

Recommended Nonfiction Titles

General Interest

- The Dead Beat: lost souls, lucky stiffs, and the perverse pleasures of obituaries – Marilyn Johnson
- Stiff: the curious life of human cadavers – Mary Roach
- Taco USA: how Mexican food conquered America – Gustavo Arellano
- Quiet: The power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking – Susan Cain
- The Opposite of Loneliness: Essays and Stories – Marina Keegan
- Sickened: The true story of a lost childhood – Julie Gregory

American History

- The Worst Hard Time – Timothy Egan
- The Big Burn – Timothy Egan
- Five Days at Memorial: life and death in a storm-ravaged hospital – Sheri Fink
- In Cold Blood – Truman Capote
- A City Upon a Hill: how sermons changed the course of American history – Larry Witham
- The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the politics of race in America – Michael Eric Dyson
- Dead Presidents: An American adventure into the strange deaths and surprising afterlives of our nation's leaders – Brady Carlson
- Devil in the White City – Erik Larson
- Manhunt: the twelve-day chase for Lincoln's killer – James L. Swanson
- Kabul Beauty School: an American woman goes behind the veil – Deborah Rodriguez
- Columbine – David Cullen

Science

- The Disappearing Spoon: and other true tales of madness, love, and the history of the world from the periodic table of elements – Sam Kean
- Napoleon's Buttons: 17 molecules that changed history – Penny Le Couteur
- Feynman – Jim Ottaviani
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – Rebecca Skloot
- Radioactive! : how Irene Curie and Lisa Meitner revolutionized science and changed the world – Winifred Conking

Memoirs/Biographies

- My Friend Dahmer: a graphic novel – Derf
- A Long Way Home: a memoir – Saroo Brierly
- Rosemary: the hidden Kennedy daughter – Kate Larson
- Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Story – Megan Kelley Hall & Carrie Jones, ed.
- Laughing at my Nightmare – Shane Burcaw
- Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Coast Trail – Cheryl Strayed
- My Lobotomy: a memoir – Howard Dully
- Zoo Station: a memoir: the story of Christiane F. – Christiane F.
- How to Disappear Completely: on modern anorexia – Kelsey Osgood
- Glass Castle: a memoir – Jeannette Walls
- An American Bride in Kabul: a memoir – Phyllis Chesler

World History

- Dead Mountain: the untold true story of the Dyatlov Pass Incident – Donnie Eichar
- Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the siege of Leningrad – M.T. Anderson
- The Lost City of Z: a tale of deadly obsession in the Amazon – David Grann
- The Mapmaker's Wife: a true tale of love, murder, and survival in the Amazon – Robert Whitaker
- The Family Romanov – Candace Fleming

WWII/Military

- The Boys in the Boat – Daniel Brown
- In the Garden of Beasts – Erik Larson
- Unbroken – Laura Hillebrand
- A Higher Call: an incredible true story of combat and chivalry in the war-torn skies of World War II – Adam Makos
- Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the secret history of the Vietnam War – Steve Sheinkin
- I am a SEAL Team Six Warrior: a memoir of an American soldier – Howard E. Wasdin
- Unlikely Warrior: a Jewish soldier in Hitler's army – Georg Rauch
- Trinity: a graphic history of the first atomic bomb – Jonathan Fetter-Vorm
- Bombs over Bikini: the world's first nuclear disaster – Connie Goldsmith
- Bomb: the race to build—and steal—the world's most dangerous weapon – Steve Sheinkin
- The Nazi hunters: how a team of spies and survivors captured the world's most notorious Nazi – Neal Bascomb