Rovelli is also a masterful storyteller. In this collection of writings, the logbook of an intelligence always on the move, he follows his curiosity and invites us on a voyage through science, literature, philosophy and politics. Written with his usual clarity and wit, these pieces, most of which were first published in Italian newspapers, range widely across time and space - from Newton's alchemy to Einstein's mistakes, from Nabokov's butterflies to Dante's cosmology, from travels in Africa to the consciousness of an octopus, from mind-altering psychedelic substances to the meaning of atheism.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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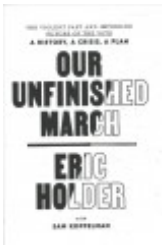
Hometown victory: a coach's story of football fate, and coming home (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Lowe, Keanon

Keanon Lowe was working as an offensive analyst for the San Francisco 49ers when his childhood friend and former high school teammate suddenly died from an opioid overdose. Keanon dropped everything—including the plum NFL job he had been working towards since childhood—leading him to a position as football coach at a struggling high school back in his hometown. At the time, Parkrose High School was in the middle of a 23-game losing streak - they were the ultimate underdogs. Keanon was drawn to the young men on the Parkrose team, and to the school itself. After two years, he pushed them to become conference champions, mentoring countless players along the way. But still, there was that nagging sense that his calling wasn't meant to stop there. He was at that school for a reason. In May 2019, he got his answer when a 19-year-old student entered a Parkrose classroom with a trench coat and shotgun. Keanon disarmed him and pulled the boy into a hug, telling him he cared. Hometown Victory is a story about gratitude, service, and most of all, hope.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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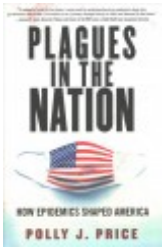
Our unfinished march: the violent past and imperiled future of the vote - a history, a crisis, a plan (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Holder, Eric H., 1951-

Voting is our most important right as Americans—"the right that protects all the others," as Lyndon Johnson famously said when he signed the Voting Rights Act—but it's also the one most violently contested throughout U.S. history. Since the gutting of the act in the landmark Shelby County v. Holder case in 2013, many states have passed laws restricting the vote. After the 2020 election, President Trump's effort to overturn the vote has evolved into a slow-motion coup, with many Republicans launching an all-out assault on our democracy. The vote seems to be in unprecedented peril. But the peril is not at all unprecedented. America is a fragile democracy, Eric Holder argues, whose citizens have only had unfettered access to the ballot since the 1960s. He takes readers through three dramatic stories of how the vote was won, and how we can reverse this tide of voter suppression and become a true democracy where every voice is heard and every vote is counted.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

54.



Plagues in the nation: how epidemics shaped America (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Price, Polly J.

In this narrative history of the US through major outbreaks of contagious disease, from yellow fever to the Spanish flu, from HIV/AIDS to Ebola, Polly J. Price examines how law and government affected the outcome of epidemics—and how those outbreaks in turn shaped our government. Price presents a fascinating history that has never been fully explored and draws larger conclusions about the gaps in our governmental and legal response. *Plagues in the Nation* examines how our country learned—and failed to learn—how to address the panic, conflict, and chaos that are the companions of contagion, what policies failed America again and again, and what we must do better next time.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

55.



We carry their bones: the search for justice at the Dozier School for Boys (Jun 2022), Forthcoming

By: Kimmerle, Erin H.

The Arthur G. Dozier Boys School was a well-guarded secret in Florida for over a century, until reports of cruelty, abuse, and “mysterious” deaths shut the institution down in 2011. Established in 1900, the juvenile reform school accepted children as young as six years of age for crimes as harmless as truancy or trespassing. The boys sent there many of whom were Black, were subject to brutal abuse, routinely hired out to local farmers by the school's management as indentured labor, and died either at the school or attempting to escape its brutal conditions. In the wake of the school's shutdown, Erin Kimmerle, a leading forensic anthropologist, stepped in to locate the school's graveyard to determine the number of graves and who was buried there, thus beginning the process of reuniting the boys with their families through forensic and DNA testing.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

56.



Reading Shakespeare reading me (Apr 2022)

By: Barkan, Leonard

A gripping, funny, joyful account of how the books you read shape your own life in surprising and profound ways.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

57.



Serenade: a Balanchine story (Apr 2022)

By: Bentley, Toni

In this rich narrative, ballerina Toni Bentley recounts her experiences working with choreographer Balanchine during his final years, taking us backstage and onstage to learn about the serendipitous history and physical demands of Serenade and sharing the impact he had on her life.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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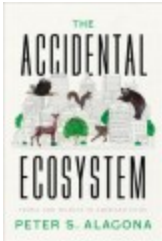
Where the children take us: how one family achieved the unimaginable (Apr 2022)

By: Asher, Zain E. (Zain Ejiofor)

Living in Brixton and awaiting the return of her husband and young son from Nigeria, Obiajulu Ejiofor received shattering news. There had been a fatal car crash, and one of them was dead. In *Where the Children Take Us*, Obiajulu's daughter, Zain Asher, tells the story of her family and her mother's deeply personal fight to protect her children from the daily pressures of poverty, crime, and racism in 1980s and '90s South London as a widowed emigrant. The story of a woman who survived genocide, famine, poverty, and crushing grief to rise from war torn Africa to the streets of Brixton and eventually the drawing rooms of Buckingham Palace, *Where the Children Take Us* is an unforgettable portrait of strength, tenacity, love, and perseverance embodied in one towering woman.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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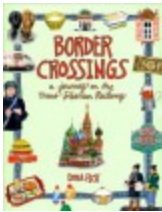


The accidental ecosystem: people and wildlife in American cities (Apr 2022)

By: Alagona, Peter S.

Tells the story of how cities across the United States went from having little wildlife to filling, dramatically and unexpectedly, with wild creatures. Today, many of these cities have more large and charismatic wild animals living in them than at any time in at least the past 150 years. Why have so many cities—the most artificial and human-dominated of all Earth's ecosystems—grown rich with wildlife, even as wildlife has declined in most of the rest of the world? And what does this paradox mean for people, wildlife, and nature on our increasingly urban planet?

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**



Border crossings: a journey on the Trans-Siberian Railway (Apr 2022)

By: Fick, Emma

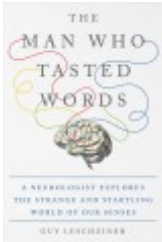
In May 2015, on a trip through the Baltics and Scandinavia, artist and illustrator Emma Fick and her boyfriend (now husband) Helvio discovered a worn copy of the Trans-Siberian Handbook at a secondhand shop in Helsinki. Many travelers from around the globe had used the guide to journey on the longest train ride in the world. Emma and Helvio took their find as a sign to embark on their own adventure on the legendary railway that has captured the imaginations and curiosities of many travelers and explorers since its construction a century ago. A year and a half later, with Trans-Siberian Handbook in hand, they boarded the train in Beijing. Their odyssey was just beginning. Border Crossings is the chronicle of their unforgettable 26-day, 8-city journey across Asia to Moscow. Emma’s detailed observations and lush descriptions, accompanied by detailed colorful illustrations, bring this remarkable journey of discovery and adventure—the landscapes, food, people and cultures—to life.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

2022 Non-Fiction:

Books, Lists and Articles

61.



The man who tasted words: a neurologist explores the strange and startling world of our senses (Feb 2022)

By: Leschziner, Guy

In *The Man Who Tasted Words*, Guy Leschziner explores how our nervous systems define our worlds and how we can, in fact, be victims of falsehoods perpetrated by our own brains. In his moving and lyrical chronicles of lives turned upside down by a disruption in one or more of their five senses, he introduces readers to extraordinary individuals he's worked with in his practice, like one man who actually "tasted" words, and shows us how sensory disruptions like that have played havoc, not only with their view of the world, but with their relationships as well. The cases Leschziner shares in *The Man Who Tasted Words* are extreme, but they are also human and teach us how our lives and what we perceive as reality are both ultimately defined by the complexities of our nervous systems.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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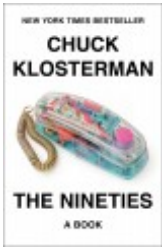
The naked don't fear the water: an underground journey with Afghan refugees (Feb 2022)

By: Aikin, Matthieu

In 2016, a young Afghan named Omar made the heart-wrenching choice to flee his war-torn country and was joined by journalist Matthieu Aikin, who left his passport behind in order to go underground with Omar on the refugee trail and chronicle their dangerous journey to Europe. On their travels from Afghanistan to Europe they came across smugglers, cops, activists, and men, women, and children fleeing war in search of a better life.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

63.



The nineties: a book (Feb 2022)

By: Klosterman, Chuck, 1972-

Discussing everything nineties, including film, music, sports TV, politics, changes regarding race and class and sexuality, a New York Times bestselling author shows how this decade brought about a revolution in the human condition that we are still groping to understand.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

64.



The Office BFFs: tales of the Office from two best friends who were there (May 2022),

Forthcoming

By: Fischer, Jenna, 1974-

Receptionist Pam Beesly and accountant Angela Martin had very little in common when they toiled together at Scranton's Dunder Mifflin Paper Company. But, in reality, the two bonded in their very first days on set and, over the nine seasons of the series' run, built a friendship that transcended the show and continues to this day. Sharing everything from what it was like in the early days as the show struggled to gain traction, to walking their first red carpet—plus exclusive stories on the making of milestone episodes and how their lives changed when they became moms—The Office BFFs is full of the same warm and friendly tone Jenna and Angela have brought to their Office Ladies podcast.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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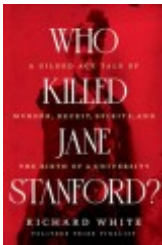
Our shared storm: a novel of five climate futures (Apr 2022)

By: Hudson, Andrew Dana

"Through speculative fiction, five interlocking novelettes explore the possible realities of our climate future. What is the future of our climate? Given that our summers now regularly feature arctic heat waves and wildfire blood skies, polar vortex winters that reach all the way down to Texas, and "100-year" storms that hit every few months, it may seem that catastrophe is a done deal. As grim as things are, however, we still have options."--.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Who killed Jane Stanford?: a gilded age tale of murder, deceit, spirits and the birth of a university (May 2022),

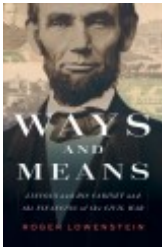
Forthcoming

By: White, Richard, 1947-

"A premier historian penetrates the fog of corruption and cover-up still surrounding the murder of a Stanford University founder to establish who did it, how, and why.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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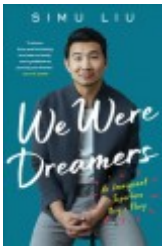
Ways and means: Lincoln and his cabinet and the financing of the Civil War (Mar 2022)

By: Lowenstein, Roger

In *Ways and Means*, journalist Roger Lowenstein reveals the unlikely story of how Abraham Lincoln used the urgency of financing the Civil War to transform a union of states into one united nation. Through a financial lens, he explores how this second American revolution, led by Lincoln, his cabinet, and his congress, changed the direction of the country.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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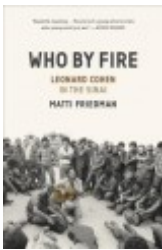
We were dreamers: an immigrant superhero origin story (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Liu, Simu, 1989-

The star of Marvel's first Asian superhero film, *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, tells his own origin story of being a Chinese immigrant, his battles with cultural stereotypes and his own identity, becoming a TV star, and landing the role of a lifetime.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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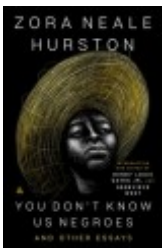
Who by fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai (Mar 2022)

By: Friedman, Matti

The little-known story of Leonard Cohen's concert tour to the front lines of the Yom Kippur War, including never-before-seen selections from an unfinished manuscript by Cohen and rare photographs.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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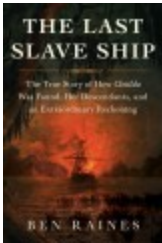
You don't know us negroes and other essays (Jan 2022)

By: Hurston, Zora Neale

One of the most acclaimed artists of the Harlem Renaissance, Zora Neale Hurston was a gifted novelist, playwright, and essayist. Drawn from three decades of her work, this anthology showcases her development as a writer, from her early pieces expounding on the beauty and precision of African American art to some of her final published works, covering the sensational trial of Ruby McCollum, a wealthy Black woman convicted in 1952 for killing a white doctor. Among the selections are Hurston's well-known works such as "How It Feels to be Colored Me" and "My Most Humiliating Jim Crow Experience." The essays in this essential collection are grouped thematically and cover a panoply of topics, including politics, race and gender, and folkloric study from the height of the Harlem Renaissance to the early years of the Civil Rights movement.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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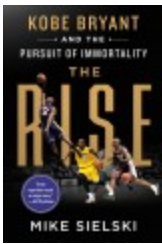
The last slave ship: the true story of how Clotilda was found, her descendants, and an extraordinary reckoning (Jan 2022)

By: Raines, Ben

The incredible true story of the last ship to carry enslaved people to America, the remarkable town its survivors founded after emancipation, and the complicated legacy their descendants carry with them to this day-by the journalist who discovered the ship's remains.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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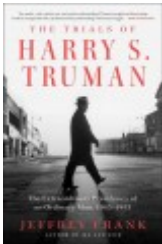
The rise: Kobe Bryant and the pursuit of immortality (Jan 2022)

By: Sielski, Mike, 1975-

The inside look at one of the most captivating and consequential figures in our culture with never-before-seen material. Kobe Bryant's death in January 2020 did more than rattle the worlds of sports and celebrity. The tragedy of that helicopter crash unveiled the full breadth and depth of his influence on our culture, and by tracing and telling the oft-forgotten and lesser-known story of his early life, The Rise promises to provide an insight into Kobe that no other analysis has. This will be more than a basketball book. This will be an exploration of the identity and making of an icon and the effect of his development on those around him-the essence of the man before he truly became a man.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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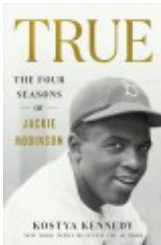
The trials of Harry S. Truman: the extraordinary presidency of an ordinary man, 1945-1953 (Mar 2022)

By: Frank, Jeffrey, 1942-

Drawing on archival discoveries and meticulous research, the best-selling author of Ike and Dick turns his attention to Harry S. Truman, revealing a portrait of an ordinary man suddenly forced to shoulder extraordinary responsibilities as he led America through the pivotal years of the mid-20th century.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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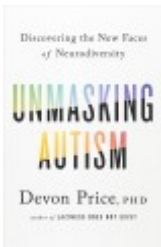
True: the four seasons of Jackie Robinson
(Apr 2022)

By: Kennedy, Kostya

For players, fans, managers, and executives, Jackie Robinson remains baseball's singular figure, the person who most profoundly extended, and continues to extend, the reach of the game. But Robinson's impact extended far beyond baseball: he opened the door for Black Americans to participate in other sports, and was a national figure who spoke and wrote eloquently about inequality. True: The Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson by Kostya Kennedy is an unconventional biography, focusing on four transformative years in Robinson's athletic and public life. Through it all, Robinson remained true to the effort and the mission, true to his convictions and contradictions.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

75.



Unmasking autism: discovering the new faces of neurodiversity
(Apr 2022)

By: Price, Devon

A social psychologist, professor and proud Autistic person explores the phenomenon of masking, a common coping mechanism in which Autistic people hide their identifiably Autistic traits in order to fit in, and lays down the groundwork for unmasking, offering exercises that encourage self-expression.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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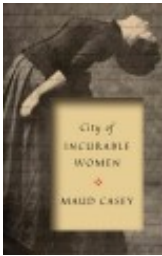
Watergate: a new history
(Feb 2022)

By: Graff, Garrett M., 1981-

In the early hours of June 17, 1972, a security guard named Frank Wills entered six words into the log book of the Watergate office complex that would change the course of history: "1:47 AM Found tape on doors; call police." Over the next two years, that single thwarted break-in would lead to dozens more arrests, an alleged kidnapping, FBI and congressional investigations, a Senate hearing, and bombshell testimonies from the highest levels of political power that ultimately would reveal a cover-up, sink a vice-president and a half-dozen Cabinet officials, lead to the jailing of an FBI director, end a presidency, and alter our views of moral authority and leadership. And yet, recent revelations like the release of more Nixon tapes and the identity of "Deep Throat" himself, means that the full story has never been told from start to finish. Now, in Watergate, journalist and author Garrett M. Graff explores the full sweep of the scandal that would come to define all others.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

77.



City of incurable women (Feb 2022)

By: Casey, Maud

In a fusion of fact and fiction, nineteenth-century women institutionalized as hysterics reveal what history ignored.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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78.



Off the edge: flat Earthers, conspiracy culture, and why people will believe anything (Feb 2022)

By: Weill, Kelly, 1994-

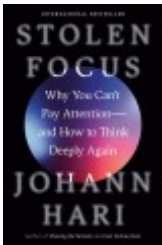
Drawing a straight line from today's conspiratorial moment back to the early days of Flat Earth theory in the 1830s, a journalist introduces us to a cast of larger-than-life characters as she attends Flat Earther conferences, in this powerful story about belief.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

Nonfiction

79.



Stolen focus: why you can't pay attention - and how to think deeply again (Jan 2022)

By: Hari, Johann

In the United States, teenagers can focus on one task for only sixty-five seconds at a time, and office workers average only three minutes. Like so many of us, Johann Hari was finding that constantly switching from device to device and tab to tab was a diminishing and depressing way to live. He tried all sorts of self-help solutions—even abandoning his phone for three months—but nothing seemed to work. So Hari went on an epic journey across the world to interview the leading experts on human attention—and he discovered that everything we think we know about this crisis is wrong.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

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80.



Ten steps to Nanette: a memoir situation (Mar 2022)

By: Gadsby, Hannah

A multi-award-winning comedian takes readers through the defining moments in her life that led to the creation of Nanette and her powerful decision to tell the truth--no matter the cost.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆

Adult

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81.



The art of more: how mathematics created civilization (Jan 2022)

By: Brooks, Michael, 1970-

In this captivating, sweeping history, Michael Brooks makes clear that mathematics was one of the foundational innovations that catapulted humanity from a nomadic existence to civilization, and that it has been instrumental in every subsequent great leap of humankind--from charting the movements of celestial bodies, to navigating the globe, to tracking the dissemination of viruses. And the trailblazing mathematicians who devoted their lives to taming numbers come to life in Brooks's telling. The Art of More brings mathematics back into the heart of what it means to be human.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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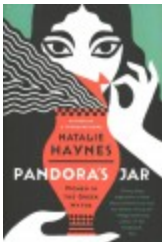
The art of taking it easy: how to cope with bears, traffic, and the rest of life's stressors (Apr 2022)

By: King, Brian

Presents techniques for managing stress by rewiring our brains to approach potentially difficult situations through a lens of positivity.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

83.



Pandora's jar: women in the Greek myths (Ma 2022)

By: Haynes, Natalie, 1974-

The national best-selling author of A Thousand Ships returns with a fascinating, eye-opening take on the remarkable women at the heart of classical stories Greek mythology from Helen of Troy to Pandora and the Amazons to Medea.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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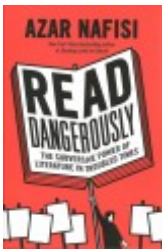
Playmakers: how the NFL really works and doesn't (Mar 2022)

By: Florio, Mike

With new insights and reporting on scandals past and present, the owner/creator of ProFootballTalk.com takes readers from the boardroom to the locker room, from draft day to Super Bowl night, showing what really goes on in the sport America can't seem to quit.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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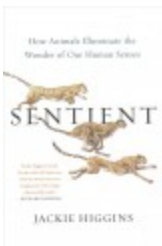
Read dangerously: the subversive power of literature in troubled times (Mar 2022)

By: Nafisi, Azar

What is the role of literature in an era when one political party wages continual war on writers and the press? What is the connection between political strife in our daily lives, and the way we meet our enemies on the page in fiction? How can literature, through its free exchange, affect politics? In this galvanizing guide to literature as resistance, Nafisi seeks to answer these questions. Drawing on her experiences as a woman and voracious reader living in the Islamic Republic of Iran, her life as an immigrant in the United States, and her role as literature professor in both countries, she crafts an argument for why, in a genuine democracy, we must engage with the enemy, and how literature can be a vehicle for doing so.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

86.



Sentient: how animals illuminate the wonder of our human senses (Feb 2022)

By: Higgins, Jackie

There is a scientific revolution stirring in the field of human perception. Research has shown that the extraordinary sensory powers of our animal friends can help us better understand the same powers that lie dormant within us. From the harlequin mantis shrimp with its ability to see a vast range of colors, to the bloodhound and its hundreds of millions of scent receptors; from the orb-weaving spider whose eyes recognize not only space but time, to the cheetah whose ears are responsible for its perfect agility, these astonishing animals hold the key to better understanding how we make sense of the world around us.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

87.



Shine bright: a very personal history of black women in pop (Apr 2022)

By: Smith, Danyel

From a noted cultural critic comes a combination of memoir criticism, and biography that tells the story of black women in music--from the Dixie Cups to Gladys Knight to Janet Jackson, Whitney Houston, and Mariah Carey--as the foundational story of American pop.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

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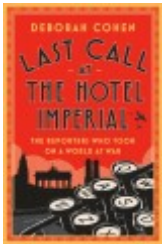
South to America: a journey below the Mason-Dixon to understand the soul of a nation (Jan 2022)

By: Perry, Imani, 1972-

We all think we know the South. Even those who have never lived there can rattle off a list of signifiers: the Civil War, *Gone with the Wind*, the Ku Klux Klan, plantations, football, Jim Crow, slavery. But the idiosyncrasies, dispositions, and habits of the region are stranger and more complex than much of the country tends to acknowledge. In *South to America*, Imani Perry shows that the meaning of American is inextricably linked with the South, and that our understanding of its history and culture is the key to understanding the nation as a whole. This is the story of a Black woman and native Alabaman returning to the region she has always called home and considering it with fresh eyes. Her journey is full of detours, deep dives, and surprising encounters with places and people.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

89.



Last call at the Hotel Imperial: the reporters who took on a world at war (Mar 2022)

By: Cohen, Deborah, 1968-

Married foreign correspondents John and Frances Gunther intimately understood that it isn't only impersonal, economic forces that propel history, bringing readers so close to the front lines of history that they could feel how personal pathologies became the stuff of geopolitical crises. Together with other reporters of the Lost Generation--American journalists H.R. Knickerbocker, Vincent Sheean, and Dorothy Thompson--the Gunthers slipped through knots of surveillance and ignored orders of expulsion in order to expose the mass executions in Badajoz during the Spanish Civil War, the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact, the millions of dollars that Joseph Goebbels salted away abroad, and the sexual peccadillos of Hitler's brownshirts. They conjured what it was like to ride with Hitler in an airplane ("not a word did he say to any soul"); broke the inside story about Mussolini's claustrophobia and superstitions (he "took fright" at an Egyptian mummy that had been given to him); and verified the hypnotic impression Stalin made when he walked into a room ("You felt his antennae"). But just as they were transforming journalism, it was also transforming them: who they loved and betrayed, how they raised their children and coped with death. Over the course of their careers they would popularize bringing the private life into public view, not only in their reporting on the outsized figures of their day, but in what they revealed about their own (and each other's) intimate experiences as well. What were intimate relationships, after all, but geopolitics writ small?

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction



Making numbers count: the art and science of communicating numbers (Jan 2022)

By: Heath, Chip

Understanding numbers is essential - but humans aren't built to understand them. Chip Heath and Karla Starr outline specific principles that reveal how to translate a number into our brain's language. This book is filled with examples of extreme number makeovers, vivid before-and-after examples that take a dry number and present it in a way that people click in and say "Wow, now I get it!" This book will help math-lovers and math-haters alike translate the numbers that animate our world - allowing us to bring more data, more naturally, into decisions in our schools, our workplaces, and our society.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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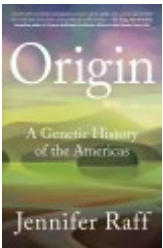
Never panic early: an Apollo 13 astronaut's journey (Apr 2022)

By: Haise, Fred, 1933-

In the gripping *Never Panic Early*, Fred Haise, Lunar Module Pilot for Apollo 13, offers a detailed firsthand account of when disaster struck three days into his mission to the moon. An oxygen tank exploded, a crewmate uttered the now iconic words, "Houston, we've had a problem here," and the world anxiously watched as one of history's most incredible rescue missions unfolded. Haise brings readers into the heart of his experience on the challenging mission - considered NASA's finest hour - and reflects on his life and career as an Apollo astronaut.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

92.



Origin: a genetic history of the Americas (Feb 2022)

By: Raff, Jennifer

In this study of both past and present, a celebrated anthropologist tells the story of who the first peoples in America were based on their complete genomes, providing a glimpse into how the tools of genetics reveal details about human history and evolution.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

93.



Otherlands: a journey through Earth's extinct worlds (Feb 2022)

By: Halliday, Thomas, (Paleobiologist)

Mining the most recent paleontological advances, a paleobiologist recreates 16 extinct worlds, rendered here with a novelist's eye for detail and drama, bringing us up close to the intricate relationships of these ancient worlds, allowing us to discover the inner working - and the fragility - of our own.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

