



AUNT DIMITY: Vampire Hunter, by Nancy Atherton (Viking, \$22.95, 9780670018543/0670018546) "In creating a delightful romp that is both hilarious and heartwarming, Nancy Atherton has done it again! Lori Shepherd, our intrepid heroine, has to face down the possibility that a vampire-obsessed lunatic is watching her sons. Lori is determined to get to the bottom of this mystery, defend her children, and, if there's time, arrange for some romance for her lovelorn friends."—**Sara Glassman, Little Professor Book Center, Homewood, AL**



THE BOOK OF OTHER PEOPLE, by Zadie Smith (ed.) (Penguin, \$15 paper, 9780143038184/0143038184) "I wanted to shout out when I found this book—read it now, at night, when it's cold or hot, whenever! It's full of great characters and great stories, from such authors as Miranda July and Nick Hornby. What a joy to read!"
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CHASING WINDMILLS, by Catherine Ryan Hyde (Flying Dolphin, \$22.95, 9780385521277/0385521278) "Can two young strangers who fall in love from a glance on a late-night subway overcome their less-than-ideal home situations to be together? Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of *Pay It Forward*, has Maria and Sebastian tell their own stories in alternating chapters, as they take a chance on the possibility of love. Both adult and young adult readers will enjoy this fresh take on *West Side Story*."—**Casey Carmolli, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, VT**



DAUGHTER OF YORK, by Anne Easter Smith (Touchstone, \$16.95 paper, 9780743277310/0743277317) "Anne Easter Smith has done a wonderful job of creating the life of this very powerful woman—Margaret of York—in a time period when men were the rulers and women were the pawns in political matters. Smith's research was well done and her writing is beautiful."—**Dorothy Pittman, Horton's Books & Gifts, Carrollton, GA**



THE KEPT MAN, by **Jami Attenberg** (Riverhead, \$24.95, 9781594489525/1594489521) “Jami Attenberg’s novel tells the story of a woman whose artist husband has been in a coma for six years. When she discovers something in his art that questions the sanctity of their marriage, she begins to consider whether or not she wants to keep him alive.”—**Suzanna Hermans, Oblong Books And Music, Millerton, NY**



SALVAGE, by **Jane Kotapish** (MacAdam/Cage, \$24, 9781596922839/1596922834) “In this devilishly sardonic and beautifully insightful novel about a dysfunctional mother-daughter relationship Kotapish has written an unforgettable story about daughters who want more and mothers who just can’t give anything. Kotapish illuminates every page with her astounding prose and clever attention to detail.”—**Chelsey Clammer, Women & Children First, Chicago, IL**



SOUVENIR, by **Therese Fowler** (Ballantine, \$22, 9780345499684/0345499689) “It has been many years since I cried throughout the last 30 pages of a book. Written with exceptional compassion, this beautiful novel of a family facing heartrending decisions will resonate, in some way, with every person who reads it.”—**Susan Wasson, Bookworks, Albuquerque, NM**



DANDY IN THE UNDERWORLD: An Unauthorized Autobiography, by **Sebastian Horsley** (Harper Perennial, \$13.95 paper, 9780061461255/0061461253) “This painfully honest memoir of a self-proclaimed dandy is a compulsive read. Horsley charts his unconventional upbringing by alcoholic parents, and then his own blossoming sexual and drug life, with the battles against, and the surrenders to, addiction. At times laugh-out-loud funny, I had a hard time putting the book down.”—**Joe Eichman, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO**

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THE FORTUNE COOKIE CHRONICLES: *Adventures in the World of Chinese Food*, by Jennifer Lee (Twelve, \$24.99, 9780446580076/0446580074) “This lively and inviting history of our most popular cuisine is part travelogue, part cultural history, and part personal journey. Funny, informative, and surprisingly moving, this history of Chinese food in America is an unusually delicious book that is loads of fun.”—**Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI**

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HAVE YOU FOUND HER: A Memoir, by Janice Erlbaum (Villard, \$14 paper, 9780812974577/0812974573) “Janice Erlbaum’s memoir of the two years she spent trying to save the life of a young woman she met at a homeless shelter is as fascinating to read as it is frustrating. Erlbaum becomes a friend, a would-be counselor, pseudo-mother, and true co-dependent as she is pulled between her need for emotional distance and her determination to remain faithful and compassionate.”
—**Laura Hansen, Bookin’ It, Little Falls, MN**

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RESCUING SPRITE: A Dog Lover’s Story of Joy and Anguish, by Mark R. Levin (Pocket, \$22, 9781416559139/1416559132) “This true story of a family and their lives with their two dogs, Pepsi and Sprite, is both heartwarming and heartbreaking. Make sure to have a box of tissues nearby.”—**Angie Fesperman, Inkwood Books, Tampa, FL**

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SIX DEGREES: Our Future on a Hotter Planet, by Mark Lynas (National Geographic, \$26, 9781426202131/142620213X) “Mark Lynas delineates, step by step, the consequences of global warming, until we hit possible ultimate destruction—the sixth degree. But this is only depressing if you don’t feel empowered enough to help avert the crisis, and *Six Degrees* also offers numerous pro-active steps for our salvation.”—**Myra Poe, Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, Milwaukee, WI**

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SWALLOW THE OCEAN: A Memoir, by Laura Flynn (Counterpoint, \$23, 9781582433851/1582433852) “In Laura Flynn’s account of growing up with a paranoid schizophrenic mother, the details add up to a vivid portrait of living within a troubled family and of a San Francisco apartment that becomes a battleground of loyalty, anger, and fear.”—**Rem Ryals, Village Books, Bellingham, WA**

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THE UNGARNISHED TRUTH: A Cooking Contest Memoir, by Ellie Mathews (Berkley, \$23.95, 9780425219454/0425219453) “A Seattle woman enters the Pillsbury Bake-Off as a sort of a trial run—and wins! Mathews is a dedicated home cook with a sardonic outlook and a lot of common sense, unsparing on herself and (mostly) unimpressed by the attention. Who though you could win the Bake-Off with a chicken recipe?”—**Karen Maeda Allman, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA**

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BLIND FALL, by Christopher Rice (Scribner, \$26, 9780743293990/0743293991) “It is amazing that a writer as young as Chris Rice is such a phenomenal storyteller. In this story of an Iraq War vet seeking redemption, Rice keeps the action at such a fever pitch that one is compelled to keep reading. I cannot say enough good things about *Blind Fall*.”—**Christopher M. Eney, Lambda Rising, Washington, DC**

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CALUMET CITY, by Charlie Newton (Touchstone, \$14 paper, 9781416533221/1416533222) “Charlie Newton’s debut novel is a raw and gritty police noir. In the ghetto streets of Chicago, policewoman Patti Black is forced to confront her past (life in an abusive foster home) to solve three seemingly unrelated crimes. Hard to put down, *Calumet City* will draw you in to the very end.”—**Sue Richardson, Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta, ME**



DARK HORSE, by Mike Langan (Five Star, \$25.95, 9781594146640/1594146640)

“Nicky Rigopoulos, a major partner of a law practice, tries to balance running for a judgeship seat with womanizing and his law practice. His life suddenly gets far more complicated when his female law partner is murdered and all evidence points toward him. Nicky must elude the police while he attempts to find the real culprit.”—**Bob Spear, The Book Barn, Leavenworth, KS**



GAMBIT, by Karna Small Bodman (Forge, \$25.95, 9780765319289/0765319284)

“American planes are crashing for no apparent reason and it’s up to Dr. Cameron Talbot and Lt. Col. Hunt Daniels to figure out why it is happening and how to stop it. The future of Taiwan, China, and the rest of the world hangs in the balance.”—**Janet Bollum, The Muse Book Shop, DeLand, FL**



PRIMAL THREAT, by Earl Emerson (Ballantine, \$25, 9780345492999/0345492994)

“Firefighter Zak Polanski and his friends are off for a weekend cycling trip, but, before it’s over, Zak and his friends will have to peddle for their lives as a fire surrounds them. Emerson does a great job in showing the dynamics of groupthink and how people can behave in the most unexpected ways for both good and evil. A really thrilling ride!”
—**Linda Dewberry, Whodunit? Books, Olympia, WA**



A TOAST TO TOMORROW, by Manning Coles (Rue Morgue Press, \$14.95 paper, 9781601870155/1601870159)

“Here is one of my all time favorite novels, a kind of soft spy story no less chilling in its portraits of 1933 Berlin and top Nazis than the hard stuff. This is the first Coles to read; don’t go looking for descriptions since anything will be a spoiler. When you’re done you can read Coles’ actual first novel, *Drink to Yesterday* (Rue Morgue \$14.95); it’s more like nonfiction. Taken together, the novels have credited Coles, along with Eric Ambler, with the creation of the modern spy novel.”—**Barbara Peters, The Poisoned Pen, Scottsdale, AZ**