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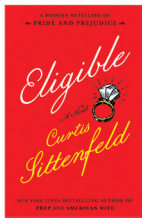
GIFT GUIDE

2016





FICTION



FOR
JANE
AUSTEN
FANS

Eligible by *Curtis Sittenfeld*

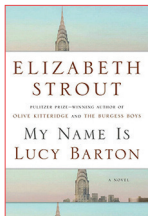
This delightful retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* reimagines the story in modern-day Ohio, where magazine editor Lizzy tangles with Darcy, an infuriating neurosurgeon.



FOR
BOOK
CLUBS

Homegoing by *Yaa Gyasi*

After two half-sisters are separated in 1700s Ghana, we follow their descendants over the span of centuries and continents in this haunting, transcendent debut.



FOR
MOMS AND
DAUGHTERS

My Name Is Lucy Barton

by *Elizabeth Strout*

This understated, lyrical novel explores notions of imperfect love and compassion through a mother's hospital visit to her estranged daughter.



FOR THOSE
CERTAIN THE
WORLD'S
GOING UP
IN SMOKE

The Fireman by *Joe Hill*

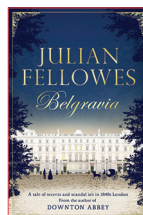
From Stephen King's talented son comes a clever post-apocalyptic page-turner about a worldwide pandemic of spontaneous combustion.



FOR
RABBLE
ROUSERS

Your Heart Is a Muscle the Size of a Fist by *Sunil Yapa*

Bringing to life the 1999 World Trade Organization protests in Seattle, first-time novelist Yapa combines fresh prose with a fast-paced story and fascinating characters.



FOR FOLKS
MISSING
DOWNTON
ABBEY

Belgravia by *Julian Fellowes*

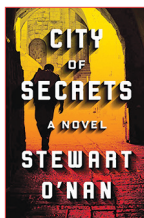
Downton Abbey creator Fellowes offers enough family secrets, war, snobbery, fancy houses, and costumes to satisfy those pining for the Crawleys.



FOR ART AFICIONADOS

The Last Painting of Sara de Vos *by Dominic Smith*

This is a wide-ranging tale of deception and art forgery that *The New York Times* called an "elegant page-turner that carries its erudition effortlessly on an energetic plot."



FOR HISTORICAL FICTION READERS

City of Secrets *by Stewart O'Nan*

This is an intense and unique view of 1945 Jerusalem through the lens of Holocaust refugees. The city becomes increasingly dangerous for the troubled characters trying to rebuild their lives.



FOR FANS OF BOOKS WITH BITE

The Devourers *by Indra Das*

Set against the shifting backdrops of modern-day India and the 17th-century Mughal empire, this dark fantasy offers an inventive take on werewolf lore.



FOR THE ROMANTIC

The Hating Game *by Sally Thorne*

Thorne's sexy workplace comedy about the thin line between love and hate will charm anyone who appreciates a good romantic comedy.

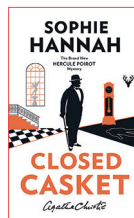


FOR GRAPHIC NOVEL ENTHUSIASTS

Monstress

by Marjorie Liu and Sana Takeda

This enthrallingly creepy and gory steampunk is about an alternate 1900s Asia where a half-human, half-monster slave tries to break her bondage.



FOR MYSTERY MAVENS

Closed Casket *by Sophie Hannah*

Hannah continues Agatha Christie's legacy with this ingenious locked-house puzzle featuring master Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.



FOR INTER-NATIONAL CRIME BUFFS

Hour of the Wolf *by Håkan Nesser*

Despite being the seventh entry in the Inspector Van Veeteren series, this stellar installment stands on its own, providing a fine introduction to one of Sweden's best crime writers.



FOR ANYONE HUNGRY FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The Vegetarian *by Han Kang*

This critically acclaimed novel from South Korea is the Kafka-esque tale of a woman whose rejection of meat escalates into increasingly subversive acts.



FOR SCIENTISTS WHO STILL BELIEVE IN MAGIC

All the Birds in the Sky *by Charlie Jane Anders*

Anders' funny, heartfelt science fiction/fantasy mashup about love, life, and the apocalypse is a little bit Harry Potter, a little bit Kurt Vonnegut.



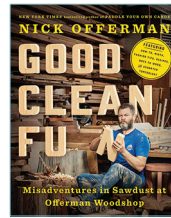
NONFICTION



FOR LOCAL ART MAVENS

No One Told Me Not to Do This *by Jay Ryan*

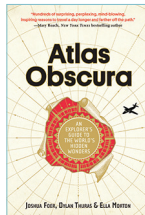
Swoon over this collection of whimsical screenprints from the iconic poster artist. His Skokie-based studio, The Bird Machine, created the delightful critters adorning our bookmobile.



FOR CRAFTY COUCH POTATOES

Good Clean Fun *by Nick Offerman*

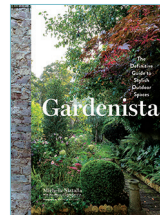
When he's not acting, *Parks & Recreation* star Offerman is an accomplished woodworker. Here he details his adventures in sawdust, mixing essays and anecdotes with projects for every skill level.



FOR ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Atlas Obscura *by Joshua Foer, Ella Morton, and Dylan Thuras*

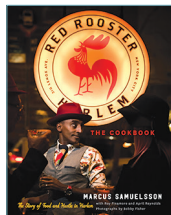
This richly detailed tome features hundreds of the most unusual and mysterious places on earth, sure to inspire wanderlust in even the most intrepid explorer.



FOR GREEN THUMBS

Gardenista *by Michelle Slatalla*

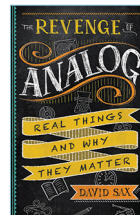
Escape the winter doldrums and get inspired for spring through a lushly photographed guide to creating stylish outdoor spaces.



FOR COSMOPOLITAN FOODIES

The Red Rooster Cookbook *by Marcus Samuelsson*

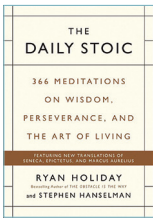
This scrumptious celebration of the acclaimed Harlem eatery and the historic neighborhood surrounding it features classic soul food along with rich stories and eye-popping photos.



FOR LUDDITES

The Revenge of Analog *by David Sax*

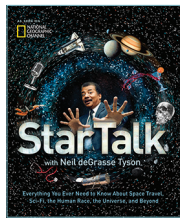
The more complicated our digital lives become, the more we crave retro simplicity. Business reporter Sax argues for real things and why they matter.



FOR INTRO- SPECTIVE FRIENDS

The Daily Stoic by *Ryan Holiday and Stephen Hanselman*

Find serenity and self-knowledge with this accessible devotional featuring daily meditations based on the powerful writings of Stoic sages Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus.



FOR AMATEUR ASTRON- OMERS

StarTalk by *Neil deGrasse Tyson*

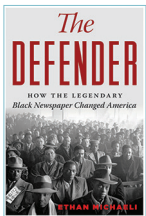
Everything you ever need to know about space travel, the universe, and beyond from America's favorite astrophysicist.



FOR TAMBOURINE MEN AND WOMEN

Bob Dylan: The Lyrics 1961-2012 by *Bob Dylan*

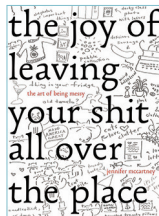
Care to dispute (or celebrate) this year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature? The answer, my friend, is blowin' in this definitive edition.



FOR CHICAGO HISTORY BUFFS

The Defender by *Ethan Michaeli*

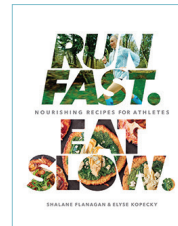
A deeply researched, elegantly written story of race in the 20th century told through the lens of the great Black Chicago newspaper.



FOR UN- APOLOGETIC SLOBS

The Joy of Leaving Your Sh*t All Over the Place by *Jennifer McCartney*

Make some room in your overflowing bookcases for this hilarious blueprint to the life-changing magic of being messy.



FOR GOURMAND ATHLETES

Run Fast, Eat Slow by *Shalane Flanagan and Elyse Kopecky*

Leading American distance runner Flanagan provides nourishing, natural recipes to fuel runners and athletes of all abilities.



FOR ADULTS SICK OF COLORING BOOKS

Paint by Sticker Masterpieces

Channel your inner Leonardo using a nifty sticker template that takes geometric polygons and turns them into images of the Mona Lisa and 11 other masterworks.



FOR YOUR FAVORITE FEMINIST

You Can't Touch My Hair by *Phoebe Robinson*

This hilarious and candid collection of essays from stand-up comedian Robinson is a keenly observed attempt to talk about race and gender with "a world that doesn't care to listen."



FOR COMFORT COOKS

Cooking for Jeffrey by *Ina Garten*

The Barefoot Contessa serves up never-before-published recipes beloved by Jeffrey, her husband of 46 years.



FOR KIDS WHO PREFER NAUGHTY TO NICE

Good Night Baddies by Deborah Underwood

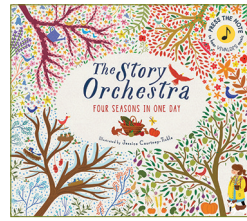
This hilarious picture book shows the villains from your favorite fairy tales getting ready for bed. (Ages 0 to 8)



FOR FANTASY READERS

When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin

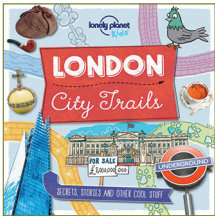
Lin's stunning companion to *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* is another sumptuously illustrated world inspired by Chinese folklore. (Ages 9 to 12)



FOR MUSIC LOVING FAMILIES

The Story Orchestra: Four Seasons in One Day by Jessica Courtney-Tickle

This beautifully illustrated picture book features a girl and her dog romping through the seasons; it includes audio snippets of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. (Ages 8 to 12)



FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS

Lonely Planet Kids: City Trails by Moira Butterfield and Helen Greathead

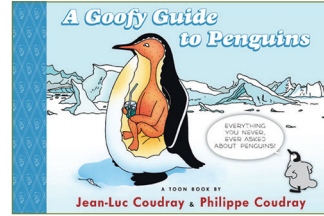
A series of illustrated kid-friendly guides to cities such as New York, London, and Paris, these books offer fun information for those headed on journeys either real or imagined. (Ages 8 and up)



FOR LOVEABLE SMART ALECKS

Slacker by Gordon Korman

A video game addict creates a fake after-school community service club to have more playing time. He runs into trouble when a few students decide to join the group. (Ages 9 to 12)



FOR BIRD BRAINS

A Goofy Guide to Penguins by Jean-Luc Coudray

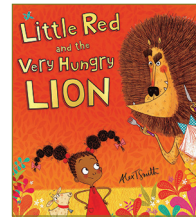
Written in comic-strip format, this engaging nonfiction guide to the flightless fowls is written by *Benjamin Bear* author Jean-Luc Coudray. (Ages 4 to 8)



FOR JUNIOR GIANT SLAYERS

Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke

In this modern retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk in graphic novel form, a bored kid trades his mom's car for a box of magic beans. (Ages 9 to 12)



FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion by Alex T. Smith

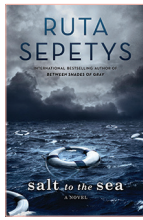
In this standout Africa-based retelling of *Little Red Riding Hood*, our heroine figures out what the Very Hungry Lion is up to and she is having none of it. (Ages 3 to 5)



FOR THOSE READY FOR EPIC ADVENTURE

The Reader *by Traci Chee*

Set in a world where reading is unheard of, this tale of swashbuckling pirates and merciless assassins is an edge-of-your-seat yarn starring a young heroine you'll find hard to forget.



FOR FANS OF FORGOTTEN HISTORY

Salt to the Sea *by Ruta Sepetys*

This fascinating WWII-era novel spotlights the little-known sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff, a maritime disaster that killed six times as many passengers as those lost on the Titanic.



FOR COMIC GEEKS

The Incredible Adventures of Cinnamon Girl

by Melissa Keil and Mike Lawrence

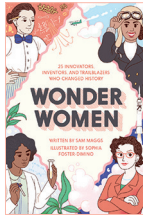
Quirky characters and witty dialogue abound in this witty doomsday tale of a small town teen with two problems: her love life and the impending Armageddon.



FOR SPORTS NUTS

Ghost *by Jason Reynolds*

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down. This is the electrifying start of a new series from award-winning author Jason Reynolds.



FOR WONDER GIRLS

Wonder Women *by Sam Maggs*

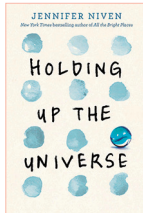
The author provides breezy, fascinating portraits of 25 pioneering women who are little known but made big waves in the areas of science, math, espionage, and adventure.



FOR TEENS READY TO SHED A TEAR

The Sun Is Also a Star *by Nicola Yoon*

A beautifully told one-day romance between Korean-American Daniel, who is being pushed toward Yale, and Natasha, whose family is about to be deported to Jamaica.

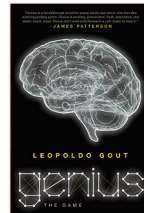


FOR JOHN GREEN FANS

Holding up the Universe

by Jennifer Niven

Readers of *The Fault in Our Stars* will welcome another unlikely romantic pair. Libby and Jack are at opposite ends of the high school pecking order, but discover they are more alike than they imagined.



FOR THE GAMER IN YOUR LIFE

Genius: The Game *by Leopoldo Gout*

This fast-paced adventure features three brilliant teens from around the world who are selected to participate in a sinister high-stakes competition.

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