

ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

September 2010
(Books purchased for August 2010)

FEATURED SELECTIONS

BAYSHORE SUMMER

PETE DUNNE

Forget the crowds and noise of the boardwalks and explore the Bayshore area of New Jersey. Dunne invites readers to discover the resplendent world of floral and faunal treasures that many of us have unwittingly bypassed en route to the shore. He also introduces us to the great migrations, predators, fishermen and farmers of the Garden State. 262 p., ill.

TWILIGHT AT THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

JAMES MAURO

Summer 1939: a time of optimism, inventions, and dreams brought on by the New York World's Fair. Unfortunately these great things would soon spiral into hidden drama, failures, and eventually global fear with World War II brewing. The history unfolds alongside accounts of the politicians, scientists, and celebrities of the time. 401 p., ill.

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

AESOP'S MIRROR

MARYALICE HUGGINS

The purchase of a wonderfully carved mirror ignites a search for the details behind the masterpiece. Delving into the smallest nooks of 19th century American history, Huggins, a gilder and antiques restorer, shares the sometimes inglorious world of high-end antiquing. 270 p., ill.

EDGAR MILLER AND THE HANDMADE HOME

RICHARD CALAN & MICHAEL WILLIAM

This book contains over 400 color photographs focused on the novel designs (stained-glass, mosaic, sculptures, murals, and carvings) that Miller used to decorate four art studios in Chicago. (**Does not circulate by mail.*) 391 p., ill.

GOLDEN GATE

KEVIN STARR

The history of the iconic bridge and the formidable obstacles engineers faced: ocean currents, gusty winds, and the infamous fog. 215 p., ill.

PICTURING PLANTS

GILL SAUNDERS

Botanical illustration features a history not to be missed! The stunning images, some of which are previously unpublished, have been taken from varied sources from field guides to gardening manuals, made as woodcuts, scientific drawings, or vivid seed packets. 153 p., ill.

BIOGRAPHY

CATHERINE deMEDICI: RENAISSANCE QUEEN OF FRANCE

LEONIE FRIEDA*

An engaging portrait of Catherine's role in shaping 16th century France. In Frieda's debut biography, Catherine's courage, ruthlessness, and determination to survive the political tumult of her era shine through. 440 p., ill.

CHEERFUL MONEY

With a family legacy of academically brilliant boozehounds and depressives, this memoir reveals one WASP's coming-of-age journey during the 1970s, while trying to break free from his inherited darkness. **TAD FRIEND♣** 351 p., ill.

THE TEMPTRESS

Spicer presents a tantalizing, captivating biography of Alice de Janzé, a Midwestern socialite heiress who threw herself into the scandalous Happy Valley of Kenya in 1925. By 1941, she was caught up in the murder of British earl Joss Erroll, leading to her reckless demise. **PAUL SPICER+** 262 p., ill.

AUDIOBOOKS**THE REMBRANDT AFFAIR (10 CDs)**

Gabriel Allon planned for a relaxing getaway with his wife along the cliffs of Cornwall. Instead he is roped into an art-world murder that sends him across the globe in search of clues. **DANIEL SILVA**

A SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING (5 CDs)

Bryson poses burning questions to experts of varying scientific fields (paleontology, chemistry, astronomy, physics) and relates them with entertaining comprehensibility. **BILL BRYSON★**

TRAVEL**EYEWITNESS TRAVEL: LONDON**

447 p., ill.

EYEWITNESS TRAVEL TOP TEN: BUDAPEST

128 p., ill.

EYEWITNESS TRAVEL TOP TEN: ST. PETERSBURG

128 p., ill.

BUSINESS**FREEFALL**

As the recipient of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics, Stiglitz shares his authoritative and insightful eye on the Great Recession. **JOSPEH E. STIGLITZ★** 361 p.

HISTORY & POLITICS**BLOOD, IRON & GOLD**

An extensive history of the innovations of railway technology that shaped transportation across the globe. **CHRISTIAN WOLMAR** 376 p., ill.

CITIZENS OF LONDON

This book illustrates the amazing influence of personal diplomacy, and how three men built the bridge that held the USA and UK together during the darkest hours of World War II. **LYNNE OLSON** 471 p., ill.

EMPIRE OF THE SUMMER MOON

Here are two tales from the American West. The first is the history of the masterful Comanche Indians. The second traces Quanah, the mix-blooded final chief of the Comanches. **S. C. GWYNNE** 371 p., ill.

THE PACIFIC**HUGH AMBROSE★**

Here is a thoroughly-researched account of the Pacific War, and a companion book to the HBO miniseries. Ambrose uses the photographs and letters of five American combatants to trace the personal impact of World War II. 489 p., ill.

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THE WAR THAT KILLED ACHILLES**CAROLINE ALEXANDER**

Using Achilles' sacrifice as her lens, classics scholar Caroline Alexander discusses the themes of Homer's *Illiad*. She provides insightful commentary on questions posed by the text (the consequences and context of glory through warfare) and urges present-day society to turn a similar lens on itself. 296 p.

WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED**GAIL COLLINS+**

Collins recounts the fascinating journey of American women beginning in 1960 and ending with our current First Lady. The timeline is punctuated with testimonies from both women who made their mark as well as everyday woman-next-door types. 471 p., ill.

MISCELLANEOUS**BAYSHORE SUMMER****PETE DUNNE**

Explore the Bayshore area of New Jersey and all of its tucked-away treasures. Pete Dunne creates this surprising portrait of the Bayshore to spread appreciation and knowledge of the beauty it has to offer. 262 p., ill.

THE GARDENER'S COLOR PALETTE**TOM FISCHER**

This beautifully photographed gardening guide suggests 100 flowers that could add colorful themes to a lackluster garden. The guide groups flowers by color for easy design coordination and includes planting/maintenance tips as well. 236 p., ill.

97 ORCHARD**JANE ZIEGELMAN**

Follow the struggle of five immigrant families in one New York tenement at the turn of the twentieth century. The ingenuity of the immigrant cooks shines as they follow traditions yet always allow for innovation. 251 p., ill.

TELLING TIMES**NADINE GORDIMER**

This stunning compendium contains all ninety-one pieces of Gordimer's perceptive, politicized journalism. Gordimer's contributions to South African literature and her emotional genius won her the 1991 Nobel Prize for Literature. 742 p.

FICTION**AN AMERICAN TYPE****HENRY ROTH**

This Depression-era novel follows Ira Stigman as he meanders from New York City to Los Angeles, struggling to reconcile his immigrant roots and the plush life he built. This is Roth's posthumously published final novel. 283 p.

THE CONCUBINE'S DAUGHTER**PAI KIT FAI**

As the daughter of a concubine in rural China, Li-Xia's prescribed destiny is to follow in her mother's footsteps. Denying her fate, the young girl runs away on a journey that takes her to mountain refuges and perilous Hong Kong during World War II. 496 p.

THE COOKBOOK COLLECTOR**ALLEGRA GOODMAN**

Sisters Emily and Jessamine Bach are polar opposites in every aspect of life, from career paths to romance. The two intertwine in a charismatic story that explores the negotiations of personal virtues in the modern world. 394 p.

CORDUROY MANSIONS**ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH+**

The author of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* brings another equally engaging cast of characters, this time set amidst mansions in London's Pimlico neighborhood. 353 p., ill.

A FIERCE RADIANCE**LAUREN BELFER+**

In the early days of World War II, Claire Shipley works as a New York photojournalist following the story of the new "miracle drug," penicillin. Along the way she finds herself caught in a whirlwind of new love, painful memories, and a suspicious murder that may have links to her own family. 530 p.

FLY AWAY HOME**JENNIFER WEINER+**

Follow the roller coaster journey of the three Woodruff women: Sylvie, Diana, and Lizzie. As the wife and daughters of politician Richard Woodruff, they are thrown into the harsh spotlight following Richard's extramarital affair, fostering a bond between them stronger than ever before. 401 p.

KINGS OF THE EARTH**JON CLINCH**

In an upstate New York town, the three Proctor brothers live a rather primitive lifestyle. Their seemingly static world is shaken when the middle of the three is found dead in his sleep, throwing the remaining two brothers into a whirlwind of suspicion and a deeply intimate search for support. 393 p.

LAYOVER IN DUBAI**DAN FESPERMAN+**

Sam Keller has been hired to spy on a fellow employee while traveling with their company. Surrounded by the not-so-glamorous lifestyle of Dubai, he tries to simultaneously wrestle with the city's mysterious forces and solve the case at hand. 287 p.

LET THE GREAT WORLD SPIN**COLUM McCANN☼**

A tightrope walker teeters between the Twin Towers while the author leaps between characters, providing a robust view of New York lifestyles in August of 1974. 375 p.

THE MARKS OF CAIN**TON KNOX**

A young lawyer unearths horrific murders when he follows an ancient map of Basque country given to him by his dying grandfather. 438 p.

POINT OMEGA**DON DeLILLO**

Retired defense intellectual Richard Elster is the lone subject of a documentary. Joined in the desert by his daughter and the filmmaker, tender intimacy is disrupted by tragedy. 117 p.

THE REMBRANDT AFFAIR**DANIEL SILVA+**

Gabriel Allon planned for a relaxing getaway with his wife along the cliffs of Cornwall. Instead he is roped into an art-world murder that sends him across the globe in search of clues. 484 p., ill.

RULES OF BETRAYAL**CHRISTOPHER REICH**

The third book in the series finds Jonathan Ranson with a major conflict. He must choose between searching for his missing wife (a double-agent who recently betrayed him) or preventing a weapon of mass destruction from being acquired by a dangerous terrorist, both of which have an uncertain outcome. 372 p.

SHADOW ZONE**IRIS & ROY JOHANSEN+**

Marine architect Hannah Bryson is on a mission to discover what caused the demise of the lost city Marinth. When a lethal artifact is stolen, she must regain its possession before it alters the world as we know it. 372 p.

STAR ISLAND**CARL HIAASEN+**

Cherry Pye is a 22-year-old pop singer who has had her fair share of encounters with drugs and alcohol recently. Ann, Cherry's stunt double who distracts the paparazzi on the darkest days, is kidnapped in a case of mistaken identity. Will Ann be rescued or is Cherry's entourage too under the influence to notice? 337 p.

THE THOUSAND AUTUMNS OF JACOB DEZOET**DAVID MITCHELL**

Dejima, Nagasaki Harbor, 1799: a place of natural disaster and human deceit. Young tradesman Jacob DeZoet falls for a Japanese midwife, despite a fiancée awaiting his return in Holland. As social mores entangle their courtship, the stage moves from the small Dutch enclave to the mainland. 479 p.

DETECTIVES**THE BLACK MINUTES****MARTÍN SOLARES**

This highly praised debut novel is a tale of the cop underworld and the search for truth. Solares' macabre, complex writing enriches this insightful Latin American crime novel. 435 p.

THE BLOOD OF LORRAINE**BARBARA CORRADO POPE**

At the turn of the 20th century, Magistrate Bernard Martin and his wife move to the town of Nancy in Lorraine, France, only to realize the racial and political tensions overwhelming their new locale. Members of Nancy's Jewish community are being found dead. Martin must get to the head of the operations before the town is completely ravaged by anti-Semitism. 367 p.

BONES OF CONTENTION**JEANNE MATTHEWS**

This densely plotted mystery, set in the remote Australian Outback, revolves around Dinah Pelerin's family. Secrets and complications come out of the woodwork when Dinah's uncle reveals his desire to commit suicide. 304 p.

DEATH ON THE AEGEAN QUEEN**MARIA HUDGINS♦**

The third in the Dotsy Lamb travel mystery series takes place on an archaeologically-themed cruise ship. The travelers thought that they were headed for relaxation off the coast of Mykonos, but instead they find themselves upon a ship full of murders and stolen artifacts. 272 p.

FACES OF THE GONE**BRAD PARKSΩ**

Four bodies are found in Newark, New Jersey: a drug dealer, hustler, dancer, and mama's boy. The newspaper prints a hasty story, but one journalist conducts a more thorough investigation, engaging a wily cast of characters amidst Newark's roughest patches. 330 p.

FAITHFUL PLACE**TANA FRENCH**

Detective Frank Mackey returns to the family and community he abandoned 22 years ago to solve the mystery of his former love's abrupt disappearance. French, author of bestsellers *In The Woods* and *The Likeness*, shows that you can never completely forget what you leave behind. 400 p.

THE ICE PRINCESS

A writer works alongside a detective to confront dark mysteries surrounding the death of a friend in Fjælbacka, Sweden. **CAMILLA LÄCKBERG**
393 p.

LIARS ALL

A murderous jewelry robbery is investigated by both Brodie Farrell's friend, Daniel Hood, and her partner, Detective Superintendent Jack Deacon. The mystery unravels into a story of guilt, dilemma, and determination. **JO BANNISTER**
319 p.

THE MAN FROM BEIJING

The scene is January of 2006 in the small Swedish town of Hesjövalen, and the crime is a massacre of 19 people. Judge Birgitta Roslin begins to discover links between her ancestors and the brutal Chinese slave trade as her family's past brings her closer to unveiling the recent murders. **HENNING MANKELL**
365 p.

THE 9TH JUDGEMENT

Detective Lindsay Boxer and her foxy partner, Rich, are hot on the heels of a killer who targets women and children. **JAMES PATTERSON WITH MAXINE PAETRO ☺**
355 p.

OFF TRACK

More secrets and dark twists for Superintendent Yeadings and the Thames Valley Serious Crime Squad as they investigate an accident between a marine biologist and a public transport driver. **CLARE CURZON**
331 p.

THE WOLVES OF FAIRMOUNT PARK

It's a tale told many times in the local newspapers: two teenagers are victims of a drive-by shooting in a sketchy Philadelphia neighborhood. Local author Tafoya delves into the tumultuous aftershock, seen through the eyes of the victims' fathers. **DENNIS TAFOYA**
336 p.

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