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## FICTION

**MYSTERY  
BUT** **BUTLER, Gwendoline**  
**Dread murder: a Major Mearns mystery**  
Butchered body parts, an eclectic team of sleuths, and a desirable maidservant, all come together in this cunning mystery set in the court of King George IV.

**FIC  
COL** **COLLINSWORTH, Eden**  
**It might have been what he said**  
What could drive an intelligent woman to try to kill her volatile author husband, father of their beloved young son?

**MYSTERY  
COT** **COTTERILL, Colin**  
**Disco for the departed: a Dr.Siri Paiboun mystery**  
National coroner Dr. Siri Paiboun must identify a corpse found embarrassingly near the former hideout of the new President of Laos.

**FIC  
DAR** **DARWIN, Emma**  
**The mathematics of love**  
We are in John Fowles territory with this story of a twentieth century girl who becomes fascinated with the tragic story of a nineteenth century veteran of the battle of Waterloo.

**FIC  
DOI** **DOIG, Ivan**  
**The whistling season**  
An eccentric housekeeper and her brother have much to contribute to the lives of widower Oliver Milliron and his children and to the rural Montana town in which they live.

**FIC  
GIL** **GILMORE, Jennifer**  
**Golden country**  
A cast of Jewish American immigrant characters, witness to and shaped by the events of the early twentieth century, come to embody America's strengths as well as its flaws.

**MYSTERY  
HAD** **HADDAM, Jane**  
**Hardscrabble road**  
Gregor Demarkian finds more than enough candidates with a motive for murdering a Philadelphia radio host, including a nun and a Nobel Prize-winner.

**FIC  
HIA** **HIAASEN, Carl**  
**Nature girl**  
It takes place in Dismal Key – need we say more? As always, the author skewers greed and vanity in the Sunshine State with a story of outrageous mayhem on the blurred edges of crime.

**FIC  
HOP** **HOPE, Christopher**  
**My mother's lovers**  
His mother was one of those dashing white settlers, like Isak Dinesen, who made all of Africa her playground, and her heterogeneous legacy to Alexander includes a capacity for love of a country and a woman.

**MYSTERY  
KAM** **KAMINSKY, Stuart**  
**Terror town**  
Dogged Chicago policeman Abe Lieberman has been described as “a figure out of Talmudic lore” who uses his head and heart more than his gun.

**FIC  
KOU** **KOUROUMA, Ahmadou**  
**Allah is not obliged**  
This searing story told in the wretched voice of a 10-year-old boy soldier forced into military service in Liberia, won France's prestigious *Prix Renaudot*.

**FIC**  
**MCC**      **MCCALL SMITH, Alexander**  
**Dream Angus**  
With the lightest of touches, the creator of Precious Ramotswe introduces the Celtic god of love and dreams into five tales of modern dreamers. This is among the three new titles in the *Myths series*.

**FIC**  
**MCG**      **MCGAHAN, Andrew**  
**The white earth**  
“Highlights the tensions between the descendants of Australia’s settlers and today’s Aborigenes as the sins of the past come back to haunt a new generation.”

**FIC**  
**MAH**      **MAHEU, Layne**  
**Song of the crow**  
The story of Noah and the ark is narrated by a crow, who raises fundamental questions about man’s relationship to the divine and about free will and survival.

**MYSTERY**  
**MEY**      **MEYER, Deon**  
**Dead before dying**  
Translated from the Afrikaans, this story of serial murder is set against the background of modern South Africa.

**FIC**  
**MOR**      **MORGAN, Jude**  
**Symphony**  
An adventurous young Irish actress becomes the toast of 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris and the muse of Hector Berlioz.

**MYSTERY**  
**MOR**      **MORTIMER, John**  
**Rumpole and reign of terror**  
The old darling of Pommeroy’s Wine Bar, Horace Rumpole, continues to fight injustice in defiance of New Labour’s anti-terrorism laws.

**FIC**  
**NEL**      **NELSON, Antonya**  
**Some fun: stories and a novella**  
Stories that explore the tensions between parents and children, husbands and wives, and especially the difficulties of adolescence.

**MYSTERY**  
**NES**      **NESSER, Hakan**  
**Borkmann’s Point**  
Swedish Inspector Van Veeteren has a legendary reputation, but this is the first time he has confronted a serial axe murderer.

**GRAPHICA**  
**NIF**      **NIFFENEGGER, Audrey**  
**The adventuress**  
A fantastical graphic novel from the author of the successful *The Time Traveler’s Wife*.

**FIC**  
**OFL**      **O’FLANAGAN, Sheila**  
**Yours, faithfully**  
Two women, one hoping to start a family, the other married for twenty years, discover they have a lot more in common than they realized when life comes up and smacks them in the face.

**GRAPHICA**  
**PEK**      **PEKAR, Harvey**  
**The quitter**  
The author’s youthful self, the angry son of Jewish immigrants in Cleveland, is the anti-hero of this unsparing autobiographical novel.

**STORIES**  
**PEN**      **THE PENGUIN BOOK OF CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN WOMEN’S SHORT STORIES**  
And what great writers there are in this anthology selected by Lisa Moore, from Mavis Gallant and Alice Munro to Emma Richler and Madeleine Thien.

**FIC**  
**PAR**      **PARSIPUR, Shahrnush**  
**Touba and the meaning of night**  
“Distills eight decades of Iranian history,” from the British and Russian colonial eras to the Islamic Revolution, via the character of an intelligent and adventurous woman.

**FIC  
ROB**      **ROBERT, Paul Williams**  
**Homeland**  
In the wasteland that is fortress America in 2050, a disillusioned centenarian former foreign policy advisor contemplates the cynical re-branding of the U.S.A as US-Global.

**MYSTERY  
ROW**      **ROWLAND, Laura Joh**  
**Red chrysanthemum**  
Sano Ichiro, the Japanese Samurai detective untangles another court intrigue, this time against the life of the ruling shogun.

**FIC  
SHA**      **SHAARA, Jeff**  
**The rising tide**  
A novelisation of the early years of America's involvement in WWII focuses on the North African and the Italian campaigns and brings to life Generals Eisenhower, Patton, Mark Clark and others.

**MYSTERY  
SHA**      **SHAW, Catherine**  
**The library paradox**  
Vanessa Weatherburn, wife of a nineteenth century Cambridge professor, somehow manages to combine motherhood with solving academic mysteries.

**FIC  
SMI**      **SMITH, Lee**  
**On Agate Hill**  
Molly Petree, a teenage survivor of the American Civil War pursues a dashing, headstrong life into a new century, living to witness the Roaring Twenties.

**FIC  
SPA**      **SPARKS, Nicholas**  
**Dear John**  
Returning from service in the Balkans, a U.S. soldier must come to terms with the fact that the girl he loves has married someone else.

**MYSTERY  
STE**      **STEINHAUER, Olen**  
**Liberation movements**  
Politics, intrigue and murder blend in this dark story set in an unnamed Eastern European country in 1975. From the author of *36 Yalta Boulevard*.

**MYSTERY  
TAY**      **TAYLOR, D.J.**  
**Kept: a Victorian mystery**  
Victorian in manner as well as in setting, this is an elaborate yarn in Dickensian mode.

**MYSTERY  
TRE**      **TREMAYNE, Peter**  
**A prayer for the damned**  
On the eve of the marriage of Fidelma to Eadulf, a reportedly pious abbot is found murdered: another mystery set in ancient Ireland.

**FIC  
TRO**      **TROTTIER, Maxine**  
**Three songs for courage**  
A boy comes of age in an Ontario lakeside town in the summer of 1956, as teen culture is just beginning to sense its powers.

**FIC  
WIN**      **WINEGARDNER, Mark**  
**The godfather's revenge**  
Authorized by the late Mario Puzo, this concludes the saga of the Mafia family, the Corleones.

**MYSTERY  
WIN**      **WINSPEAR, Jacqueline**  
**Messenger of truth**  
Psychologist Maisie Dobbs once more uncovers "the dark legacy of the Great War in a society struggling to recollect itself," 1930s London.

## BIOGRAPHY

- B**  
**C911b**      **BRAY, Kingsley**  
**Crazy Horse: a Lakota life**  
Places the 19<sup>th</sup> century tribal warrior chief in the context of Lakota society and culture, and interprets his impact on white Americans. Part of the comprehensive *Civilization of the American Indian* series.
- 920**  
**C737**      **THE COMPANY THEY KEPT: WRITERS ON UNFORGETTABLE FRIENDSHIPS**  
Memoirs written for the *New York Review of Books* record intense relationships, personal and intellectual. Includes Saul Bellow on John Cheever, Oliver Sacks on Francis Crick and Anna Akhmatova on Modigliani.
- B**  
**W9131g**      **GLENDENNING, Victoria**  
**Leonard Woolf: a biography**  
He was something of an outsider within the intimate Bloomsbury set, but the scholarly man from a prosperous London Jewish family, who abandoned a career in colonial Ceylon in order to devote his life to troubled writer Virginia Stephen, exerted a powerful influence on the British intellectual and political scene and was a remarkable complex and engaging individual, as evinced by this nuanced portrait.
- B**  
**O812h**      **HEILPERN, John**  
**John Osborne: the many lives of the angry young man**  
The author, British born and educated, but for more than twenty years a journalist and academic in New York, was given the unique privilege of reading the controversial and pugnacious playwright's private journals and seeks to make sense of the fear, grief and depression they record.
- B**  
**C7524h**      **HODES, Martha**  
**The sea captain's wife**  
Eunice Connolly was a white American woman who fell in love with a black man after the Civil War and followed him to the remote West Indies, recording her story in letters that describe a remarkable improvement in her happiness and status. She was one of the author's forebears.

- B**  
**H529m**      **MANN, William**  
**Kate: the woman who was Hepburn**  
Recreates the life and career of actress Katharine Hepburn with appropriate intelligence and compassion.
- B**  
**M6833a3**      **MITFORD, Jessica**  
**Decca: the letters of Jessica Mitford**  
She was the Mitford sister who ran away to the Spanish Civil War, joined the communist Party and made her living as a muckraking journalist (*The American Way of Death*) and wit in the U.S. Besides her flamboyant sisters, correspondents included Katherine Graham, Maya Angelou and Miss Manners.
- B**  
**R827a2**      **ROSSANT, Colette**  
**The world in my kitchen**  
“The misadventures of a (mostly) French woman in America.” Fifty years ago this Parisienne joined her American architect husband in New York and travelled the world, exploring cuisine and culture, whilst raising four children and, presumably not getting fat.
- B**  
**H272t**      **TOMALIN, Claire**  
**Thomas Hardy: the time torn man**  
One of the great Victorian novelists, he lived to become one of the great 20<sup>th</sup>-century poets. This study of a paradoxical individual, son of a village builder, is marked by the humanity and insight that imbued the author's *Samuel Pepys: the Unequalled Self*.
- B**  
**T8292t**      **TRILLIN, Calvin**  
**About Alice**  
A loving tribute from the *New Yorker* author to his late wife, herself a gifted writer, teacher and mother, who featured in many of his antic tales of family life, and with whom he shared forty happy years.

## HISTORY & POLITICS

- 297.63  
A73b**      **ARMSTRONG, Karen**  
**Muhammad: a prophet for our time**  
This brief and lively biography in the *Eminent Lives* series gives a clear account of the origins of the Islamic faith and sets it in the context of today's global crises.
- 951.5  
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**Lhasa: streets with memories**  
As he unravels the secrets of this multi-layered city, the author, a Columbia University lecturer in Modern Tibetan Studies, explains the complex political, social and intellectual history of a country making a painful transition to modernity.
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The Pope addresses the issue of European identity and the moral and cultural malaise that puts all Western democracies at risk.
- 955.05  
G412**      **GHEISSARI, Ali**  
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Analysis of the last one hundred years of Iran's history leads the authors to conclude that, appearances to the contrary, Iran has made significant progress towards democracy, and that, while it is by no means a democratic state at present, it is poised to produce the first indigenous democratic movement in the Muslim world.
- 327.71  
G684**      **GOTLIEB, Allan**  
**The Washington diaries, 1981-1989**  
Canada's former ambassador to the U.S. offers a witty and candid account of the major political events of his tenure – the U.S. invasion of Grenada, the Iran-Contra scandal, the Canada-U.S. free-trade agreement – as well as more intimate snapshots of social life in the U.S. capital.

- 901  
H766**      **HOMER-DIXON, Thomas**  
**The upside of down: catastrophe, creativity and the renewal of civilization**  
The director of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and professor of political science at U of T analyses the problems that threaten contemporary society and considers the possibility that we can avert collapse in a way the Roman Empire, for instance, could not.
- 297.122  
L419**      **LAWRENCE, Bruce**  
**The Qur'an: a biography**  
One of the *Books that Shook the World* series, this is a short and readable account of a widely misunderstood sacred book which contains the essence of Islam.
- 940.5318  
L664a**      **LEVI, Primo**  
**Auschwitz report**  
This first English translation of one of the earliest pieces of Holocaust testimony, dating from 1945, when the author of *The Periodic Table* and *If Not Now, When?* was awaiting his return to Italy from a Russian holding camp in Poland.
- 297.8042  
N264**      **NASR, Vali**  
**The Shia revival**  
How conflicts within Islam, especially the age-old struggle between Sunni and Shia, will shape the Muslim world and its relations with the West.
- 663.2  
P386**      **PELLACHIA, Thomas**  
**Wine: the 8,000-year-old story of the wine trade**  
A social history of the impact of wine making and trading reveals its impact on cultures from the earliest civilized times to the present. Will appeal to lovers of history as well as lovers of wine.
- 940.5421  
S443**      **SEBAG-MONTEFIORE, Hugh**  
**Dunkirk: fight to the last man**  
Brings to life one of the most heroic episodes of WWII: the courageous actions of those troops who gave their all to fend off the Germany Army in France and allow invaluable battalions to retreat in safety to Britain to fight another day.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

- 759.11  
B6631** **BRUNO BOBAK: THE FULL PALETTE**  
An overview of the life and work of one of Canada's most illustrious artists, who started out in WWII as our youngest Official War Artist, married artist Molly Lamb and became best known for his large-scale figurative paintings in the expressionist style.
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C737** **THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO CALLIGRAPHY**  
This Firefly publication offers an introduction to the craft and 45 step-by-step projects that will help enthusiasts master scripts of the West and the East.
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Meet the legendary pioneers of American film from Fritz Lang to Stanley Kramer. Of interest to aspiring directors and movie aficionados alike.
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E64K** **EPSTEIN, Nicky**  
**Knitting beyond the edge: cuffs and collars, necklines, corners and edges, closures**  
Decorative touches to add that "je ne sais quoi" to your creations.
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M866** **MORNU, Nathalie**  
**Contemporary bead and wire jewelry**  
Wouldn't you love a "spring blossom ring" or a "Mardi Gras bracelet"? here are the what and the how of making these fashion items.
- 759.4  
R699** **ROE, Sue**  
**The private lives of the Impressionists**  
Set against the transformation of Paris that followed the Franco Prussian War, this is an intimate account of the unconventional lives and professional trials of the group of painters who eventually became the world's favourite artists.

**709  
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**SCHAMA, Simon**  
**Simon Schama' power of art**

"Great art has dreadful manners" begins this study of eight great "heroes of art": Caravaggio, Bernini, Rembrandt, David, Turner, Van Gogh, Picasso and Rothko.

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**VARNE DOE, Kirk**  
**Pictures of nothing: abstract art since Pollock**

Chief curator of painting and sculpture at MOMA until 2001, the author delivered these valedictory lectures at Washington's National Gallery short months before his death. They express his confidence in the enduring value of nonrepresentational art of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## FAR HORIZONS

**916.6  
B456**

**BENANAR, Michael**  
**Men of salt: crossing the Sahara or the caravan of white gold**

An adventurous young American made this dangerous forty day trek into the unmapped heart of the desert to record a dying way of life.

**910.09142  
B889**

**BRUEMMER, Fred**  
**Islands of fate**

This respected wildlife photographer and writer takes us from Charles Darwin's "little world" of the Galapagos to the island home of the Komodo dragon and twenty-one other remote and unusual locales.

**333.956  
C647**

**CLOVER, Charles**  
**The end of the line**

"How overfishing is changing the world and what we eat." It's fashionable and it's healthy (mostly) but worldwide our favourite fish are in danger of extinction.

**551.518  
D494**

**DE VILLIERS, Marq**  
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As part of the planet's self-regulatory system, wind helps make life on earth possible, but it can also be tremendously destructive. In the process of explaining the science of wind, the author also touches on the history of mankind's relationship to this force of nature.

- 915.5 E46** **ELLIOT, Jason**  
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 Three years travel in what is popularly depicted as a “rogue” nation revealed the rich history and culture of ancient Persia and a glimmer of hope for modern Iran despite the defiant pronouncements of its leaders.
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 This remarkable American pioneered the illustrated entertaining lecture around the U.S. and left a fabulous legacy of slides and film, which forms the substance of this compendium.
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 The adventurous French photo-journalist has compiled ten years of awe-inspiring photographs in tribute to the North Pole, the region and its inhabitants, and as a record of the dire consequences of global warming for the region and a way of life.
- 362.87 S161** **SALBI, Zainab**  
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 These powerful photo-essays look at the lives of women from the Balkans to South American and Africa, who are rebuilding their families and communities in the wake of conflict.
- 770.92 W756** **WILTSIE, Gordon**  
**To the ends of the earth**  
 Marvel at the adventures and images of an expedition photographer with intrepid explorers through the Arctic and Antarctic, Tibet and Nepal, Patagonia and other challenging destinations.

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 Self help for relationships.
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 Psychology for dog owners.
- 793.2 S447** **SEDARIS, Amy**  
**I like you: hospitality under the influence**  
 Light-hearted, down-to-earth home entertaining for every budget and every occasion from a Manhattan comedy writer.
- 401.93 Y22** **YANG, Charles**  
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 A professor of linguistics and psychology draws on recent developments in these fields and in biology and neurology to demonstrate the largely subconscious process by which children acquire their mother tongue. Stories of his own experience with his young son enliven the theoretical discourse.
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