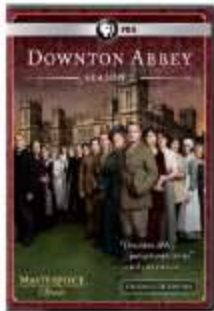
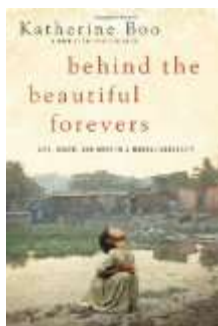


This Week's Top Choices



Masterpiece Classic: Downton Abbey Season 2 DVD (Original U.K. Unedited Edition) (2012)

Season 2 of the Emmy® Award-winning Downton Abbey returns as The Great War rages across Europe, and not even the serene Yorkshire countryside is free from its effects. The men and women of Downton are doing their part both on the front lines and the home front, but the intensity of war only serves to inflame the more familiar passions love, loss, blackmail, and betrayal.



Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, death, and hope in a Mumbai undercity

By Katherine Boo. *From Random House.*

From Pulitzer Prize-winner Katherine Boo, a landmark work of narrative nonfiction that tells the dramatic and sometimes heartbreaking story of families striving toward a better life in one of the twenty-first century's great, unequal cities.

In this brilliantly written, fast-paced book, based on three years of uncompromising reporting, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human.

Annawadi is a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport, and as India starts to prosper, Annawadians are electric with hope.

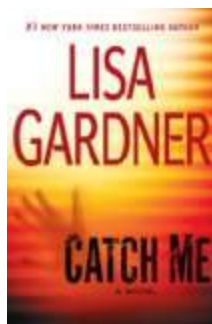


Kill Shot (Mitch Rapp)

By Vince Flynn. *From Atria.*

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Vince Flynn is back with another nail-biting political thriller that follows the young Mitch Rapp on a deadly mission to hunt down the men responsible for the Pan Am Lockerbie terrorist attack.

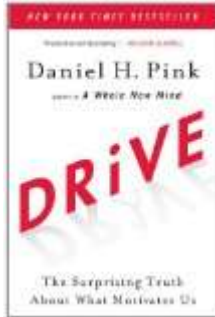
For months, Mitch Rapp has been steadily working his way through a list of men, bullet by bullet. With each kill, the tangled network of monsters responsible for the slaughter of 270 civilians becomes increasingly clear.



Catch Me

By Lisa Gardner. *From Dutton Adult.*

In four days, someone is going to kill me . . . Detective D. D. Warren is hard to surprise. But a lone woman outside D. D.'s latest crime scene shocks her with a remarkable proposition: Twenty-seven-year-old Charlene Rosalind Carter Grant believes she will be murdered in four days. And she wants Boston's top detective to handle the death investigation. It will be up close and personal. No evidence of forced entry, no sign of struggle. Charlie tells a chilling story: Each year at 8:00 p.m. on February 21, a woman has died.

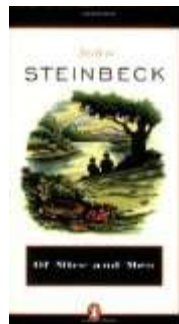


Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us (Electronic Format)

By Daniel H. Pink. *From Riverhead Trade.*

In Electronic Format The New York Times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm-shattering new way to think about motivation.

Most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money—the carrot-and-stick approach. That's a mistake, says Daniel H. Pink in *Drive*. In this provocative and persuasive new book, he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world.



Of Mice and Men (Penguin Great Books of the 20th Century) (Electronic Format)

By John Steinbeck. *From Penguin (Non-Classics).*

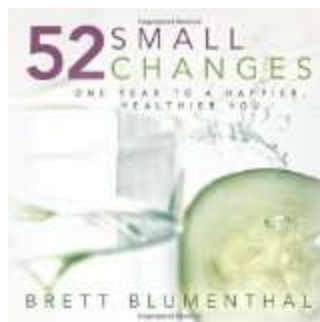
In Electronic Format MAXnotes offer a fresh look at masterpieces of literature, presented in a lively and interesting fashion. Written by literary experts who currently teach the subject, MAXnotes will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the work. MAXnotes are designed to stimulate independent thought about the literary work by raising various issues and thought-provoking ideas and questions. MAXnotes cover the essentials of what one should know about each work, including an overall summary, character lists, an explanation and discussion of the plot, the work's historical context, illustrations to convey the mood of the work, and a biography of the author.



Left for Dead: A Novel

By J.A. Jance. *From Touchstone.*

When violence from the drug wars with the Mexican cartels crosses the border into Arizona, severely injuring an old friend, Ali Reynolds steps in to investigate in New York Times bestselling author J. A. Jance's newest mystery. When Santa Cruz county deputy sheriff Jose Reyes, one of Ali Reynolds's classmates from the Arizona Police Academy, is gunned down and left to die, he is at first assumed to be an innocent victim of the drug wars escalating across the border.



52 Small Changes: One Year to a Happier, Healthier You

By Brett Blumenthal. *From AmazonEncore.*

Whether as New Year's resolutions, birthday wishes, or daily promises, most everyone vows at some point to make a major life change. But change is easier said than done, especially when it comes to better managing our wellness amidst the chaos of everyday living. Fortunately, wellness coach and award-winning writer Brett Blumenthal has devised a way to inspire and motivate her readers to live healthier and make positive changes in their lives.

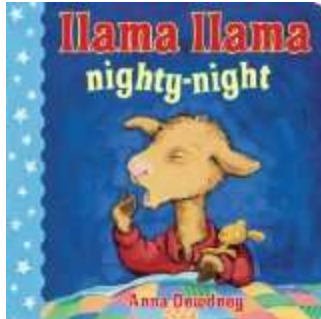


LEGO Ninjago Chapter Book: Jay, Ninja of Lightning

By Greg Farshtey. *From Scholastic Inc.*

Masters of Spinjitzu: a new force to save the world! The next book in the Lego Ninjago Chapter Book series!

Jay is much like the element he represents: fast and full of energy. Always good in a fight, always up for a laugh, and always, always inventing. Even if those inventions don't always turn out the way he wants!



Llama Llama Nighty--Night

By Anna Dewdney. *From Viking Juvenile.*

What's the best part of bedtime? Stories with Mama! Before cuddling, Llama Llama must splash and splash in the tub, then put his red pajamas on.

Dewdney's catchy rhymes, effortless rhythm, and adorable artwork can now be enjoyed by even younger audiences. Toddlers will love this pair of perfect read-alouds.



Project Nim

Director James Marsh's follow-up to the Oscar-winning *Man on Wire* is an equally engrossing look at the fault lines and danger zones between man and beast. Using a combination of archival footage, current interviews, and (some unfortunately rather stiff) re-creations, Marsh tells the sad tale of Nim Chimpsky, a chimpanzee raised as a human child under a Columbia University sign language study led by Professor Herbert S. Terrace.

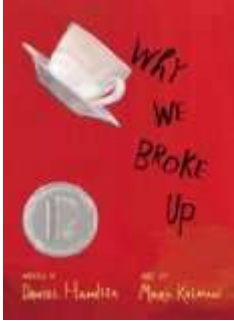


What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank: Stories

By Nathan Englander. *From Knopf.*

These eight new stories from the celebrated novelist and short-story writer Nathan Englander display a gifted young author grappling with the great questions of modern life, with a command of language and the imagination that place Englander at the very forefront of contemporary American fiction.

The title story, inspired by Raymond Carver's masterpiece, is a provocative portrait of two marriages in which the Holocaust is played out as a devastating parlor game. In the outlandishly dark "Camp Sundown" vigilante justice is undertaken by a group of geriatric campers in a bucolic summer enclave.

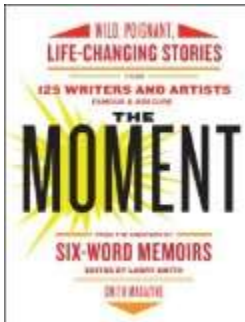


Why We Broke Up

By Daniel Handler. *From Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.*

I'm telling you why we broke up, Ed. I'm writing it in this letter, the whole truth of why it happened.

Min Green and Ed Slaterton are breaking up, so Min is writing Ed a letter and giving him a box. Inside the box is why they broke up. Two bottle caps, a movie ticket, a folded note, a box of matches, a protractor, books, a toy truck, a pair of ugly earrings, a comb from a motel room, and every other item collected over the course of a giddy, intimate, heartbreaking relationship.



The Moment: Wild, Poignant, Life-Changing Stories from 125 Writers and Artists Famous & Obscure

By Larry Smith. *From Harper Perennial.*

From the creators of *Six-Word Memoirs* comes *The Moment*, a collection of personal stories from writers both famous and obscure revealing how a single instant changed their lives forever. An innocuous decision, an unforeseen accident, a chance conversation, a tag sale, a terrorist strike, a tweet . . . sometimes all it takes is a single moment to redirect the course of an entire life.

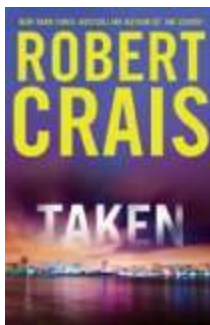


The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer

By Michelle Hodkin. *From Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.*

Mara Dyer doesn't believe life can get any stranger than waking up in a hospital with no memory of how she got there. It can.

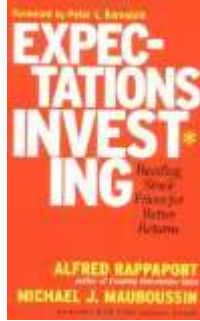
She believes there must be more to the accident she can't remember that killed her friends and left her strangely unharmed. There is.



Taken (Wheeler Large Print Book Series)

By Robert Crais. *From Wheeler Publishing.*

Crais has never written a book with the power and intensity of *Taken*. When Nita Morales hires Elvis Cole to find her missing adult daughter, she isn't afraid, even though she's gotten a phone call asking for ransom. She knows it's a fake, that her daughter is off with the guy Nita will call only "that boy," and that they need money: "Even smart girls do stupid things when they think a boy loves them." But she is wrong.



Expectations Investing: Reading Stock Prices for Better Returns

By Alfred Rappaport. *From Harvard Business Review Press.*

"'Expectations Investing' is well worth picking up'
- "Financial Executive"

"Expectations Investing" offers a fundamentally new alternative for identifying value-price gaps, built around a deceptively simple and obvious tool: a company's stock price. The authors walk readers step-by-step through their breakthrough method, revealing how portfolio managers, security analysts, investment advisors, and individual investors can more accurately evaluate established and "new economy" stocks alike - and translate shareholder value from theory to reality. Alfred Rappaport directs Shareholder Value Research for L. E. K. Consulting and is a Professor Emeritus at Northwestern's Kellogg School.



Talking to Girls About Duran Duran: One Young Man's Quest for True Love and a Cooler Haircut

By Rob Sheffield. *From Dutton Adult.*

The author of the national bestseller Love is a Mix Tape returns, with a different-but equally personal and equally universal- spin on music as memory.

"No rock critic-living or dead, American or otherwise-has ever written about pop music with the evocative, hyperpoetic perfectitude of Rob Sheffield."

So said Chuck Klosterman about *Love is a Mix Tape*, Sheffield's paean to a lost love via its soundtrack. Now, in *Talking to Girls About Duran Duran*, Sheffield shares the soundtrack to his eighties adolescence.