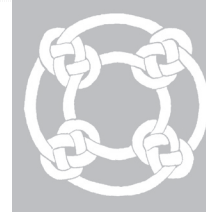


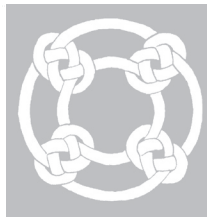
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ALPHABET WEEKENDS: *Love on the Road From A to Z*, by Elizabeth Noble (HarperCollins, \$14.95 paper, 9780061122187/0061122181) “Noble strikes an immediate rapport with readers by introducing them to Tom and Natalie, friends since childhood, though Tom hopes it will become more. Natalie has just been tossed off by her latest dewey-eyed love, and Tom has a plan: He and Natalie will date-trek through every letter in the alphabet until she sees the light.”—**Charity McMaster, Schuler Books & Music, Grand Rapids, MI**



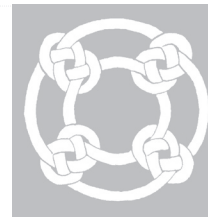
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THE FABRIC OF NIGHT, by Christoph Peters (Nan A. Talese/ Doubleday, \$23.95, 9780385514477/0385514476) “This gorgeous, dark, and unsettling novel is told from the point of view of two narrators and moves elusively in a nonlinear fashion. At its center lies a possibly delusional, alcoholic German artist and the murder he may, or may not, have witnessed while vacationing in Turkey. This is an eerie and thought-provoking novel that will linger long after the last page is turned.”—**Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI**



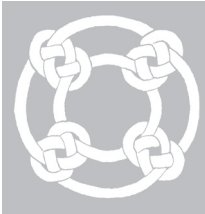
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A FAR COUNTRY, by Daniel Mason (Knopf, \$24, 9780375414664/0375414665) “This beautiful book takes us from the back country of an unnamed country, where the survival of members of peasant families are determined by cycles of drought, to big cities, where young people scavenging from the garbage of the affluent struggle to eke out an existence in cardboard huts. A moving, sometimes dreamlike, story of an underclass that we only see when they clean our houses or tend our gardens.”—**Marian Nielsen, Orinda Books, Orinda, CA**



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THE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB, by Kate Jacobs (Putnam, \$22.95, 9780399154096/0399154094) “An unlikely group of women grow close through their interest in knitting and their admiration for the yarn shop’s owner. The deep bond of this sisterhood of customers becomes clear as crises arise in their lives in this uplifting, yet sad, novel about everyday life.”—**Lillian Kinsey, Bohannons’ Books With a Past, Georgetown, KY**

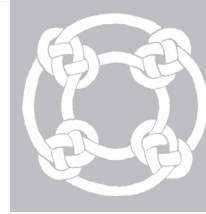


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GREY, by Jon Armstrong (Night Shade, \$14.95 paper, 9781597800655/1597800651) “Michael Rivers, the son of a wealthy CEO, finds joy in beautiful things: fashion, his favorite magazine, and his fiancée. When an assassination attempt separates him from the things he loves, he begins a struggle against the political ties that bind him and uncovers truths about his father, his closest allies, and his own past. Jon Armstrong creates a dystopian world and uses it to explore the true price of wealth, power, and fame.”—**Lou A.s Swartz, The Turning Page, Old Lyme, CT**

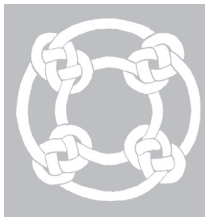


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THE LIAR'S DIARY, by Patry Francis (Dutton, \$24.95, 9780525949909/0525949909) “In this quirky, well-written story, Patry Francis, who is a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee for her short fiction, does a great job illustrating the complex relationships that can occur among friends, lovers, and children. You won't see the disturbing ending coming in this novel that will appeal to readers who enjoyed Kate Atkinson's *Case Histories*.”—**Susan Mercier, Edgartown Books, Edgartown, MA**

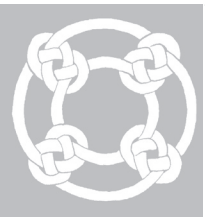


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MOTHERS AND SONS, by Colm Tóibín (Scribner, \$24, 9781416534655/1416534652) “In stories that evoke the unfathomable chasm of misunderstanding that exists between sons and their mothers, Tóibín manages to take us into the minds of a killer, a musician, a pedophile, and a victim of abuse, among others. Throughout, he manages to imbue each of them with humanity so that we feel empathy rather than distaste. Haunting and brilliant.”—**Betsy Burton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT**

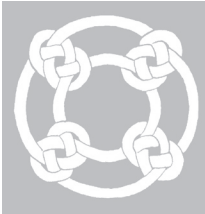


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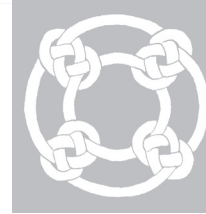
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OFF ARMAGEDDON REEF, by David Weber (Tor, \$25.95, 9780765315007/0765315009) “David Weber's ability to switch plausibly in this extremely entertaining novel from a far-flung futuristic setting to a black powder-era naval battle, while creating characters you actually care about, floored me. I am very eager for the next book in the series, and hope that there are many more to come.”—**Padraigh Sean McHale, Fox Tale Books, New Durham, NH**



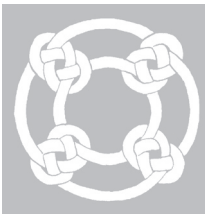
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THE SWEET LIFE, by Lynn York (Plume, \$14 paper, 9780452288225/0452288223)
“Few writers capture a character’s thoughts as deftly as Lynn York. It’s a pleasure to return to Swan’s Knob in this sequel to *The Piano Teacher*, one of our all-time favorite novels set in North Carolina.”—**Kathryn Henderson, Market Street Books, Chapel Hill, NC**



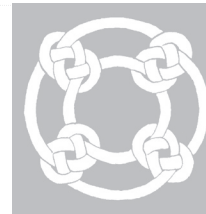
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THE HUMAN TOUCH: *Our Part in the Creation of a Universe*, by Michael Frayn (Metropolitan, \$32.50, 9780805081480/0805081488) “Part of what makes Michael Frayn’s fiction and plays so appealing is his philosopher’s view of the world. In *The Human Touch*, he points out that humankind is a tiny and insignificant anomaly in the impersonal vastness of the universe. But, he asks, what would that universe be like if we were not here to say something about it? With brilliance, wit, and charm, Frayn sets out to make sense of our place in the scheme of things.”
—**Elaine Petrocelli, Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA**



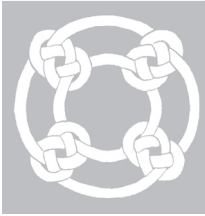
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MADE TO STICK: *Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die*, by Chip Heath and Dan Heath (Random House, \$24.95, 9781400064281/1400064287) “Here’s a great framework for how you can make your ideas stick with audiences, from using concrete examples to the importance of stories, to the deceptive concept of keeping it simple. We’re using *Made to Stick* to evaluate all our new projects before we launch them. That’s how much I like it.”—**Todd Sattersten, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Milwaukee, WI**



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A PERFECT MESS: *The Hidden Benefits of Disorder—How Crammed Closets, Cluttered Offices, and On-the-Fly Planning Make the World a Better Place*, by Eric Abrahamson and David H. Freedman (Little, Brown, \$25.95, 9780316114752/0316114758) “Type-A personalities move over, there is reason to believe organized chaos is more productive. A must-read for all of us *non-compulsive* people.”—**Janet Bollum, The Muse Book Shop, DeLand, FL**

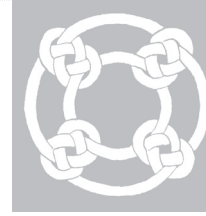


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PISTOL: *The Life of Pete Maravich*, by Mark Kriegel (Free Press, \$27, 9780743284974/0743284976) “This is a beautifully written and thoroughly researched book that re-introduces this basketball great to his fans. Kriegel puts the reader right next to Pete as he struggles to achieve the perfection he believes eludes him. An incredible and intimate look at the life of Pistol Pete.”—**Pam White, Skyland Books, West Jefferson, NC**

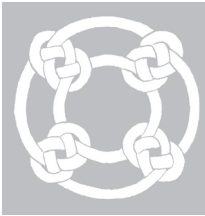


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THREE CUPS OF TEA: *One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin (Penguin, \$15 paper, 9780143038252/0143038257) “Greg Mortenson has done the incredible in some of the poorest parts of the world by building schools and giving children in Pakistan and Afghanistan what they need most, an education. This should be required reading for all of the leaders of the First World.”—**Claudia Wohlfeil, University of Idaho Bookstore, Moscow, ID**

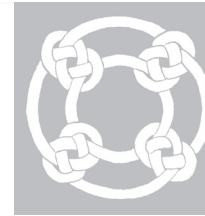


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THE WHITE CASCADE: *The Great Northern Railway Disaster and America’s Deadliest Avalanche*, by Gary Krist (Holt, \$26, 9780805077056/0805077057) “Most of us have never heard of America’s deadliest avalanche, but this 1910 rail disaster gripped newspaper readers of the day. This is a highly readable and informative book, focusing on an almost forgotten incident, in the tradition of *Isaac’s Storm*.”—**Rosemary Pugliese, Quail Ridge Books, Raleigh, NC**

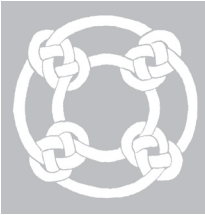


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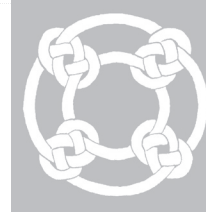
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WORKING STIFF: *The Misadventures of an Accidental Sexpert*, by Grant Stoddard (Harper Perennial, \$13.95 paper, 9780060876128/0060876123) “*Working Stiff* is unlike anything that I’ve ever read—a fun romp, a witty and edgy memoir you won’t forget!”—**Jen Reynolds, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH**



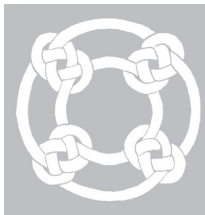
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EFFIGIES, by **Mary Anna Evans** (Poisoned Pen, \$24.95, 9781590583425/1590583426) “This latest entry in Evans’ archaeology series featuring Faye Longchamp is both intelligent and satisfying. This time Faye and Joe Wolf Mantooth travel to Neshoba County, Mississippi, to study artifacts from the Choctaw Indians. Faye and Joe are asked to help an elderly congressman unearth the truth about a hate crime, but soon find them selves drawn into a murder investigation.”—**Linda Walonen, Bay Books, San Ramon, CA**



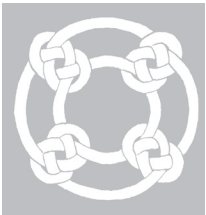
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A FALSE MIRROR: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery, by **Charles Todd** (William Morrow, \$23.95, 9780060786731/0060786736) “In post-World War I England, tormented Inspector Ian Rutledge continues to fight his own demons as he tries to unravel the mystery surrounding the severe beating of a former diplomat. A former comrade calls for his help in extricating himself from a situation in which he holds the beating victim’s wife hostage, or so it seems.”—**George Rishel, The Sly Fox, Virden, IL**



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NERVE DAMAGE, by **Peter Abrahams** (Morrow, \$24.95, 9780061137976/0061137979) “If you are looking for a suspense novel that captivates immediately with a plot that moves swiftly, *Nerve Damage* is the perfect escapist pleasure.”—**Terry Whittaker, Viewpoint of Columbus, Columbus, IN**



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THE STAR: A Tarot Card Mystery, by **David Skibbins** (St. Martin’s Minotaur, \$23.95, 9780312361938/0312361939) “Skibbins has created one of the genre’s quirkiest and most engaging characters, Warren Ritter, ex-’60s radical and sidewalk tarot-card reader. In this colorful, action-packed, keep-you-guessing mystery—Skibbins’ best so far—Ritter becomes a family man. Sort of.”—**Joel Crockett, The Four-Eyed Frog, Gualala, CA**