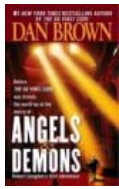
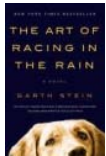


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***Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown (Garver)**

The murder of a physicist, Leonardo Vetra, finds a symbolist, Robert Langdon, and Vetra's daughter, Vittoria, on an adventure for a secret brotherhood thought to be extinct: The Illuminati, a group that has also kidnapped four hopefuls to become successors to the deceased Pope. Threats of the cardinals' demise and annihilation of the Vatican City are issued as a revenge scheme for the persecuted Illuminati and clues lead Langdon and Vetra all around the Vatican, including the four alters of science: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. The two must travel throughout Rome to unravel the carefully hidden signs that will lead them to a terrifying adversary, a harrowing discovery, and the shocking truth.



***The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein (Caruso, Stephens)**

A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life . . . as only a dog could tell it.



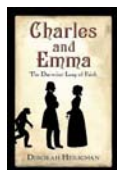
***Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell (Wagner)**

Blink is a book about how we think without thinking, about choices that seem to be made in an instant - in the blink of an eye - that actually aren't as simple as they seem. Why are some people brilliant decision makers, while others are consistently inept? Why do some people follow their instincts and win, while others end up stumbling into error? How do our brains really work? And why are the best decisions often those that are impossible to explain to others?



***The Boy who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (Ziennik)**

William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him *misala*—crazy—but William refused to let go of his dreams. With a small pile of once-forgotten science textbooks; some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves; and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him. **An Amazon Bargain Book—Limited quantities available!**



***Charles and Emma* by Deborah Heiligman (Shuster)**

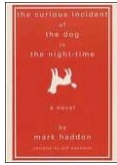
A thought provoking biography about the founder of the theory of evolution. See how his theory caused religious controversy, not only with worldly scholars, but within his own household. Understand his wife's inner turmoil between her deep-seeded religious beliefs and her belief in her husband.



***Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Garcia Marquez (Frew)**

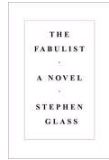
In defense of a sister's honor, two brothers kill a life-long friend. The story recounts the apathy, traditions, comic accidents, and twists of fate that led to a death that never needed to happen. *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* is filled with honor and dry comedy.

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***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon (McKenna, Landers)**

Christopher Boone is a fifteen and has Asperger's: a form of autism. He knows a great deal about math and very little about human beings. When he finds his neighbors's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his world upside down. ***Mature Content**



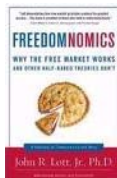
***The Fabulist* by Stephen Glass (B. Taylor)**

It is the summer of 1998, and Stephen Glass is a young magazine journalist whose work is gaining more and more acclaim — until a rival magazine tells Glass's editor that it suspects one of his stories is fabricated. As his editor sorts out the truth, Glass is busy inventing it — spinning rich and complex blends of fact and fiction, and exploiting the gray world in between.



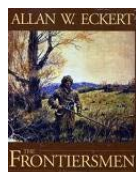
***Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers (Sislowski)**

A coming-of-age tale for young adults set in the trenches of the Vietnam War in the late 1960s, this is the story of Perry, a Harlem teenager who volunteers for the service when his dream of attending college falls through. Sent to the front lines, Perry and his platoon come face-to-face with the Vietcong and the real horror of warfare. But violence and death aren't the only hardships. As Perry struggles to find virtue in himself and his comrades, he questions why black troops are given the most dangerous assignments, and why the U.S. is even there at all. ***Mature Content**



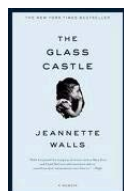
***Freedomnomics* by John R. Lott (Adams)**

Using clear and hard-hitting examples, Lott shows how free markets liberate the best, most creative, and most generous aspects of our society--while efforts to constrain economic liberty, no matter how well-intentioned, invariably lead to increased poverty and injustice.



***Frontiersman* by Allan W. Eckert (Knauss)**

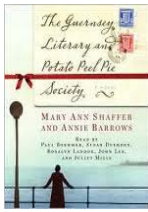
The sixth volume of Eckert's The Winning of America Series deals with the Northwest Territories and the Louisiana Purchase during the first half of the 19th century, and events before and during the Black Hawk War of 1832. Eckert recounts history through dramatized stories of individual heroes and scoundrels on both sides, augmented by voluminous endnotes, a bibliography, and an index. **Copyright 1981-- out of print. Used copies available through Amazon.**



***Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls (Reynolds, Landers)**

Jeannette Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and their salvation. Growing up in poverty, Jeannette's story is one of triumph against all odds, but also a tender, moving tale of unconditional love in a family that despite its profound flaws gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life on her own terms. ***Mature Content**

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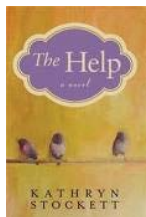
***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (Collins)**

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb? On a quest to research her book, Juliet engages in correspondence with natives of the British island and learns how a group of them survived through Nazi occupation, gathering together as the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. Mesmerized by their stories of courage, humanity and above all else, love and humor, Juliet sets off to the island. While there, she finds invaluable treasures in the characteristics of the landscape and people, and before long, she finds herself becoming a part of the story of Guernsey and the subject of her book is revealed.



***Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls (Barrett)**

"Those old cows knew trouble was coming before we did." So begins the story of Lily Casey Smith, Jeannette Walls's no-nonsense, resourceful, and spectacularly compelling grandmother. By age six, Lily was helping her father break horses. At fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town—riding five hundred miles on her pony, alone, to get to her job. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane. And, with her husband, Jim, she ran a vast ranch in Arizona. She raised two children, one of whom is Jeannette's memorable mother, Rosemary Smith Walls, unforgettably portrayed in *The Glass Castle*.



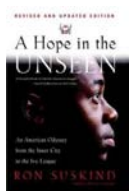
***The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (Bogart, Bueck, Ziemnik)**

Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is just home from college in 1962, and, anxious to become a writer, is advised to hone her chops by writing about what disturbs you. The budding social activist begins to collect the stories of the black women on whom the country club sets relies and mistrusts enlisting the help of Aibileen, a maid who's raised 17 children, and Aibileen's best friend Minny, who's found herself unemployed more than a few times after mouthing off to her white employers. The book Skeeter puts together based on their stories is scathing and shocking, bringing pride and hope to the black community, while giving Skeeter the courage to break down her personal boundaries and pursue her dreams. ***Mature Content**



***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams (McKenna)**

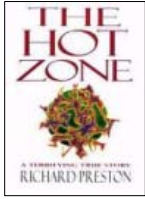
Don't leave Earth without this hilarious international bestseller about the end of the world and the happy-go-lucky days that follow...about the worst Thursday that ever happened and why the Universe is a lot safer if you bring a towel.



***A Hope in the Unseen* by Ron Suskind (Toner)**

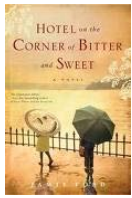
A Hope in the Unseen tells the story of Cedric Jennings, a bright and ferociously determined honor student at Ballou, a high school in one of Washington D.C.'s most dangerous neighborhoods. The book chronicles Cedric's odyssey during his last two years of high school, follows him through his difficult first year at Brown, and now tells the story of his subsequent successes in college and the world of work.

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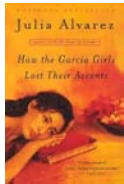
***The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston (Brokaw)**

A highly infectious, deadly virus from the central African rain forest suddenly appears in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. There is no cure. In a few days 90 percent of its victims are dead. A secret military SWAT team of soldiers and scientists is mobilized to stop the outbreak of this exotic "hot" virus. *The Hot Zone* tells this dramatic story, giving a hair-raising account of the appearance of rare and lethal viruses and their "crashes" into the human race. Shocking, frightening, and impossible to ignore, *The Hot Zone* proves that truth really is scarier than fiction.



***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford (Voight)**

Ford's strained debut concerns Henry Lee, a Chinese-American in Seattle who, in 1986, has just lost his wife to cancer. After Henry hears that the belongings of Japanese immigrants interned during WWII have been found in the basement of the Panama Hotel, the narrative shuttles between 1986 and the 1940s in a predictable story that chronicles the losses of old age and the bewilderment of youth. Henry recalls the difficulties of life in America during WWII when he and his Japanese-American school friend, Keiko, wandered through wartime Seattle.



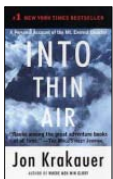
***How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents* by Julia Alvarez (Barkin)**

Acclaimed writer Julia Alvarez's brilliant and buoyant first novel tells the story of the García family's move from the Dominican Republic to New York City. Alvarez sets the García girls free to tell their most intimate stories about how they came to be at home—and not at home—in America.



***Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer (Knauss)**

In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. ***Mature Content**



***Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer (Schuler)**

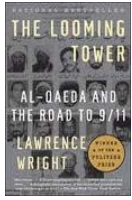
A childhood dream of someday ascending Mount Everest, a lifelong love of climbing, and an expense account all propelled writer Jon Krakauer to the top of the Himalayas last May. His powerful, cautionary tale of an adventure gone horribly wrong is a must-read.



***The Kindness of Strangers* by Don George (Sislowksi, Toppel)**

A timely collection of inspiring tales, *The Kindness of Strangers* explores the unexpected human connections that so often transform the experience of travel, and celebrates the gift of kindness around the world. **Available only through other sellers listed on B&N and Amazon**

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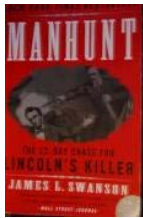
***The Looming Tower* by Lawrence Wright (Adams)**

A sweeping narrative history of the events leading to 9/11, a groundbreaking look at the people, ideas, terrorist plans, and the Western intelligence failures that culminated in the assault on America. Lawrence Wright's remarkable book is based on five years of research and hundreds of interviews that he conducted in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sudan, England, France, Germany, Spain, and the United States. Brilliantly conceived and written, *The Looming Tower* draws all elements of the story into a galvanizing narrative that adds immeasurably to our understanding of how we arrived at September 11, 2001.



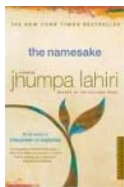
***Made to Stick* by Chip Heath & Dan Heath (Bernard)**

Why do some ideas thrive while others die? And how do we improve the chances of worthy ideas? In *Made to Stick*, accomplished educators and idea collectors Chip and Dan Heath tackle head-on these vexing questions. Inside, the brothers Heath reveal the anatomy of ideas that stick and explain ways to make ideas stickier, such as applying the “human scale principle,” using the “Velcro Theory of Memory,” and creating “curiosity gaps.”



***Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson (Schuler)**

The murder of Abraham Lincoln set off the greatest manhunt in American history — the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth. From April 14 to April 26, 1865, the assassin led Union cavalry and detectives on a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia, while the nation, still reeling from the just-ended Civil War, watched in horror and sadness. Based on rare archival materials and obscure trial transcripts, *Manhunt* is a fully documented work, but it is also a fascinating tale of murder, intrigue, and betrayal. A gripping hour-by-hour account told through the eyes of the hunted and the hunters, this is history as you've never read it before.



***The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri (Barkin, Bueck)**

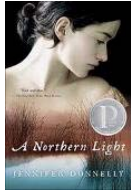
The Namesake takes the Ganguli family from their tradition-bound life in Calcutta through their fraught transformation into Americans. Lahiri explores the expectations bestowed on us by our parents and the means by which we come to define who we are.



***No Impact Man* by Colin Beavan (Draeger)**

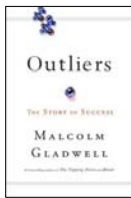
What does it really take to live eco-effectively? For one year, Colin Beavan swore off plastic and toxins, turned off his electricity, went organic, became a bicycle nut, and tried to save the planet from environmental catastrophe (while dragging his young daughter and his Prada-wearing wife along for the ride). Together they attempted to make zero impact on the environment while living right in the heart of Manhattan, and this is the sensational, funny, and consciousness-raising story tells how they did it. With *No Impact Man*, Beavan found that no-impact living is worthwhile—and richer, fuller, and more satisfying in the bargain.

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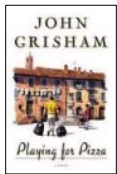
***A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly (Morbiter)**

Mattie no sooner starts work at a fancy hotel in the Adirondaks when a young female vacationer, Grace Brown, is found dead of an apparent drowning. Ironically, the victim had given Mattie a packet of love letters just before her disappearance with the order to burn them, but Mattie decides that her promise is no longer valid. As Mattie reads the letters, and unravels the mystery, she also discovers parallels between herself and Grace, and finds the courage to take control of her own destiny. This historical novel is based upon the murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser to write *An American Tragedy*.



***Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell (Wagner)**

In this stunning new book, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"—the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. Understand why the month of the year you were born in has a direct correlation to your athletic success. Learn the "10,000 Hour Rule," that shaped the Beatles, and Bill Gates. Why does the year you were born pre-determine the potential of your business venture? Questions, answers, and great discussion.



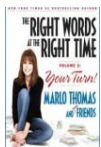
***Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham (Wagner)**

Rick Dockery, a national laughingstock NFL football player is drafted to play for the mighty Panthers of Parma, Italy. The Panthers desperately want a former NFL player--any former NFL player--at their helm. Follow Dockery, from a hospital bed in Cleveland, Ohio to Parma, Italy, and enjoy his journey to discover what is truly important in defining one's sense of self.



***The Prize Winner of Defiance Ohio* by Terry Ryan (Voight)**

Meet Evelyn Ryan, mother of ten, who keeps her family afloat during the "contest era" of the 1950s and 1960s by writing jingles and entering TV, radio, newspaper, and direct-mail contests. Told by one of her daughters, the memoir follows Evelyn's struggles to keep food on the table, a roof over their heads, and even presents under the Christmas tree while her husband drinks away his factory job wages. Underappreciated and underestimated, Evelyn wows both her children and her readers with her patience, wit, and determination to win for her family. And you won't believe the things she wins! The audio book (about four hours long) is perfect for a family car trip.



***The Right Words at the Right Time* by Marlo Thomas (Rose)**

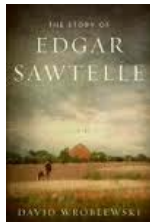
This is an inspiring collection of personal revelations from more than 100 remarkable men and women who share a moment when words changed their lives. Award-winning actress and bestselling author Marlo Thomas is joined by such luminaries as Muhammad Ali, Cal Ripken Jr., Steven Spielberg, Venus Williams, Toni Morrison, Jack Nicholson, Mel Brooks, and Katie Couric, who each tell a story of a crucial turning point in their lives brought about by the right words at the right time. These first-person accounts of challenges and victories can provide guidance to all of us as we come to life's crossroads. These original stories encompass life's struggles and adventures and demonstrate how people we admire found hope and inspiration through words delivered by family or friends, heard in a movie or play, sung on the radio, told in a joke, or even drawn in a cartoon.

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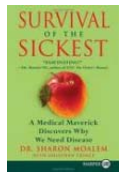
***Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay (Daugherty, Ziemnik, Reynolds)**

July 1942 marked a dark period in the history of France where thousands of Jewish families were rounded up and forcibly kept in the Velodrome d'Hiver. Based upon this seldom mentioned, little known piece of French history, author Tatiana de Rosnay has crafted a well-written novel that alternates between the past in 1942, and the present. The past follows the story of a 10-year-old girl at the time of the Parisian roundup, and the present story is that of an American journalist living in modern-day Paris on assignment to document and commemorate the historic event. As the journalist researches the events of the roundup, she finds her own family ties to the tragic events of July 1942.



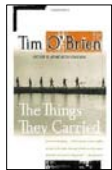
***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski (Daugherty)**

Born mute, and speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life on his family's farm in remote northern Wisconsin where they raise and train an extraordinary breed of dog. But when tragedy strikes, Edgar is forced to flee into the vast neighboring wilderness, accompanied by only three yearling pups. Struggling for survival, Edgar comes of age in the wild, and must face the choice of leaving forever or revealing the terrible truth behind what has happened.



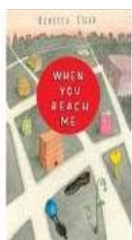
***Survival of the Sickest* by Sharon Moalem and Jonathan Prince (Liberatore)**

Joining the ranks of modern myth busters, Dr. Sharon Moalem turns our current understanding of illness on its head and challenges us to fundamentally change the way we think about our bodies, our health, and our relationship to just about every other living thing on earth: from plants and animals, to insects and bacteria.



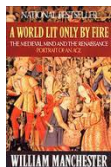
***The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien (Toner)**

The Things They Carried depicts the men of Alpha Company: Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman Bowker, Kiowa, and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three.



***When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead (Garver)**

By sixth grade, Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know how to navigate their New York City neighborhood. They know where it's safe to go, and they know who to avoid--like the crazy guy on the corner. But things start to unravel: Sal gets punched by a kid on the street for what seems like no reason, he shuts Miranda out of his life, the apartment key that Miranda's mom keeps hidden for emergencies is stolen...and then a mysterious note arrives scrawled on a tiny slip of paper. The notes keep coming, and Miranda slowly realizes that whoever is leaving them knows things no one should know. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death...until the final note makes her think she's too late.



***A World Lit Only by Fire* by William Manchester (Wilhelms)**

An informal history of the European Middle Ages structured into three sections. Author William Manchester suggests that the Middle Ages were ten centuries of technological stagnation, short-sightedness, bloodshed, feudalism, and an oppressive Church wedged between the golden ages of the Roman Empire and the Renaissance.

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