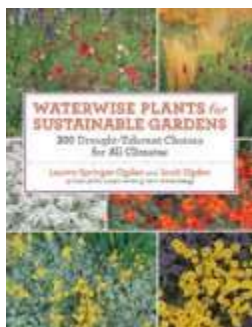


This Week's Top Choices



Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens: 200 Drought-Tolerant Choices for all Climates

Lauren Springer Ogden. *From Timber Press.*

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With water bans and erratic weather increasingly common, gardeners are looking to native and drought-tolerant plants. Horticulturists Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer Ogden's new book contains ideas and inspiration for water-wise choices that will also keep gardens abloom and beautiful.

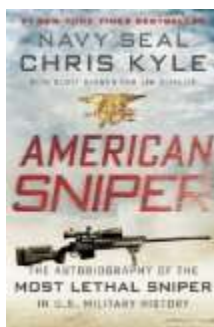
The book covers 200 trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, bulbs, tubers, vines, annuals, succulents, and more. Each entry is illustrated. Text gives at-a-glance details about growth rate, USDA zone, design ideas, and special attributes. Each entry concludes with a list of related low-water plants.

When planning your garden and/or harvest, look to the library's collections for hundreds of helpful gardening resources!

What's Happening This Week!

On Tuesday, February 14 starting at 5:30 p.m., painters and other artists are invited to the kickoff of our new monthly event, tentatively called Artists' Night Out. Those who draw and paint may bring their works in progress and work alongside like-minded people. This event will be held on the second Tuesday of each month going forward. (Please note: in order to protect the library's furnishings, participants are asked to bring a tarp or dropcloth to place under their work area, and containers to convey used brushes, etc. home for cleanup.)

Save the date! On March 1 at 7 p.m., our First Thursdays lecture series will feature mountaineer and educator Craig John. Mr. John has led expeditions to Everest, Kilimanjaro, and many others. This promises to be a very interesting evening. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Bolton Cultural Council, part of the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.



American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History

By Chris Kyle. *From William Morrow.*

“Chris has done and seen things that will be talked about for generations to come, not only by the American military, but by those who stood against us in battle.”
—Marcus Luttrell, (USN Ret.), bestselling author of *Lone Survivor*

Gripping, eye-opening, and powerful, *American Sniper* is the astonishing autobiography of SEAL Chief Chris Kyle, whose record 255 kills make him the most deadly sniper in U. S. military history. Kyle shares the true story of his extraordinary decade-long career, including his multiple combat tours in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and elsewhere from 1999-2009.



Drive

From Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.

Denmark's Nicolas Winding Refn makes an electrifying return to Hollywood filmmaking with this 1980s-style noir, right down to the synth score and neon-pink credits (he released his American debut, *Fear X*, in 2003). Ryan Gosling puts his implacable quality to good use as an L. A. stunt driver whose world crumbles when he falls for the wrong woman (Carey Mulligan). Irene is hardly a femme fatale, but her incarcerated husband, Standard (Oscar Isaac), is another story. When her car breaks down, Driver recommends the auto shop where he works with Shannon (*Breaking Bad*'s Bryan Cranston).



Defending Jacob: A Novel

By William Landay. From Delacorte Press.

Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student. Every parental instinct Andy has rallies to protect his boy. Jacob insists that he is innocent, and Andy believes him. Andy must. He's his father.



The Fear Index

By Robert Harris. From Knopf.

A chilling contemporary thriller from Robert Harris set in the competitive world of high finance. Dr Max Hoffman is a legend. A physicist once employed on the Large Hadron Collider, he now uses a revolutionary and highly secret system of computer algorithms to trade on the world's financial markets. None of his rivals is sure how he does it, but somehow Hoffman's hedge fund -- built around the standard measure of market volatility: the VIX or "Fear Index" -- generates astonishing returns for his investors.



The Snow Child: A Novel

By Eowyn Ivey. From Reagan Arthur Books.

Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart--he breaking under the weight of the work of the farm; she crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone--but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees. This little girl, who calls herself Faina, seems to be a child of the woods.



Home Front

By Kristin Hannah. *From St. Martin's Press.*

From a distance, Michael and Joleen Zarkades seem to have it all: a solid marriage, two exciting careers, and children they adore. But after twelve years together, the couple has lost their way; they are unhappy and edging toward divorce. Then the Iraq war starts. An unexpected deployment will tear their already fragile family apart, sending one of them deep into harm's way and leaving the other at home, waiting for news. When the worst happens, each must face their darkest fear and fight for the future of their family.



Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone

By Eric Klinenberg. *From Penguin Press HC, The.*

Renowned sociologist and author Eric Klinenberg explores the dramatic rise of solo living and examines the seismic impact it's having on our culture, business, and politics. Conventional wisdom tells us that living by oneself leads to loneliness and isolation, but, as Klinenberg shows, most solo dwellers are deeply engaged in social and civic life.



Lenobia's Vow: A House of Night Novella

By P. C. Cast. *From St. Martin's Griffin.*

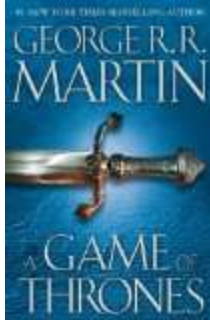
Evreux, France, 1788: Before she is Zoey's favorite professor and the House of Night's powerful horse mistress... Lenobia is just a normal 16-year-old girl – with enough problems to last a lifetime. As the illegitimate daughter of a powerful baron, she has never quite belonged, and instead has to watch her spoiled half-sister, Cecile, get anything she wants. As if that's not enough, her remarkable beauty draws unwanted attention wherever she goes.



The Scorpio Races

By Maggie Stiefvater. *From Scholastic Press.*

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shiver* and *Linger* comes a brand new, heart-stopping novel. With her trademark lyricism, Maggie Stiefvater turns to a new world, where a pair are swept up in a daring, dangerous race across a cliff--with more than just their lives at stake should they lose.



A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire, Book 1)

By George R.R. Martin. *From Spectra.*

Here is the first volume in George R. R. Martin's magnificent cycle of novels that includes *A Clash of Kings* and *A Storm of Swords*. As a whole, this series comprises a genuine masterpiece of modern fantasy, bringing together the best the genre has to offer. Magic, mystery, intrigue, romance, and adventure fill these pages and transport us to a world unlike any we have ever experienced. Already hailed as a classic, George R. R. Martin's stunning series is destined to stand as one of the great achievements of imaginative fiction.



Midnight in Austenland: A Novel

By Shannon Hale. *From Bloomsbury USA.*

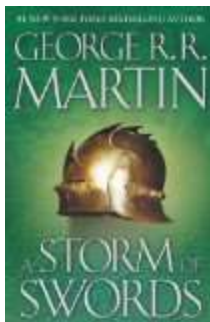
When Charlotte Kinder treats herself to a two-week vacation at Austenland, she happily leaves behind her ex-husband and his delightful new wife, her ever-grateful children, and all the rest of her real life in America. She dons a bonnet and stays at a country manor house that provides an immersive Austen experience, complete with gentleman actors who cater to the guests' Austen fantasies. Everyone at Pembroke Park is playing a role, but increasingly, Charlotte isn't sure where roles end and reality begins.



The Tiny Book of Tiny Stories: Volume 1

By Joseph Gordon-Levitt. *From It Books.*

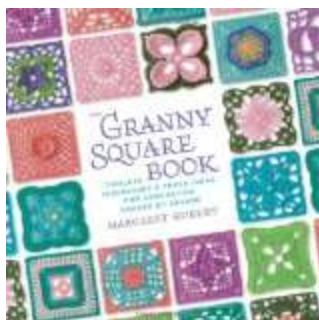
HitRECORD's collaborative coalition of artists and writers are making history with *The Tiny Book of Tiny Stories: Volume 1*, a collection of innovative crowd-sourced creative projects that pushes the limits of originality, cooperation, imagination, and inspiration. HitRECORD, a grassroots creative collective founded by actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt, known worldwide for his performances in *(500) Days of Summer* and *Inception*, is a forum where thousands of artists worldwide share work and contribute to their peers' projects in writing, music, videos, illustration, and beyond.



A Storm of Swords (A Song of Ice and Fire, Book 3)

By George R. R. Martin. *From Spectra.*

Rarely has there been a tale as gripping, or one as likely to seize the minds and hearts of a generation, as George R. R. Martin's epic high fantasy series. In *A Game of Thrones*, an ancient kingdom was torn by the ambitions of ruthless men and women; in *A Clash of Kings*, war, sorcery, and madness swept over the kingdom like a voracious beast of prey. Now, as the brutal struggle for power nears its tumultuous climax, the battered and divided kingdom faces its most terrifying invasion—one that is being spearheaded from beyond the grave....



The Granny Square Book: Timeless Techniques and Fresh Ideas for Crocheting Square by Square

By Margaret Hubert. *From Creative Publishing international.*

Granny squares are to crochet what pieced squares are to quilting. They originated with pioneer women using up precious scraps of yarn to make blankets for their families, and over the years, many recognized, named patterns have been handed down from one generation to the next.



Queen Of The Sun

From Music Box Films.

This beautiful, spellbinding film takes the viewer on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of honeybees and the mysterious world of the beehive by following the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world. In 1923, Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian scientist, philosopher and social innovator, predicted that in 80 to 100 years honeybees would collapse. Now, beekeepers around the United States and around the world are reporting an incredible loss of honeybees, a phenomenon deemed Colony Collapse Disorder. Bees are disappearing in mass numbers from their hives with no clear single explanation.



See Me Run (I Like to Read)

By Paul Meisel. *From Holiday House.*

Happiness is a day in the park for this pack of joyful canines. They run, chase one another, jump in mud, go for a swim, and dig, dig, dig! Their doggy day becomes even more wonderful when they discover a mother lode of bones! But when the bones magically arrange themselves as a T. rex, the dogs find themselves running once again, this time away from the giant skeleton! New readers will delight in this joyful story with its surprise climax. The characters have energy and charm that will delight young children as they embark on a satisfying, first-time adventure.



Spin Art: Mastering the Craft of Spinning Textured Yarn

By Jacey Boggs. *From Interweave Press.*

Jacey Boggs helps you bring textured and novelty yarns to the next level in *Spin Art*. Inside you'll learn all the secrets behind her exciting new fusion of traditional spinning and envelope-pushing creativity. The yarn styles explored in this comprehensive spinning guide are as well made as they are inventive. Jacey walks you through each of her techniques, with a refreshing mixture of quirky, fanciful, and unexpected designs that are always skillfully constructed.



A Place of Secrets: A Novel

By Rachel Hore. *From Holt Paperbacks.*

The night before it all begins, Jude has the same nightmare that haunted her as a child: running through a dark forest, crying for her mother. Now her six-year-old niece, Summer, is having the same dream, and Jude is frightened for her. A successful auctioneer, Jude is struggling to come to terms with the death of her husband.