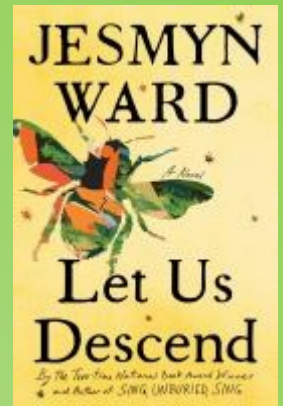
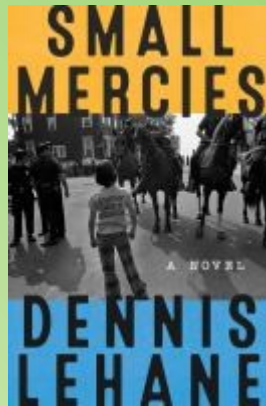
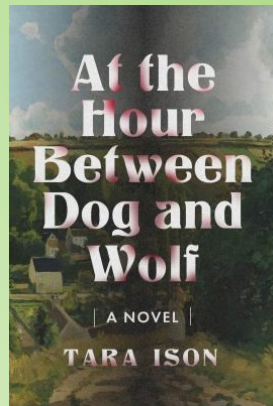
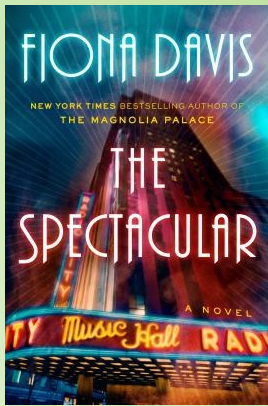




# Wayland Public Library

## Gift Guide

Handpicked book recommendations  
for every reader on your list



## For the Armchair Time Traveler

### *THE SPECTACULAR* BY FIONA DAVIS

A Radio City Rockette and a pioneer in psychological profiling find themselves pulled into the police dragnet for a mad bomber in 1956 New York.

### *AT THE HOUR BETWEEN DOG AND WOLF* BY TARA ISON

A twelve-year-old Parisian Jewish girl, living in hiding as a Catholic orphan in a small village, over the years becomes transformed by her surroundings and new identity.

### *SMALL MERCIES* BY DENNIS LEHANE

An all-consuming tale of revenge, family love, festering hate, and insidious power, set during the sweltering, tumultuous Boston summer of 1974.

### *THE FRAUD* BY ZADIE SMITH

In teeming Victorian London, an ex-slave backs the humble claimant to a sizeable estate and title, touching the lives of an illiterate former maid and her novelist husband.

### *LET US DESCEND* BY JESMYN WARD

Sold away from her mother, Annis endures the slave markets of New Orleans and abuse on a plantation as she seeks to escape. From a two-time National Book Award winner.

# For the Hopeless Romantic

## *ICEBREAKER* BY HANNAH GRACE

When a figure skater is forced to share the rink with the hockey captain she can't stand, complications—of all kinds—ensue.

## *HAPPY PLACE* BY EMILY HENRY

A couple who broke up months ago make a pact to pretend to still be together for their annual weeklong vacation with their best friends.

## *YOURS TRULY* BY ABBY JIMENEZ

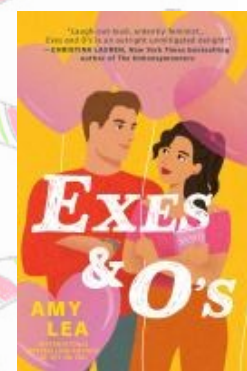
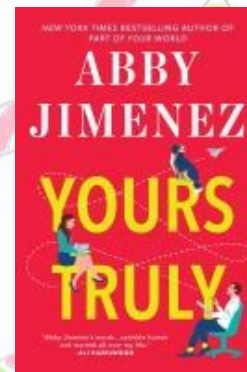
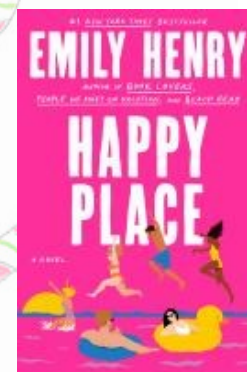
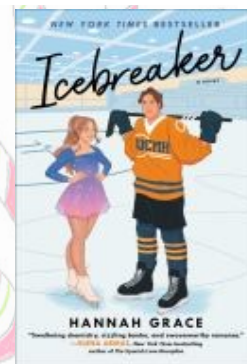
Dr. Briana Ortiz's life is seriously flatlining, until Dr. Jacob Maddox—whom she thought was Satan—sends her a letter changing everything.

## *EXES AND O'S* BY AMY LEA

A romance novel-obsessed social media influencer revisits her exes on her hunt for true love, enlisting her firefighter roommate to help her.

## *THINGS WE HIDE FROM THE LIGHT* BY LUCY SCORE

Lina's sure she's through with relationships. Then Nash, her police chief neighbor, reaches out as he recovers from being shot.





## For the Sci-Fi/Fantasy Fan

### *AFRICA RISEN: A NEW ERA OF SPECULATIVE FICTION*

An anthology of thirty-two original stories showcasing the breadth of fantasy and science fiction from Africa and the African Diaspora.

### *CITADEL* BY A. M. ALONGI

An autistic girl in a struggling colony on a distant planet starts to suspect that her society is built on lies and corruption.

### *THE FERRYMAN* BY JUSTIN CRONIN

After he has to usher his own father to the land where identities are wiped clean, a ferryman finds himself caught up in a budding revolution.

### *THE TERRAFORMERS* BY ANNA LEE NEWITZ

Over the course of millennia, an eco-organization, charged with preserving the planet, struggles to enact its mission against the forces of greed.

### *MISTER MAGIC* BY KIERSTEN WHITE

Thirty years after it shut down, a beloved children's TV show continues to exert a malign influence on its surviving cast members and its cultish audience.

# For the Thrill Seeker

## *BIRNAM WOOD* BY ELEANOR CATTON

A rapacious billionaire uses a guerilla agriculture collective as a cover for an agenda that leads them into increasing peril.

## *ALL THE SINNERS BLEED* BY S. A. COSBY

As the first Black sheriff in the county's history, ex-FBI agent Titus Crown has to deal not only with racism but a serial killer.

## *NONE OF THIS IS TRUE* BY LISA JEWELL

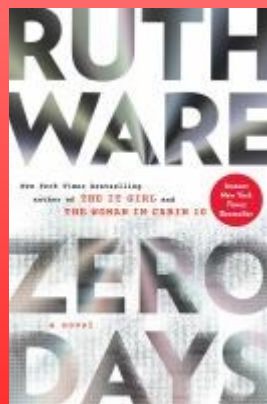
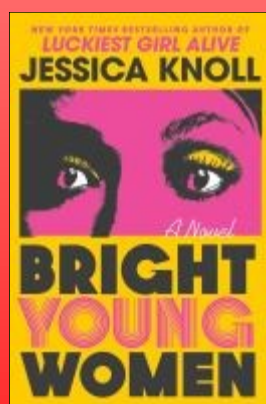
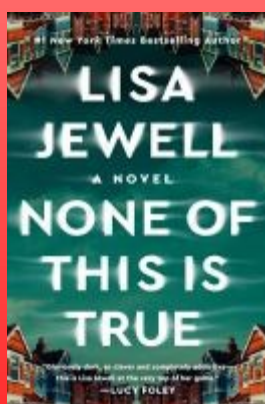
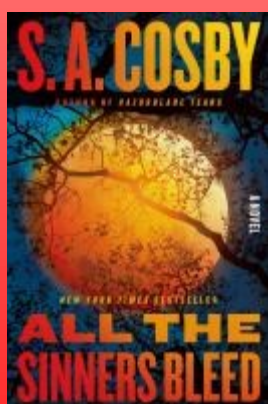
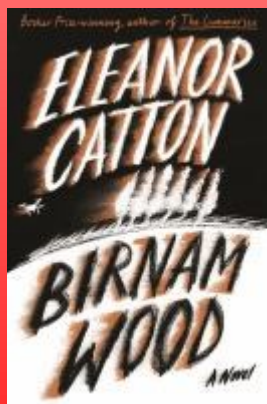
True-crime podcaster Alix starts to realize that her sweet new friend, housewife Josie, is hiding some dark and possibly lethal secrets.

## *BRIGHT YOUNG WOMEN* BY JESSICA KNOLL

Certain that their friends were murdered by the same man, two women join forces to spend decades bringing the killer to justice.

## *ZERO DAYS* BY RUTH WARE

After a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, cyber-security specialist Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. To add to her horror, the police are closing in on their suspect: her.





## For the Lover of Literary Fiction

### *CHAIN-GANG ALL-STARS* BY NANA KWAME ADJEI-BRENYAH

Gladiators and prisoners compete for their freedom in a kaleidoscopic, excoriating look at the American prison system's unholy alliance of racism, capitalism, and mass incarceration.

### *IF I SURVIVE YOU* BY JONATHAN ESCOFFERY

Humorous and harrowing linked stories following a Jamaican-American family as they seek stability upon moving to Miami.

### *THIS OTHER EDEN* BY PAUL HARDING

A mixed-race colony that has existed on an island off the coast of Maine for nearly 200 years is threatened by the government in 1912.

### *PROPHET SONG* BY PAUL LYNCH

In the near future, an Irish family is shattered by the rise of a radical right-wing party that turns the country into a totalitarian dystopia. Winner of the 2023 Booker Prize.

### *WESTERN LANE* BY CHETNA MAROO

After her mother's death, 11-year-old Gopi, who has been playing squash since she was little, is enlisted in a quietly brutal training regimen by her father. Soon the game becomes her world.



# For the Cosmopolitan

*BOULDER* BY EVA BALTASAR

TRANSLATED BY JULIA SANCHES

Nicknamed “Boulder” by her partner, a middle-aged cook on a merchant ship must figure out where her priorities lie when her partner decides she wants a child.



*THE POSTCARD* BY ANNE BEREST

TRANSLATED BY TINA KOVER

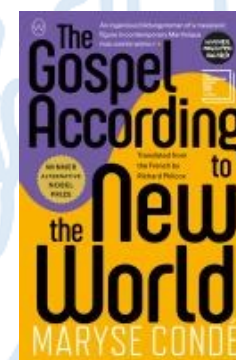
An investigation into family secrets, a poignant tale of mothers and daughters, and a vivid portrait of twentieth-century Parisian intellectual and artistic life.



*THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE NEW WORLD* BY MARYSE CONDE

TRANSLATED BY RICHARD PHILCOX

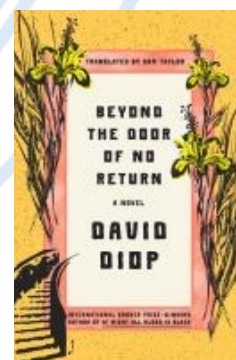
Pascal is a “miracle baby,” born in secret on Easter Sunday in Martinique. When he grows up, he embarks on a journey from one community to another in search of his origins and the meaning of his mission.



*BEYOND THE DOOR OF NO RETURN* BY DAVID DIOP

TRANSLATED BY SAM TAYLOR

A French botanist in eighteenth-century Senegal becomes obsessed with tracking down a chief’s daughter who has escaped slavery and seemingly returned as a revenant.

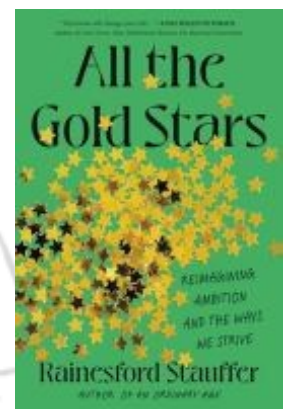
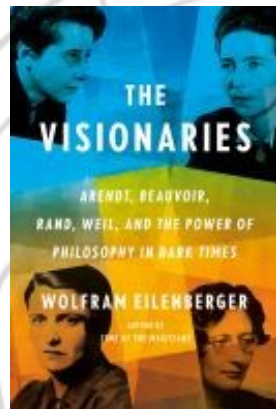
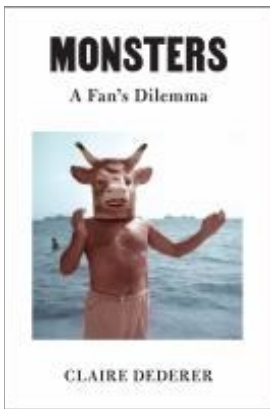


*TIME SHELTER* BY GEORGI GOSPODINOV

TRANSLATED BY ANGELA RODEL

In a clinic for Alzheimer's sufferers, each floor reproduces a past decade in minute detail, allowing patients to unlock what is left of their fading memories. Winner of the International Booker Prize.





## For the Deep Thinker

### *MONSTERS: A FAN'S DILEMMA* BY CLAIRE DEDERER

Can we love the work of controversial classic and contemporary artists but dislike the artist? A timely, passionate, provocative interrogation of the link between genius and monstrosity.

### *THE VISIONARIES* BY WOLFRAM ELLENBERGER, TRANSLATED BY SHAUN WHITESIDE

The story of four singular philosophers—indomitable women who were refugees and resistance fighters—putting forward a vision of a free and open society at a time of authoritarianism and war.

### *THE LANGUAGE OF TREES: A REWILDING OF LITERATURE AND LANDSCAPE* BY KATIE HOLTEN

Holten uses her “tree alphabet” to translate and illuminate lost and new original writing in praise of the natural world, unearthing a new way of seeing the beauty all around us.

### *A MEMOIR OF MY FORMER SELF: A LIFE IN WRITING* BY HILARY MANTEL

Less a memoir than a collection of essays on a dazzling variety of topics, displaying the full range of the late author’s depth and brilliance.

### *ALL THE GOLD STARS* BY RAINESFORD STAUFFER

A look at how the cultural, personal, and societal expectations around ambition are driving the burnout epidemic by funneling our worth into productivity and limiting our imaginations.



# For the Foodie

## ***THE OPEN FIRE COOKBOOK BY THE COASTAL KITCHEN***

Whether you're setting up a firepit for a backyard barbecue or going on a camping trip, this book suits all of your needs for outdoor, live-fire cooking.

## ***GREAT AMERICAN RECIPE COOKBOOK, SEASON TWO EDITION***

100 memorable recipes from the hit PBS show, celebrating the diversity and flavors of American food, with dishes by your favorite contestants.

## ***BAKING YESTERYEAR: THE BEST RECIPES FROM THE 1900S TO THE 1980S BY B. DYLAN HOLLIS***

Travel back on a delicious decade-by-decade jaunt as Hollis shows you how to bake vintage forgotten greats, from Chocolate Potato Cake to Avocado Pie.

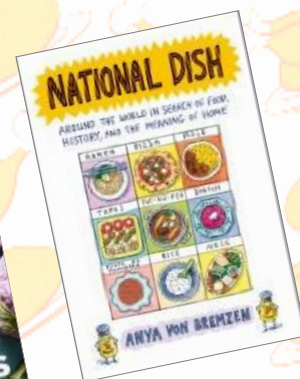
## ***6 SPICES 60 DISHES : INDIAN RECIPES THAT ARE SIMPLE, FRESH, AND BIG ON TASTE***

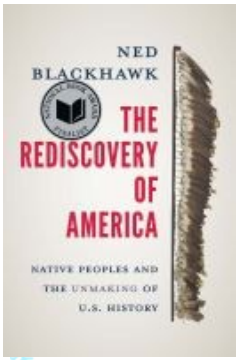
BY RUTA KAHATE

Using just six common spices--cayenne, coriander, cumin, turmeric, mustard seed, asafetida--chef Kahate presents 60 delicious, easy recipes that deliver rich, complex flavor.

## ***NATIONAL DISH BY ANYA VON BREMZEN***

Von Bremzen peels back the layers of myth and commercialization around the great world cuisines, revealing how the country makes the food, and the food the country.

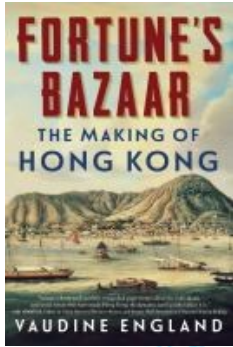




## For the History Buff

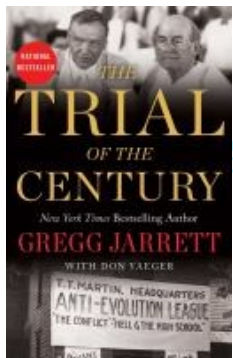
*THE REDISCOVERY OF AMERICA: NATIVE PEOPLES AND THE UNMAKING OF U. S. HISTORY* BY NED BLACKHAWK

Blackhawk's retelling of U.S. history acknowledges the enduring power, agency, and survival of Indigenous peoples, yielding a truer account of the nation.



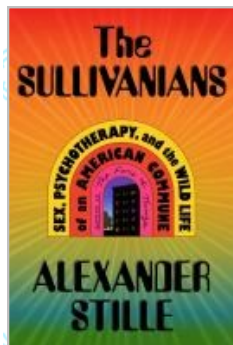
*FORTUNE'S BAZAAR: THE MAKING OF HONG KONG* BY VAUDINE ENGLAND

This new history of a unique city reveals the untold stories of the diverse peoples who have made it a multicultural world metropolis—and whose freedoms are endangered today.



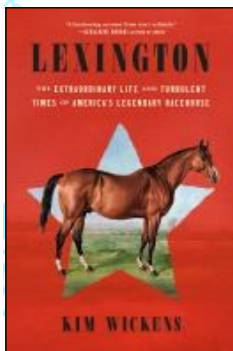
*THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURY* BY GREGG JARRETT WITH DON YAEGER

A comprehensive history of the famous Scopes Monkey Trial, in which iconic attorney Clarence Darrow's defense of freedom of speech helped form the legal bedrock on which our civil liberties depend today.



*THE SULLIVANIANS: SEX, PSYCHOTHERAPY, AND THE WILD LIFE OF AN AMERICAN COMMUNE* BY ALEXANDER STILLE

The story of how a psychoanalytic organization of artists and intellectuals devolved into a dangerous cult on Manhattan's Upper West Side.



*LEXINGTON* BY KIM WICKENS

The powerful story of the champion racehorse who gained international fame in the tumultuous Civil War-era South, and became the most successful sire in American racing history.

## For the Curious-Minded

*THE UNDERWORLD: JOURNEYS TO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEANS* BY SUSAN CASEY

An awe-inspiring portrait of the mysterious world far beneath the waves, and the men and women who seek to uncover its secrets.

*EIGHT BEARS: MYTHIC PAST AND IMPERILED FUTURE* BY GLORIA DICKIE

Weaving together ecology, history, mythology, and a captivating account of her travels and observations, journalist Dickie offers a closer look at our volatile relationship with bears.

*THE DISH: THE LIVES AND LABOR BEHIND ONE PLATE OF FOOD* BY ANDREW FRIEDMAN

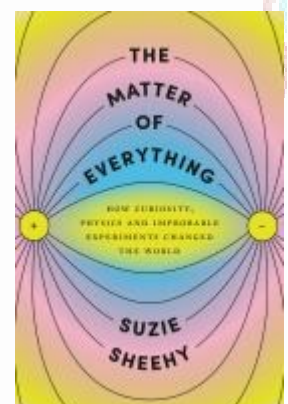
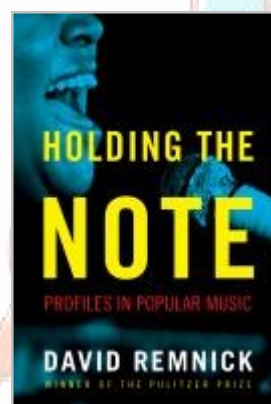
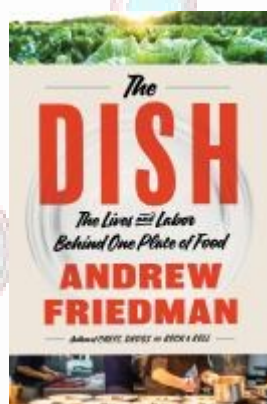
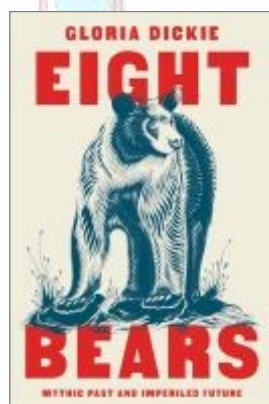
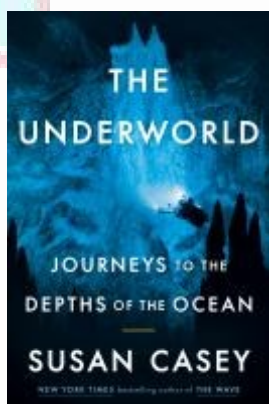
An entertaining, vivid snapshot of the contemporary restaurant community, by way of all the people and processes that come together in a single restaurant dish.

*HOLDING THE NOTE: PROFILES IN POPULAR MUSIC* BY DAVID REMNICK

Incisive, intimate portraits of Leonard Cohen, Buddy Guy, Mavis Staples, Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Patti Smith, and others by the editor of *The New Yorker*.

*THE MATTER OF EVERYTHING* BY SUZIE SHEEHY

A surprising, fascinating journey through the experiments that unlocked the nature of matter, shaped our understanding of the cosmos, and forever changed the way we live within it.





## For Those Who Like to Keep Up

***THE HEAT WILL KILL YOU FIRST: LIFE AND DEATH ON A SCORCHED PLANET* BY JEFF GOODELL**  
Heat is the first-order threat that drives all other impacts of the climate crisis. And as the temperature rises, it's revealing fault lines in our governments, politics, economy, and values.

***THESE ARE THE PLUNDERERS* BY GRETCHEN MORGENSON AND JOSHUA ROSNER**  
Pulitzer Prize winner Morgenson and financial policy analyst Rosner investigate the insidious world of private equity, revealing how it puts our entire economy—and us—at risk.

***THE HEARTBEAT OF THE WILD* BY DAVID QUAMMEN**  
In this collection of essays, science writer Quammen journeys to places where civilization meets raw nature, and explores the challenge of balancing the needs of both.

***HOMEGROWN: TIMOTHY MCVEIGH AND THE RISE OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM* BY JEFFREY TOOBIN**

The definitive account of the enduring legacy of Timothy McVeigh and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, one of the outrages of our time, and—in Toobin's telling—a warning for the future.

***THE SECRET GATE* BY MITCHELL ZUCKOFF**

Subtitled “a true story of courage and sacrifice during the collapse of Afghanistan,” *The Secret Gate* relates a mother and son's harrowing escape from a homeland that is no longer their own.

# For the Biography (and Memoir) Lover

***FATHERLAND: A MEMOIR OF WAR, CONSCIENCE, AND FAMILY SECRETS* BY BURKHARD BILGER**

What do we owe the past? How can we make peace with it without perpetuating its wrongs? A New Yorker staff writer investigates his grandfather, a Nazi Party chief.

***THE SOLDIER'S TRUTH: ERNIE PYLE AND THE STORY OF WWII* BY DAVID CHRISINGER**

Ernie Pyle's dispatches from combat zones shaped America's understanding of what WWII felt like to ordinary soldiers, as no writer's work had before or has since.

***MR. B: GEORGE BALANCHINE'S 20TH CENTURY* BY JENNIFER HOMANS**

A revelatory, definitive biography of the visionary choreographer who changed the face of ballet even as he defined it for America.

***DAUGHTER OF THE DRAGON* BY YUNTE HUANG**

Starting in the 1920s, Anna May Wong fought virulent xenophobia, unabashed sexism, and cinematic exploitation to become Hollywood's first Chinese-American movie star.

***PULLING THE CHARIOT OF THE SUN* BY SHANE MCCRAE**

When Shane McCrae was three years old, his white supremacist grandparents kidnapped him from his Black father. This is his story of how he managed to uncover the truth about himself.

