



Nonfiction That Reads Like Fiction

by Bonnie Bradford 6/11

There's nothing better than a great story that just happens to be true!

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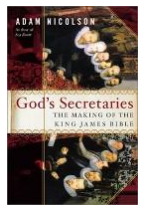
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THE SALLIE HOUSE HAUNTING

By Debra Pickman

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A firsthand account of the experiences of the Pickmans in the notoriously haunted Sallie House, with its controversial fire-starting ghost girl. Also try [Your Neighborhood Gives Me the Creeps](#) or [The Amityville Horror](#).



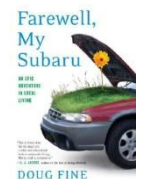
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GOD'S SECRETARIES

By Adam Nicolson

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King James had a plan to create a Bible for everyone, an English Bible. About fifty scholars did the work, creating a text which, for all its failings, has never been equaled. But how did such ordinary men produce such extraordinary prose? Also try [In the Beginning](#).



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FAREWELL, MY SUBARU

By Doug Fine

Call #: 333.72 Fin

Like many Americans, Doug enjoys his creature comforts. Is it possible to keep his Wi-Fi and his car, and still reduce his carbon footprint? His attempt makes one thing clear: It ain't easy being green. Also try [Confessions of an Eco-Sinner](#) or [Sleeping Naked is Green](#).



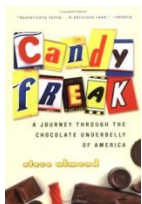
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FLOWER CONFIDENTIAL

By Amy Stewart

Call #: 338.175 Ste

Does it matter that a bouquet of roses travels halfway around the world before it arrives at your supermarket? Or that growers force tulips to bloom in December? Here is an around-the-world, behind-the-scenes look at the flower industry and its search—for better or worse—to reach perfection.



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CANDYFREAK

By Steve Almond

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Steve Almond set out in search of a much-loved candy from his childhood, and found himself on a tour of the small candy companies of America. Also try [The Emperors of Chocolate](#) and [Chocolate Wars](#).





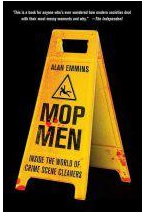
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DOWN AMONG THE DEAD MEN

By Michelle Williams

Call #: 363.75 Wil

Michelle has an unusual occupation: she impulsively applied to be a mortuary technician. "What I didn't realize then," she writes, "was that I was about to start one of the most amazing jobs you can do." Also try [Mortician Diaries](#) or [Curtains](#).



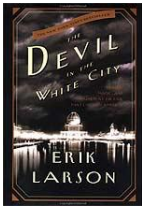
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MOP MEN

By Alan Emmins

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Whenever a hotel guest permanently checks out, the cops finish an investigation, or an accidental death is reported, Neal Smither's crew are called to pick up the pieces and clean up the mess. This one is filled with details both fascinating and gory.



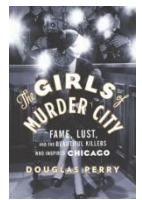
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THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY

By Erik Larson

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The creation of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 was a major undertaking, shaped by the architect Daniel H. Burnham, and affected by serial killer Herman Mudgett, who stalked those who flocked to the city. You might also like [Thunderstruck](#), also by Larson.



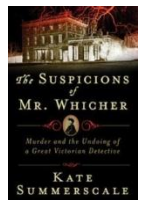
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THE GIRLS OF MURDER CITY

By Douglas Perry

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Chicago, 1924. The intrepid Miss Watkins, "girl reporter" for the *Chicago Tribune*, begins reporting on female murderers, and the sensationalized circus atmosphere that would create the celebrity criminal. [Check out the movie.](#)



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THE SUSPICIONS OF MR. WHICHER

By Kate Summerscale

Call #: 364.152 Sum

The story of a horrifying murder of a child in Victorian England, which nearly destroyed the career of a top Scotland Yard investigator, and launched a national obsession with detection throughout the country.



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COLUMBINE

By David Cullen

Call #: 373.788 Cul

On April 20, 1999, two boys left an indelible stamp on the American psyche. Their goal was simple: to blow up their school and leave "a lasting impression on the world." This is the story of what happened at Columbine High School.



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THE THOUGHTFUL DRESSER

By Linda Grant

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An interest in clothes has always been dismissed as the trivial pursuit of vain, empty-headed women. Yet, clothes matter, whether you are interested in fashion or not, because how we choose to dress defines who we are and what we wear tells a story.



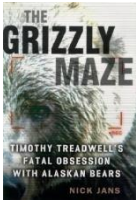
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THE DEVIL'S TEETH

By Susan Casey

Call #: 597.33 Cas

The desolate Farallon Islands are home to the oldest shark research facility in the world, as well as the hunting grounds for the Great White sharks of America.



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THE GRIZZLY MAZE

By Nick Jans

Call #: 599.784 Jan

Timothy Treadwell, self-styled “bear whisperer,” dared to live among the grizzlies of Alaska, and paid for it with his own life and the life of his girlfriend. [Check out the movie.](#)



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THE FORTUNE COOKIE CHRONICLES

By Jennifer 8. Lee

Call #: 641.595 Lee

There are more Chinese restaurants in America than McDonalds, Burger Kings, and Wendys combined. Jenny Lee sets out to answer several burning questions about Chinese food in America, and brings readers along for her discoveries.



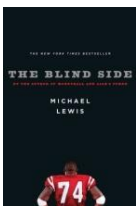
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FIFTH AVENUE, 5 AM

By Sam Wasson

Call #: 791.437 Was

Wasson immerses us in the America of the late fifties, when a not-so-virginal girl by the name of Holly Golightly raised eyebrows across the country, changing fashion, film, and sex for good. Read [Breakfast at Tiffany's](#) or [check out the movie.](#)



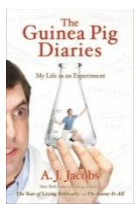
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THE BLIND SIDE

By Michael Lewis

Call #: 796.332 Lew

Michael Oher, a homeless black teen taken under the wing of a wealthy white family, turns out to have the priceless combination of size, speed, and agility necessary to guard the quarterback's greatest vulnerability: his blind side. [Check out the movie.](#)



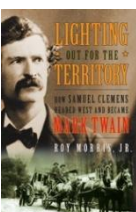
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THE GUINEA PIG DIARIES

By A.J. Jacobs

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Human guinea pig A. J. Jacobs puts his life to the test and reports on the surprising and entertaining results. More tales of Jacobs's life experiments: [The Year of Living Biblically](#) and [The Know-It-All](#).



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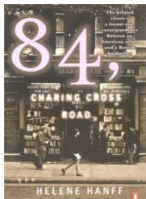
LIGHTING OUT FOR THE TERRITORY

By Roy Morris, Jr.

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Suddenly out of work as a riverboat pilot, Samuel Clemens decided to join his brother in Nevada Territory. A rollicking, hilarious stagecoach journey was just the beginning of a six-year-long odyssey in the West. By the time it was over, he would find himself reborn as Mark Twain, America's best-loved writer. The “trouble,” as he famously promised, had begun.





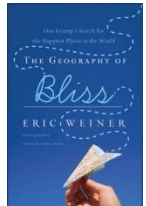
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84, CHARING CROSS ROAD

By Helen Hanff

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If you loved *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, try this true story. For 20 years following WWII, an outspoken New York writer and a rather more restrained London bookseller carried on an increasingly touching correspondence. [Check out the movie.](#)



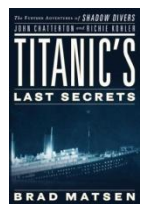
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THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS

By Eric Weiner

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Part foreign affairs discourse, part humor, and part twisted self-help guide, this book uses a beguiling mixture of travel, psychology, science and humor to investigate not what happiness is, but where it is.



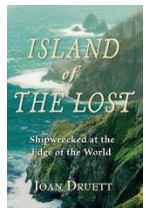
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TITANIC'S LAST SECRETS

By Brad Matsen

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Adventurous deep sea divers find previously undiscovered wreckage from the *Titanic*, which suggests that the doomed ship may have gone down before many of the passengers realized the danger.



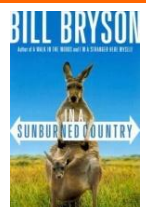
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ISLAND OF THE LOST

By Joan Druett

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Two ships wreck on opposite sides of a deserted island. One group manages to survive the winter and escape, while the other descends into madness, murder, and cannibalism.



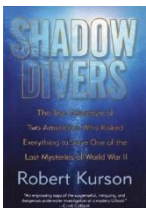
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IN A SUNBURNED COUNTRY

By Bill Bryson

Call #: 919.404 Bry

Bill Bryson adores Australia, despite the fact that it harbors more things that can kill you in extremely nasty ways than anywhere else: sharks, crocodiles, snakes, spiders, even riptides and deserts. More Australian travel tales: [Cold Beer and Crocodiles](#) and [Chasing Kangaroos](#).



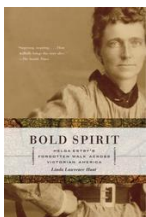
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SHADOW DIVERS

By Robert Kurson

Call #: 940.545 Kur

A riveting adventure story of two weekend scuba divers who risk everything to solve the mystery of the identity of the WWII U-boat wreck recently found off the Jersey shore.



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BOLD SPIRIT

By Linda Hunt

Call #: 973.87 Hun

In 1896, Helga Estby, walked across America, from Washington state to New York, in order to win prize money to save her family's farm. Her adventure captured the public imagination and challenged Victorian ideas of femininity.





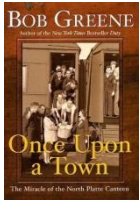
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MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL

By John Berendt

Call #: 975.872 Ber

A hugely entertaining account of life in an eccentric, isolated remnant of the Old South. Set around the unpredictable twists of a landmark murder case, Berendt asks, Was it murder or self-defense? [Check out the movie.](#)



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ONCE UPON A TOWN

By Bob Greene

Call #: 978.282 Gre

The miracle of North Platte: Every day during WWII, using only donated funds, volunteers served food and cheered every single serviceman passing through on troop trains headed to war.