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PAULINE BONAPARTE: VENUS OF EMPIRE  FLORA FRASER
A fascinating figure in her own right, Pauline Bonaparte was deeply loyal to her brother, Napoleon. Noted for her looks and passions, she was immortalized by Antonio Canova’s statue, a copy of which may be seen at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. 287pp., illus.

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

ARCHITECTURE IN CONSERVATION  JAMES STRIKE
A look at the need to respond sensitively to the limitations of an environment when adapting or adding to historic properties. 163pp., illus.

THE GARDNER HEIST  ULRICH BOSER
One museum, two thieves, and the Boston underworld. The story behind the lost Gardner masterpieces and the art detective who vowed to get them back. 260pp., illus.

GILDED MANSIONS  WAYNE CRAVEN
The colorful story of America’s first millionaire society. 383pp., illus.

HISTORIC SYNAGOGUES OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE DELAWARE VALLEY  JULIAN H. PREISLER
Mr. Preisler catalogues Jewish houses of worship, both past and present, in this short work of photographs and brief descriptions. Of particular note is Beth Shalom in Elkins Park, which is the only synagogue in the United States designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and is also one of only four United States synagogues listed as a National Historic Landmark. 127pp., illus.

PHILADELPHIA ROWHOUSE MANUAL  RACHEL SIMMONS SCHADE, AIA
A practical guide for Philadelphia rowhouse homeowners. 49pp., illus.
BIOGRAPHY

**A LIFE IN TWILIGHT: THE FINAL YEARS OF J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER**  
MIKE WOLVERTON  
Most remember Oppenheimer, the brilliant atomic physicist, as leader of the Manhattan Project and “father of the atomic bomb.” However, many have forgotten that Oppenheimer was accused of having Communist leaning during the McCarthy era. Philadelphia based author Wolverton examines the final years of this complex man’s attempts to restore his reputation amidst the pop culture of the 1960’s.  
339pp., illus.

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Now in her 91st year, Athill reflects on her age, the losses and the gains that it brings.  
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Adolph Eichmann was the operational manager of Hitler’s “final solution,” the monstrously evil plan to commit genocide upon the entire Jewish race with ruthless, mechanical efficiency. This book uses newly declassified information to provide a detailed account of how Israel’s new spy agency tracked, captured, and secretly transported Eichmann back to Israel to stand trial in 1961.  
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Kairys’ memoir of his time as a Civil Rights lawyer during a turbulent time in American History.  
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Historian Richard Beeman captures the debate and the characters of the men who labored to create a government that would allow America to flourish.  
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John Freely
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Tom Coyne
Coyne’s humorous documentation of his recent trip to Ireland, where he traveled the country golfing and finding his heritage. 311pp., illus.

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Author Joseph T. Hallinan has won the Pulitzer Prize and recently reported for The Wall Street Journal. His latest work examines the reasons behind human error, from various points of view. 283pp.

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A story of familial love when two parents must endure haunting obstacles in order to find their teenage daughter. 349pp.

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Post WWII, a British author begins corresponding with members of an exclusive club in the British Isle of Guernsey and discovers a literary underworld formerly protecting citizens from Nazi persecution. 278pp.
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Detective Michael Bennett must stop a killer dubbed the “Teacher” from continuing to punish the poorly mannered elite of New York. 373pp.

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A riveting tale of suspense about a successful young woman who, lying in her hospital bed after a horrific car accident plunges her into a coma, realizes that although she is unable to see or communicate she can hear everything. 369pp.

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A small child is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. Adopted by the dock master and his wife, her sense of self is shattered on her twenty-first birthday when they tell her the truth. She begins to retrace her identity, but it is only until her death that her granddaughter is able to completely piece together the woman’s mysterious past. The Forgotten Garden is a novel of outer and inner journeys and homage to the power of story telling.  
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The true, less glamorous and far more interesting depiction of Bonnie and Clyde, which brings readers the dangerous history of two youths from a filthy Dallas slum who fell in love and traded their lives for a brief bout of excitement and more importantly, fame.  
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BIOGRAPHY

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BRAD GOOCH
The first major biography of one of the greatest writers of the 20th century, Flannery O’Connor.  
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RUTH REICHL
Reichl embarks on a clear-eyed, openhearted investigation of her mother’s life, piecing together the journey of a woman she comes to realize she never really knew.  
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JONATHAN BATE
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DAN BAUM  
A multi-voiced biography of the dazzling and surreal city of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.  
335pp.

TRAVEL

ANCIENT SHORE: DISPATCHES FROM NAPLES  
SHIRLEY HAZZARD AND FRANCIS STEEGMULLER  
The author’s (and her late husband’s) writings are an elegy to the literary history of this South Italian city, which lives in the precarious shadow of Mount Vesuvius.  
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A German couple in Berlin during WWII, who recently lost their only son, begin a campaign against the Third Reich and the ruthless Gestapo. Based on a true story. 543pp.

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An exploration into a family’s struggle with love and loss as a caring mother and wife is diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. 273pp.

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A man inspired by music loses everything he holds dear; despondent, he begins a distanced relationship with a wild Irish rock star that ultimately breathes passion and life back into his morose existence. 250pp.

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A young girl moves into her estranged father’s house in a secluded community and quickly falls in love with a boy with an incredible façade and a dark secret. 498pp.

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A chronicle of Gustave Eiffel’s struggle to erect his iron giant after winning the contract to build the centerpiece to the 1889 World’s Fair. Now regarded as a universal beauty, the Eiffel Tower was met with harsh criticism and numerous setbacks. In addition to spotlighting Eiffel, Jonnes features other iconic figures that brought allure to the fair, such as Paul Gauguin, Thomas Edison, and Buffalo Bill. 354pp., illus.

THE SWEET LIFE IN PARIS  DAVID LEBOVITZ
David Lebovitz reveals his experiences after he moves to Paris following a prosperous career as a San Francisco chef and comically struggles with adjusting to Paris’s eccentric way of life; for instance, he encounters rigorous eating rituals, odd men’s fashions, and banks without any money. Complete with recipes! 228pp., illus.

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An insight into Gustave Eiffel’s struggle to erect his iron skeleton in the heart of Paris as well as a look at other personalities from the 1889 Paris Exposition, such as Buffalo Bill and Thomas Edison. 354pp., illus.

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An illustrative look at several prominent female landscape architects during the Golden Age of country homes. 304pp., illus.

ROGUES’ GALLERY  MICHAEL GROSS
The secret history of the moguls and the money that made the Metropolitan Museum. Gross provides readers with an unauthorized look at the saga of the nation’s greatest museum and the sins and crimes behind some of its treasures. 545pp.

BIOGRAPHY

THE FIRST TYCOON  T.J. STILES
Featuring the epic life of Cornelius Vanderbilt and encompassing details of his personal life in addition to his business endeavors. 719pp., illus.
GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ
The first full and authorized biography of the 1982 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. 642pp., illus.

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At first a dutiful, patriotic soldier, Philip quickly became disgusted by the Third Reich and joined the resistance in a plot to assassinate Hitler and Heinrich Himmler. 211pp., illus.

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A comprehensive investigation into America’s large urban regions and the metropolitan inequalities that plague the respective residents; by observing planning and patterns the authors identify the faults and the players hindering and helping the bleak situation. 224p., illus.

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