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THE DEPORTEES: *And Other Stories*, by Roddy Doyle (Viking, \$24.95, 9780670018451/0670018457) “Roddy Doyle has an amazing talent for uncovering the essential humanity in each of his characters, an outstanding ear for the rhythm of language, an unparalleled skill for expressing the joys of music through the written word, and an eye for the humor in even the darkest of situations. I defy anyone not to love this book!”—**Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI**

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MY ENEMY’S CRADLE, by Sara Young (Harcourt, \$24, 9780151015375/0151015376) “Cyrla’s aunt arranges for Cyrla to take her cousin’s place in a Nazi-run maternity home in Germany. By giving Cyrla her cousin Annika’s papers (and identity), her aunt hopes to keep Cyrla’s Jewish heritage hidden. It’s a desperate game with risks at every turn, but, once Cyrla agrees, there’s no going back.”—**Keri Holmes, The Kaleidoscope: Our Focus Is You, Hampton, IA**

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FATHER MICHAEL’S LOTTERY: *A Novel of Africa*, by Johan Steyn (Schaffner, \$26.95, 9780971059870/097105987X) “The good doctor’s daily struggles for the people, land and wildlife of Africa tell a story of humor, realism, and compassion. This inspirational and life-affirming novel is a great read about a rural community on the front lines of the African AIDS epidemic. I have suggested this book to several of our book clubs and customer in this area.”—**De Gabrys, Footnotes, Mountain Home, ID**

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THE LAST COWGIRL, by Jana Richman (Morrow, \$24.95, 9780061257186/0061257184) “This is a novel for all who must stop in midlife to reassess their lives. Dickie is a heartbreaking child who endures emotional abuse from her father but who, also, has the talent to gain insight from the mess of her childhood and to build some self esteem as an adult.” —**Patricia Worth, River Reader, Lexington, MO**

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THE SCENT OF ROSA'S OIL, by **Lina Simoni** (Kensington, \$14 paper, 9780758219244/0758219245) "Rosa grew up in a brothel, raised by all the women, but kept away from the goings on. When she falls in love with Ranato, with the help of a special perfume, she hides her past. But when Renato disappears, their love is challenged, and they will need more magic than her special oil."—**Barbara MacDonald, Great Northern Books and Hobbies, Oscoda, MI**

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SILENT IN THE GRAVE, by **Deanna Raybourn** (Mira, \$6.99 paper, 9780778325246/0778325245) "Deanna Raybourn's mystery, set in Victorian England, calls to mind the challenges of sleuth Sherlock Holmes, with surprising plot twists and flawed characters. This will be a great read for a cold January evening beside a warm fire."—**Jane Quinn, The Corner Shelf, Culpeper, VA**

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A BAKER'S ODYSSEY, by **Greg Patent** (Wiley, \$34.95, 9780764572814/0764572814) "Greg Patent searched for beloved culinary traditions from his family and friends then researched the recipes, ingredients, and cultural heritage behind each dish. Recipes include Jewish Matzoh, Eastern European Rugelach, Russian Meat Piroshki, and Italian Pignoli cookies. An hour-long DVD accompanies the book giving hands-on instructions. What a great New Year baking resolution for all of us."—**Barbara Theroux, Fact & Fiction, Missoula, MT**

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CIRCLING HOME, by **John Lane** (University of Georgia Press, \$24.95, 9780820330402/082033040X) "John Lane led the unfettered life of an itinerant poet for 20 years, then, unexpectedly, got married, became the father of two teenage boys, and built a house. Lane drew a circle on a map of his new neighborhood, the radius one mile wide, and undertook to learn all about this small patch of earth, its history, its geology, its natural life. There is much in this book of interest to the environmental movement, much of relevance to those trying to revitalizelocal economies, and plenty to savor for lovers of good writing and clear thinking."—**Rich Rennicks, Malaprop's Bookstore/Cafe, Asheville, NC**



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GAME OF KINGS: *A Year Among the Oddballs and Geniuses Who Make Up America's Top Highschool Chess Team*, by Michael Weinreb (Gotham, \$15 paper, 9781592403387/1592403387) "This book is to chess as the movie *Wordplay* is to crossword puzzles—a fun look inside the world of competitive high school chess."
—Katie Kuenkler, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Shorewood, WI



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THE GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS: *One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World*, by Eric Weiner (Twelve, \$25.99, 9780446580267/0446580260) "In this marvelous book, curmudgeonly NPR correspondent Eric Weiner takes the reader on a fascinating and informative journey around the world in search of happiness. Entertaining and illuminating, funny and thought-provoking, this captivating book is sure to provide loads of cocktail party and water cooler discussions."
—Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI



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HOUSE LUST: *America's Obsession with Our Homes*, by Daniel McGinn (Currency, \$24.95, 9780385519298/038551929X) "Fast-paced and evenhanded, McGinn takes the reader on a nonstop open house tour, from the tackiest of McMansions to the smallest NYC closet apartments. Think having two dishwashers is extreme? You won't after reading *House Lust*."
—Michael Karpus, Books & Books at Bal Harbour Shops, Bal Harbour, FL



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I'M LOOKING THROUGH YOU: *Growing Up Haunted: A Memoir*, by Jennifer Finney Boylan (Broadway, \$23.95, 9780767921749/0767921747) "Jenny Boylan's follow-up memoir to the critically acclaimed *She's Not There* is destined for as much, if not more, praise as its predecessor. Bouncing through time, *I'm Looking Through You* explores the many ways one can be haunted. Introduce yourself to this wonderful literary voice."
—Suzanna Hermans, Oblong Books & Music, Rhinebeck, NY

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THE ULTIMATE TEA DIET: *How Tea Can Boost Your Metabolism, Shrink Your Appetite, and Kick-Start Remarkable Weight Loss*, by Mark Ukra (Collins, \$24.95, 9780061441752/0061441759) “The book is very accessible to readers, and its simple plan makes it easy for anyone to follow. I am excited about the book and how it can improve one’s health.”—**Margaret Osondu, Osondu Booksellers, Waynesville, NC**

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BONE RATTLER: *A Mystery of Colonial America*, by Eliot Pattison (Counterpoint, \$26, 9781593761851/1593761856) “Eliot Pattison, previously know for his Shan mysteries set in Tibet, has written a magnificent novel set in 1759 colonial America. Pattison creates an epic tale with memorable characters many of whom are struggling to remake or preserve a world where justice and freedom prevail. Woven through with suspense and intrigue, this is a rich, deeply resonant, and unforgettable story!”—**Sheryl Cotleur, Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA**

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FACE TIME, by Hank Phillippi Ryan (Harlequin, \$5.50 paper, 9780373881437/0373881436) “Hank Phillippi Ryan, the Emmy-winning investigative reporter for Boston’s Channel 7, has written a fast-moving and tense mystery. Reporter Charlotte McNally finds herself in the middle of an investigation involving a woman unjustly jailed for murder, and there are bad guys galore. There is much fascinating background information about television news, and Ryan tells the tale with high-powered energy.”—**Dede Gallagher, Book Ends, Winchester, MA**

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HITLER’S JUDAS, by Tom Lewis (VP Publishing, \$14.95 paper, 9780970579362/0970579365) “This is the second in the Pea Island Trilogy, a fast-moving novel of theft and love from WWII Germany to North Carolina.” —**Susan Hinkle, Page After Page, Elizabeth City, NC**

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A PALE HORSE, by Charles Todd (Morrow, \$23.95, 9780061233562/0061233560)

“Charles Todd’s protagonist is a Scotland Yard detective who was shell-shocked during WWI. He is haunted by the war and also ‘haunted’ by the ghost of a man he killed during the war. The two of them, Ian Rutledge (detective) and Hamish (ghost), work together to solve cases. This tenth novel in the series is the best yet.”—**Vicki McNeil, Watermark Book Co., Anacortes, WA**

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THE 6 SACRED STONES, by Matthew Reilly (Simon & Schuster, \$25, 9780743270540/0743270541) “The latest story of Jack West, Jr. is an intense cliff-hanger as he and his team struggle to save the world. I loved it.”—**Scott Kramer, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH**

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STONE COLD, by David Baldacci (Grand Central, \$26.99, 9780446577397/0446577391)

“Annabelle Conroy had committed the con of her life seeking revenge on the man who had murdered her mother. That man, Jerry Bagger, is now using every resource possible to find and kill her. Meanwhile, Harry Finn is hunting down members of an elite assassin group that has wronged his mother. One of those assassins was John Carr, now known as Oliver Stone. Oliver and the Camel Club have pledged to help Annabelle. But things take a turn when Oliver goes off on his own wanting to protect his friends from the assassin that will be chasing him. Can the Camel Club find a way to help both Annabelle and Oliver? David Baldacci continues to please with the eccentric group of heroes.”—**Sheri Kraft, Alibi Books, Glenview, IL**

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THIRD DEGREE, by Greg Iles (Scribner, \$25.95, 9780743292504/0743292502)

“The jolting opener, when a suburban mom wakes to a doctor husband trashing his home office, sucks you right into domestic disasters in Athens Point, Mississippi. Iles likes to explore controversial issues in his diverse books, and I can’t get the images of the novel’s searing hostage scenario out of my mind—it’s heartrending.”—**Barbara Peters, The Poisoned Pen, Scottsdale, AZ**