



**PEOPLE OF THE BOOK**, by **Geraldine Brooks** (Viking, \$25.95, 9780670018215/067001821X) “Admirers of Geraldine Brooks (and great literature in general) will be delighted by this beautifully fashioned novel. The ancient Haggadah she uses as the centerpiece of the story travels through the centuries and illuminates the lives of its various keepers, as well as each historical era. Detailing both ancient history and the complex life and times of its modern restorer, this novel delivers an amazing richness and a marvelous story!”—**Karen M. Frank, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT**



**TRAIL OF CRUMBS: Hunger, Love, and the Search for Home**, by **Kim Sunee** (Grand Central Publishing, \$24.99, 9780446579766/0446579769) “Kim Sunee, the globe-trotting food editor, has written an incredible memoir! Dive into this amazing life of a courageous woman, who was abandoned by her Korean mother, raised in New Orleans, has owned a book shop in Paris, and, now, is an executive with one of America’s most respected magazine publishers. Brilliant!”—**Jake Reiss, The Alabama Booksmith, Birmingham, AL**



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**EVERY LAST CUCKOO**, by **Kate Maloy** (Algonquin, \$22.95, 9781565125414/156512541X) “What a beautiful story about a woman in her 70s and her relationships with her husband, family, and friends. Through the book, we are treated to a vibrant marriage, an unexpected death of a beloved husband, and life after marriage. A beautiful, graceful story about a vibrant, beautiful woman.”—**Patricia Worth, River Reader, Lexington, MO**



**FIREFLY RAIN**, by **Richard Dansky** (Wizards of the Coast, \$21.95, 9780786948567/0786948566) “Josh Logan returns to his empty, small-town home after his big-city sojourn ends in failure only to find an unfriendly caretaker, strange neighbors, and a haunted house. But why do some forces try to keep him there, and others push him away? This compelling, Southern Gothic novel proves that you *can* go home again—but it might kill you (if it doesn’t set you free).”—**James Tremlett, Schuler Books & Music, Lansing, MI**



**HER LAST DEATH: A Memoir**, by **Susanna Sonnenberg** (Scribner, \$24, 9780743291088/0743291085) “Susanna Sonnenberg strikingly writes about her relationship with her narcissistic, controlling, compulsively lying, yet oddly attractive and fun mother. Free of self-pity, she describes her journey to save herself and to create a life and family that is not dependent on her mother’s needs and manipulations.”—**Kym Havens, Wellesley Booksmith, Wellesley, MA**



**BEGINNER’S GREEK**, by **James Collins** (Little, Brown, \$23.99, 9780316021555/0316021555) “This is the best boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl novel I’ve read in ages. The writing is fantastic, and the characters are truly engaging. *Beginner’s Greek* rivals Jane Austen for an intelligent romantic read.”—**Lisa Sharp, Nightbird Books, Fayetteville, AR**



**BLASPHEMY: A Novel**, by **Douglas Preston** (Forge, \$25.95, 9780765311054/0765311054) “Science and religion collide in the new thriller from Douglas Preston. A group of scientists working at an underground facility in Arizona make a startling discovery. As they work feverishly to understand what it is they have found, a public outcry is raised by elements of the evangelical movement setting the stage for a dramatic confrontation.”—**Linda Walonen, Bay Books, San Ramon, CA**



**THE MEMOIRS OF A BEAUTIFUL BOY**, by **Robert Leleux** (St. Martin's, \$23.95, 9780312361686/0312361688) "This memoir of a gay boy growing up in Petunia, Texas, is funny, occasionally poignant, and impossible to put down."—**Blake Hardy, Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, Atlanta, GA**



**THEY DID IT WITH LOVE**, by **Kate Morgenroth** (Plume, \$14 paper, 9780452288973/0452288975) "This story of a murder in a book group is elegantly written, with both sharp psychological portraits and an intriguing mystery that keeps you turning pages without feeling manipulated. Subtle and satisfying, *They Did It With Love* belongs with the best of the genre."—**Carol Feliciano, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI**



**THE COLLABORATOR OF BETHLEHEM**, by **Matt Beynon Rees** (Mariner, \$13.95 paper, 9780618959655/0618959653) "A story of cultural and political turmoil as schoolteacher Omar Yusef attempts to prove one of his former students is innocent of the killing of a leader of the Palestine Martyrs' Brigade. Omar must consider the threat to his own life and the safety of his family as he pursues the truth he seeks to expose."—**Laura Hansen, Bookin' It, Little Falls, MN**

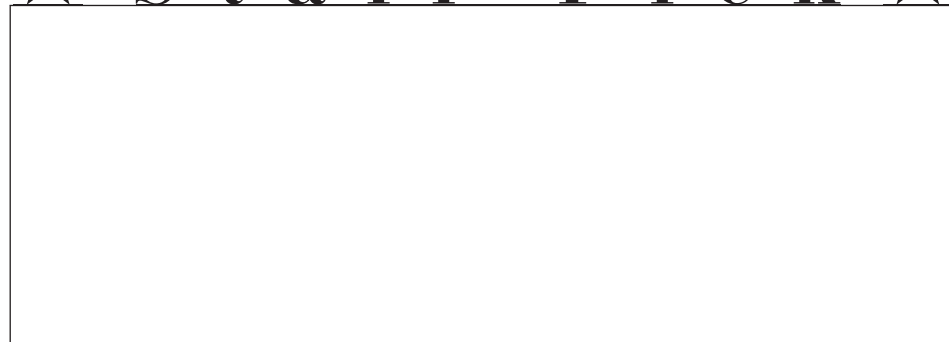


**RIVER**, by **Lowen Clausen** (Silo Press, \$14.95 paper, 9780972581127/097258112X) "After the death of his son, a father takes the river voyage he has always dreamed of. Starting out from his family farm on the headwaters in the Sandhills of Nebraska, his inner voyage takes him to new acceptance of the son he never said goodbye to in life, while he faces the solitude and challenges of the river itself. The land plays as large a part of the story as do the people on the river. Lowen Clausen has written an exquisitely heartbreaking novel, with a soul as big as the eponymous river."—**Tammy Domike, Jackson Street Books, Seattle, WA**



**THE MIDDLE PLACE**, by Kelly Corrigan (Hyperion, \$23.95, 9781401303365/1401303366) "I could not put down Kelly Corrigan's memoir of family love and father/daughter relationships. Her family is endearing, and I will be recommending *The Middle Place* to my customers who are women in their fifties, especially those who are cancer survivors."—**Beth Carpenter, The Country Bookshop, Southern Pines, NC**

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