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We’ve designed this guide to be printed or read on your computer. If you choose to read it on your computer, the last two pages are a checklist of all of the recommended titles, so that you can print out the checklist and take it with you to the store. Or, you could send it to a loved one as your wish list!

We’d love it if you would spread the word about the gift guide and Books on the Nightstand. While you are certainly free to email this guide to friends and family if you wish, we’d be thrilled if you instead emailed the link to our website, www.booksonthenightstand.com. Hopefully some new people will be introduced to Books on the Nightstand.

We hope you find value in this gift guide. We’ve hand-chosen these titles and they represent gift ideas for just about anyone. We’ve made sure to include many of our personal favorites. We know the importance of value, so we’ve also included several wonderful books under $20, which we’ve designated with this festive green snowflake.

Please let us know if you have found this useful, either as a list with which to do your holiday shopping, or as a wish list of books that you’d like to receive. Now, more than ever, we think books are the perfect gift, ready to inform and entertain.

We truly appreciate your support for Books on the Nightstand, and thank you for allowing us to share our love of books and reading with you. For those of you that read and listen on a regular basis, thank you. For our new friends, welcome – we look forward to getting to know you!

Happy Holidays!
Ann Kingman and Michael Kindness
In 2012, Books on the Nightstand was honored to be able to host many amazing authors at our three Booktopia 2012 weekend reader retreats. Even if you couldn’t join us, we hope that you were able to listen to the author talks on various episodes of the Books on the Nightstand podcast. Our listeners tell us that they love it when we air the author talks.

This holiday season, we want to remind you about these authors, who have given generously of their time and attention. We thank them for their support of BOTNS, and in turn we hope that you will support them by introducing their work to someone on your gift list. These books have our highest recommendation.

**Vermont**
Susan Cain, *Quiet*
Kenneth C. Davis, *Don't Know Much About® History*
Sara J. Henry, *Learning to Swim*
William Landay, *Defending Jacob*
Leslie Maitland, *Crossing the Borders of Time*
Richard Mason, *History of a Pleasure Seeker*
Madeline Miller, *The Song of Achilles*
Howard Frank Mosher, *The Great Northern Express*

**Mississippi**
Kevin Brockmeier, *The Illumination*
Ellen F. Brown, *Margaret Mitchell’s Gone With the Wind: A Bestseller’s Odyssey from Atlanta to Hollywood*
Tom Franklin, *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*
Russ Kick, Editor of *The Graphic Canon* (volumes 1 and 2 are available now)
Suzanne Marrs, *What There Is to Say We Have Said: The Correspondence of Eudora Welty and William Maxwell*
Michael Parker, *The Watery Part of the World*

**California**
Cara Black, *Murder at the Lanterne Rouge*
Lynne Cox, *South with the Sun*
Matthew Dicks, *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend*
Grover Gardner, Audiobook Narrator of Robert Caro’s *The Passage of Power*
Tupelo Hassman, *Girlchild*
Adam Johnson, *The Orphan Master’s Son*
Tayari Jones, *Silver Sparrow*
Sarah McCoy, *The Baker’s Daughter*
Ann Packer, *Swim Back to Me*
Simon Vance, Audiobook Narrator of Hilary Mantel’s *Bring Up the Bodies*
Barefoot Contessa Foolproof
Ina Garten, $35.00
Millions of people love Ina for her easy, delicious recipes that use ingredients you can find in any grocery store and have satisfying deep flavors. In *Barefoot Contessa Foolproof*, Ina takes easy a step further by testing her recipes over and over again to simplify them at every turn.

The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook
Deb Perelman, $35.00
*The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook* is all about approachable, uncompromised home cooking. Here you’ll find better uses for your favorite vegetables: asparagus blanketing a pizza; ratatouille dressing up a sandwich; cauliflower masquerading as pesto. These are recipes you’ll bookmark and use so often they become your own.

Bouchon Bakery
Thomas Keller, Sebastien Rouxel, $50.00
The tastes of childhood have always been a touchstone for Thomas Keller, and in this dazzling amalgam of American and French baked goods, you’ll find recipes for the beloved TKOs and Oh Ohs (Keller’s takes on Oreos and Hostess’s Ho Hos) and all the French classics he fell in love with as a young chef apprenticing in Paris.

The Mediterranean Slow Cooker
Michele Scicolone, $22.00
Intriguing dishes from every corner of the Mediterranean: from simplified and freshened classics like Greek shrimp with tomatoes and feta, to Israeli sweet and sour meatballs, to Moroccan vegetable tagine, to coffee-caramel flan from Spain.

The Mini Minimalist
Mark Bittman, $19.95
Mark Bittman, renowned for the easy recipes from his weekly *New York Times* food column, prunes his collection in order to minimize the effort and ingredients required for each dish featured in this boxed set of 160 recipes. The ideal size for gift giving, this small slipcase set of cookbooks makes a thoughtful gift for the everyday gourmand or novice chef.

The Science of Good Cooking
The editors of *Cook’s Illustrated*, $40.00
The editors of *Cook’s Illustrated*, the magazine that put food science on the map, reviewed and expanded upon 20 years of test kitchen work to create this comprehensive food science road map - one that weaves together practical science across 50 concepts, illuminating experiments that bring the science to life with more than 400 recipes.

Lidia’s Favorite Recipes
Lidia Matticchio Bastianich, $24.95
Lidia Bastianich presents her most accessible and affordable cookbook to date, a gathering of the recipes that have become her go-to meals for her very own family. Here, she is giving us the recipes for dishes that you have raved and written about over and over-the best, the most comforting, and the most delicious dishes in her repertoire.

Tyler Florence Fresh
Tyler Florence, $35.00
The king of comfort food and Food Network stalwart shows a more refined, healthful side of his cooking with a vibrantly photographed celebration of fresh everyday foods prepared in innovative ways.
**Fifty Shades of Chicken**  
F.L. Fowler, $19.99  
Is it a gag gift, a humor book or a cookbook filled with fifty amazing, professionally-developed chicken recipes? Yes, all of the above! Call it Culinary Erotic Humor. With recipe names like Mustard-Spanked Chicken and Dripping Thighs, you’ll be blushing as you cook and it won’t just be from the heat of the oven!

**Jerusalem**  
Yotam Ottolenghi, Sami Tamimi, $35.00  
In *Jerusalem*, Yotam Ottolenghi reteams with his friend Sami Tamimi, to explore the vibrant cuisine of their home city - with its diverse Muslim, Jewish, Arab, Christian, and Armenian communities. Ottolenghi, author of the bestselling *Plenty*, is one of the most respected chefs in the world; *Jerusalem* is his most personal, original, and beautiful cookbook yet.

**Pure Vanilla**  
Shauna Sever, $22.95  
Even with a history as rich as its naturally creamy flavor, vanilla is overlooked and taken for granted. It's high time we give this flavor its due! With dozens of recipes, Pure Vanilla celebrates this heavenly spice and all the complex flavors it has to offer. In addition to recipes, Sever shows how to make vanilla extract and other ingredients.

**The Epicurious Cookbook**  
Tanya Steel, $27.99  
For Epicurious' enormous, devoted community, plus home cooks hungry for inspiration, here is an impeccably curated collection of 300 make-again recipes (all four-fork rated!), conveniently compiled in a book with new photography, new notes, and informative user tips.

**The America’s Test Kitchen Quick Family Cookbook**  
America’s Test Kitchen, $34.95  
America’s Test Kitchen revolutionizes quick cooking with more than 750 inventive recipes---from appetizers to desserts---than can be made start to finish in 45 minutes or less (and many clock in at 25 minutes). *The Quick Family Cookbook* is the perfect way to get great food on the table fast.

**Dearie**  
Bob Spitz, $29.95  
On the centenary of her birth, Julia Child finally gets the biography she richly deserves. An in-depth, intimate narrative, full of fresh information and insights, *Dearie* is an entertaining, all-out adventure story of one of our most fascinating and beloved figures.
Fiction

**The Dog Stars**
Peter Heller, $24.95
Ann’s favorite novel of 2012. A riveting, powerful novel about a pilot living in a world filled with loss. Narrated by a man who is part warrior and part dreamer, a hunter with a great shot and a heart that refuses to harden, *The Dog Stars* is both savagely funny and achingly sad, a breathtaking story about what it means to be human.

**Sweet Tooth**
Ian McEwan, $26.95
In this stunning new novel, Ian McEwan’s first female protagonist since *Atonement* is about to learn that espionage is the ultimate seduction. Once again, Ian McEwan’s mastery dazzles us in this superbly deft and witty story of betrayal and intrigue, love and the invented self.

**The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds**
Alexander McCall Smith, $24.95
In this latest installment of Alexander McCall Smith’s endearing Isabel Dalhousie series, the Edinburgh philosopher and amateur sleuth answers an unexpected appeal from a wealthy Scottish collector who has been robbed of a valuable painting.

**The Round House**
Louise Erdrich, $27.99
The revered author returns to the territory of her bestselling, Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Plague of Doves* with this riveting, exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family. National Book Award Winner.

**The Age of Miracles**
Karen Thompson Walker, $26.00
On a seemingly ordinary Saturday in a California suburb, Julia and her family awake to discover, along with the rest of the world, that the rotation of the earth has suddenly begun to slow. A wonderful novel that Michael still thinks about!

**Dear Life**
Alice Munro, $26.95
Suffused with Munro’s clarity of vision and her unparalleled gift for storytelling, these tales about departures and beginnings, accidents and dangers, and outgoings and homecomings both imagined and real, paint a radiant, indelible portrait of how strange, perilous, and extraordinary ordinary life can be.

**The Twelve**
Justin Cronin, $28.00
A literary thriller unfolding in multiple time frames, *The Twelve* is a page-turning and epic tale of sacrifice and survival, and the stunning follow-up to *The Passage*.

**The Cocktail Waitress**
James M. Cain, $23.99
From the famed author of *The Postman Always Rings Twice* and *Mildred Pierce*, comes a newly discovered, lost novel, as entertaining and thrilling as his previous works.
Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore
Robin Sloan, $25.00
This quirky and delightful quest novel set in the world of books is the perfect gift for the bibliophile on your list. Plus, the glow-in-the-dark cover doubles as a nightlight!

Ancient Light
John Banville, $25.95
The Man Booker Prize-winning author of The Sea gives us a brilliant, profoundly moving new novel about an actor in the twilight of his life and his career: a meditation on love and loss, and on the inscrutable immediacy of the past in our present lives.

The Fifty Year Sword
Mark Z. Danielewski, $26.00
A local seamstress named Chintana finds herself responsible for five orphans who are not only captivated by a storyteller’s tale of vengeance but by the long black box he sets before them. As midnight approaches, the box is opened, and a fateful dare is made.

The Pigeon Pie Mystery
Julia Stuart, $24.95
Julia Stuart returns in her follow-up to The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise with this clever murder mystery set in Victorian England, brimming with her signature charm and fabulous characters, including the palace maze-keeper and the unconventional Lady Beatrice (who likes to dress up as a toucan - don't ask).

The Absolutist
John Boyne, $16.95
The Absolutist is a masterful tale of passion, jealousy, heroism, and betrayal set in one of the most gruesome trenches of France during World War I. This novel will keep you on the edge of your seat until its most extraordinary and unexpected conclusion, and will stay with you long after you've turned the last page.

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The Malice of Fortune
Michael Ennis, $26.95
Against a teeming canvas of Borgia politics, Niccolò Machiavelli and Leonardo da Vinci come together to unmask an enigmatic serial killer, as we learn the secret history behind one of the most controversial works in the western canon, The Prince.

The Secret Keeper
Kate Morton, $26.99
During a party at the family farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson has escaped to her childhood tree house and is dreaming of the future. Before the afternoon is over, Laurel will witness a shocking crime that challenges everything she knows about her family and especially her mother.

The Yellow Birds
Kevin Powers, $24.99
A novel written by a veteran of the war in Iraq, The Yellow Birds is the harrowing story of two young soldiers trying to stay alive. With profound emotional insight, especially into the effects of a hidden war on mothers and families at home, The Yellow Birds is a groundbreaking novel that is destined to become a classic.
**The Best American Short Stories 2012**
Tom Perrotta, Heidi Pitlor, $14.95
The Best American series is the premier annual showcase for the country's finest short fiction and nonfiction. *The Best American Short Stories 2012* includes Nathan Englander, Mary Gaitskill, Roxane Gay, Jennifer Haigh, Steven Millhauser, Alice Munro, George Saunders, and others.

**The Double Game**
Dan Fesperman, $26.95
The perfect read for fans of classic spy thrillers and those new to the genre. A story about spies and their secrets, fathers and sons, lovers and fate, duplicity and loyalty, *The Double Game* ingeniously taps the espionage classics of the Cold War to build a spellbinding maze of intrigue. It is Dan Fesperman's most audacious, suspenseful, and satisfying novel yet.

**Phantom**
Jo Nesbo, $25.95
Following from Jo Nesbo's electrifying international best-sellers *The Snowman* and *The Leopard*, now comes *Phantom*, which plunges the brilliant, deeply troubled, now former police officer Harry Hole into a full-tilt investigation on which his own tenuous future will come to depend.

**The Racketeer**
John Grisham, $28.95
Given the importance of what they do, and the violent people they sometimes confront, it is remarkable that in the history of this country only four active federal judges have been murdered. Judge Raymond Fawcett has just become number five. Who is the Racketeer? And what does he have to do with the judge's untimely demise?

**Flight Behavior**
Barbara Kingsolver, $28.99
The extraordinary *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lacuna* and *The Poisonwood Bible* returns with her most accessible book to date: a suspenseful and brilliant novel about catastrophe and denial, set in present day Appalachia.

**The Sandcastle Girls**
Chris Bohjalian, $25.95
This spellbinding tale travels between Aleppo, Syria, in 1915 and Bronxville, New York, in 2012 - a sweeping historical love story steeped in the author's Armenian heritage, making it his most personal novel to date.
Books About Books

The End of Your Life Book Club
Will Schwalbe, $23.00
This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a book club that brings them together as her life comes to a close. They are constantly reminded of the power of books to comfort us, astonish us, teach us, and tell us what we need to do with our lives and in the world. Reading isn’t the opposite of doing; it’s the opposite of dying.

My Bookstore
Ronald Rice, $23.95
In this enthusiastic, heartfelt, and sometimes humorous ode to bookshops and booksellers, 84 well-known authors pay tribute to the brick-and-mortar stores they love and often call their second homes.

Weird Things Customers Say in Bookstores
Jen Campbell, $15.00
“Can books conduct electricity?”
“Did Beatrix Potter ever write a book about dinosaurs?”
“I’ve forgotten my glasses, please read me the first chapter.”
If we didn’t know it already, this irresistible book is proof positive that booksellers are heroes, the world over.

Judging a Book by Its Lover
Lauren Leto, $14.99
An incisive, funny guide to the intricate world of passionate literary debate - skewering and celebrating everyone from Jonathan Franzen, Ayn Rand, and Dostoevsky to the people who read them.

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore
William Joyce, Joe Bluhm, $17.99
Stunningly brought to life by William Joyce, The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore is a modern masterpiece, showing that in today’s world of traditional books, eBooks, and apps, it’s story that we truly celebrate—and this story, no matter how you tell it, begs to be read again and again.

The Art of the Epigraph
Rosemary Ahern, $16.00
There are few things a bibliophile loves more than an epigraph – even if Ann and Michael don’t always read them! Those intriguing quotations, sayings, snippets of songs and poems do more than just set the tone for the experience ahead: the epigraph informs us about the author’s sensibility. The Art of the Epigraph collects epigraphs from across literature.

The End of Your Life Book Club
Thessaly La Force, Jane Mount, $24.99
The books that we choose to keep - let alone read - can say a lot about who we are and how we see ourselves. Here, dozens of cultural figures share the books that matter to them most. With colorful hand-rendered images of book spines by Jane Mount, and first-person commentary from all the contributors, this is a perfect gift for avid book lovers.
**Elsewhere**
Richard Russo, $25.95
After eight commanding works of fiction, the Pulitzer Prize winner now turns to memoir in a hilarious, moving, and always surprising account of his life, his parents, and the upstate New York town they all struggled variously to escape.

**Waging Heavy Peace**
Neil Young, $39.95 (audio)
In *Waging Heavy Peace*, Young presents a kaleidoscopic view of personal life and musical creativity; it is a journey that spans the snows of Ontario to LSD-laden boulevards of 1966 Los Angeles to the contemplative paradise of Hawaii today. Candid, witty, and destined to become an American classic. We recommend the audiobook, narrated by Keith Carradine.

**Wild**
Cheryl Strayed, $26.95
One of Ann’s best books of 2012, this is he story of an eleven-hundred-mile solo hike taken by a grief-stricken young woman who was supremely unprepared for the rigors of the trail. That journey was life-changing for Cheryl, and she shares it with us. through this candid memoir that will appeal to even those who shy away from memoir.

**The Fractalist**
Benoit Mandelbrot, $30.00
A fascinating memoir from the man who revitalized visual geometry, and whose ideas about fractals have changed how we look at both the natural world and the financial world.

**Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power**
Jon Meacham, $35.00
From the Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author of *American Lion* and *Franklin and Winston* comes a rich, unprecedented biography of Thomas Jefferson, an original thinker and a master politician, who helped create and sustain the American republic.

**The Man Who Saved the Union**
H.W. Brands, $35.00
From *New York Times* bestselling author H. W. Brands, comes a masterful biography of Ulysses Grant, the Civil War general and two-term president who saved the Union twice - on the battlefield and in the White House, holding the country together at two critical turning points in our history.

**The Richest Woman in America**
Janet Wallach, $27.95
A captivating biography of America's first female tycoon, Hetty Green. Set during a period of financial crisis strikingly similar to our current one, acclaimed author Janet Wallach's engrossing exploration of a fascinating life revives a rarely-mentioned queen of American finance.

**Brain on Fire**
Susannah Cahalan, $25.00
One day, Susannah Cahalan woke up strapped to a hospital bed. Her medical records showed psychosis, violence, and instability. Yet, only weeks earlier she had been a healthy, ambitious twenty-four year old. With sharp reporting drawn from hospital records, scientific research, and interviews with doctors and family, *Brain on Fire* is a crackling mystery.
**Rod: The Autobiography**
Rod Stewart, $27.00
Rod promises readers a riveting ride through one of rock's most remarkable lives. In Rod's own words, "I've had quite a life, known some extraordinary people and had some amazing experiences...Forget skeletons in the closet; this one's going to be socks and knickers under the bed." Also available as an audiobook read by Simon Vance!

**The Black Count**
Tom Reiss, $27.00
The true story of the greatest unknown soldier ever, a French hero who, in a time of slavery, rose from bondage to become a commander of vast armies and a rival of Napoleon's, and who achieved mythic feats that would inspire classic works of fiction, written by the son who shared his name, Alexandre Dumas.

**Light and Shade**
Brad Tolinski, $26.00
The "oral autobiography" of Jimmy Page, the intensely private, interview-averse lead guitarist and mastermind behind Led Zeppelin - one of the most enduring bands in rock history - and the most complete, in-his-own-words portrait of the guitarist ever published.

**Buddy**
Brian McGrory, $24.00
After the death of his beloved dog, Harry, Brian McGrory's life changed drastically: He fell in love with Pam, Harry's veterinarian; he gave up the city single life for a wife and two daughters in suburbia. Everyone in the family welcomed him, except for Buddy, their pet rooster. An epic, and often hilarious, battle between man and bird begins.

**The Day My Brain Exploded**
Ashok Rajamani, $13.95
After a full-throttle brain bleed at the age of twenty-five, Ashok Rajamani had to relearn everything: how to eat, how to walk and to speak, even things as basic as his sexual orientation. With humor and insight, he describes the events of that day as well as the long, difficult recovery period.

**Joseph Anton: A Memoir**
Salman Rushdie, $30.00
On Valentine's Day 1989 Salman Rushdie was told that he had been 'sentenced to death' by the Ayatollah Khomeini. His crime? To have written a novel called *The Satanic Verses*, which was accused of being 'against Islam, the Prophet and the Quran'. So begins Rushdie's extraordinary memoir of how a writer was forced underground.

**Kurt Vonnegut: Letters**
Kurt Vonnegut, Dan Wakefield, $35.00
This extraordinary compilation of personal correspondence has all the hallmarks of Kurt Vonnegut's fiction. These letters written over a sixty-year period are funny, moving and full of the same uncanny wisdom that has endeared his work to readers worldwide.

**On a Farther Shore**
William Souder, $30.00
This extraordinary new biography captures the essence of one of the great reformers of the twentieth century. 50 years after the publication of *Silent Spring*, Rachel Carson's legacy endures; *On a Farther Shore* is the definitive look at one of the most influential voices of our time.
The LEGO Book
Daniel Lipkowitz, $24.95
Discover all there is to know about one of the world’s most beloved toy companies. Beautiful pages reveal, explore, and celebrate the fascinating story of LEGO bricks and the history behind them in this newly updated edition of The LEGO Book, featuring 56 new pages. Yes, two LEGO books on one page. This one is more visual and is official.

Nerds & Pop Culture

Diego Morgan
Silhouettes from Popular Culture
Olly Moss, $16.95
Combining the art of Victorian-era silhouettes with the modern-era’s heroes and villains from movies, television and video games (everyone from Doctor Who - all eleven of them - to Lady and the Tramp), this book is the perfect gift for every pop culture junkie on your gift list.

The Lands of Ice and Fire
George R.R. Martin, $40.00
Frame-able, collectible, these exquisite maps of Westeros will be the perfect holiday gift for any George R.R. Martin fan longing to disappear deeper into the world of Ice and Fire. Included will be 12 full-color, gorgeously rendered, folded maps.

A Million Little Bricks
Sarah Herman, $24.95
Toy of the Year, Toy of the Century, Greatest Toy of All Time... there aren’t many titles that haven’t been bestowed on LEGO toys, and it’s not hard to see why. From its inception in the early 1930s right up until today, the LEGO Group’s story is as colorful as the toys it makes. This unofficial history of the company is required reading for all true fans.

The Science Fiction Universe and Beyond
Michael Mallory, $40.00
Travel where no man has gone before with this decade-by-decade progression of science-fiction classics. Arranged chronologically, showing the progression of sci-fi over the decades, and delving into interesting back stories and trivia, this volume includes a variety of classic films and television shows.

American Science Fiction: Nine Classic Novels of the 1950s
Gary K. Wolfe, $70.00
The Library of America presents a two-volume anthology of nine groundbreaking works from the golden age of the modern science fiction novel. Here are genre-defining works by such masters as Robert Heinlein, Richard Matheson, James Blish, Alfred Bester, and others.

Star Trek: The Next Generation 365
Terry Erdmann, Ronald Moore, Paula Block, $29.95
To commemorate the show’s 25th anniversary, Star Trek: The Next Generation 365 provides a fresh, accessible overview of the entire series, including an authorized guide to all 178 episodes with rarely seen and now-classic photography and illustrations.

GeekMom
Natania Barron, Kathy Ceceri, $19.99
It is fast becoming a geek world out there, and moms from their twenties to fifties are coming out of the closet and showing off their tech smarts and superhero-like skills to keep their savvy kids entertained and engaged. The editors of GeekMom, offer a range of cool projects and parenting advice centered around raising kids in the tech age.

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**Glittering Images**
Camille Paglia, $30.00
From one of our most acclaimed cultural critics, here is an enthralling journey through Western art’s defining moments, from the ancient Egyptian tomb of Queen Nefertari to George Lucas’s volcano planet duel in *Revenge of the Sith*.

**The Lost Battles**
Jonathan Jones, $35.00
The story of a sixteenth-century clash of titans, the two greatest minds of the Renaissance, working side by side in the same room in a fierce competition: the master Leonardo da Vinci, and his implacable young rival, the thirty-year-old Michelangelo.

**National Geographic Image Collection**
Leah Bendavid-Val, $17.95
Behind National Geographic’s worldwide reputation lies one of the most extensive, valuable, and unique resources on Earth: the National Geographic Image Collection. This book, now in small format, lets readers plumb the fascinating depths of this immense archive from the earliest photographs collected in the late 19th century to the cutting-edge work of today.

**Life in Color**
Annie Griffiths, $40.00
*Life in Color* is arranged by color in a rainbow of beauty. Each chapter, devoted to a major color, begins with a short, inspiring essay that explores the qualities, meaning, and symbolism of that color. Smaller sections present images in silver, brown, black, gold, white, and “unseen color” - not seen with the naked eye, such as laser, and microscopic images.

**Cézanne: A Life**
Alex Danchev, $40.00
One of the most influential painters of his time and beyond, Cézanne was the exemplary artist - creator of the modern age who changed the way we see the world. With brisk intellect, rich documentation, and multiple color and black-and-white illustrations, Danchev tells the story of an artist who was originally considered a madman, a barbarian, and a sociopath.

**How Music Works**
David Byrne, $32.00
*How Music Works* is David Byrne’s remarkable and buoyant celebration of a subject he has spent a lifetime thinking about. In it he explores how profoundly music is shaped by its time and place, and he explains how the advent of recording technology in the twentieth century forever changed our relationship to playing, performing, and listening to music.

**Jaws: Memories from Martha’s Vineyard**
Matt Taylor, $49.95
The filming of *Jaws* is regarded as a landmark event in both the history of motion pictures and the quaint New England island of Martha's Vineyard, where the geographic isolation necessitated the hiring of hundreds of locals to work as actors and laborers. This unique compendium is the first to focus on the production’s local participants, telling their stories at last.
**The Visual Miscellaneum**
David McCandless, $26.99
With cutting edge graphs, charts, and illustrations *The Visual Miscellaneum*, first published three years ago and now newly revised, is the bible for the modern information age. It helps decipher countless statistics and random facts by using brilliant and innovative graphics.

**Hallucinations**
Oliver Sacks, $26.95
Here, with his usual elegance, curiosity, and compassion, Dr. Sacks weaves together stories of his patients and of his own mind-altering experiences to illuminate what hallucinations tell us about the structure of our brains, how they have influenced every culture's folklore and art, and why the potential for hallucination is present in us all.

**Don't Know Much About the American Presidents**
Kenneth C. Davis, $27.99
Kenneth C. Davis tackles the American presidents, from George Washington to Barack Obama, in the same accessible, entertaining, and myth-busting style that makes reading his books "like returning to the classroom of the best teacher you ever had" (*People*).

**Iron Curtain**
Anne Applebaum, $35.00
In the long-awaited follow-up to her Pulitzer Prize-winning *Gulag*, acclaimed journalist Anne Applebaum delivers a groundbreaking history of how Communism took over Eastern Europe after World War II and transformed in frightening fashion the individuals who came under its sway.

**Heads in Beds**
Jacob Tomsky, $25.95
*Heads in Beds* is a funny, authentic, and irreverent chronicle of the highs and lows of hotel life, told by a keenly observant insider who's seen it all. Prepare to be shocked, and amazed as he spills the unwritten code of the bellhops, the antics that go on at valet parking, the housekeeping department's dirty little secrets—not to mention the shameless activities of the guests.

**Mad Science**
Randy Alfred, $19.99
Every day of the year has a rich scientific and technological heritage just waiting to be uncovered, and *Wired*'s top-flight science-trivia book *Mad Science* collects them chronologically, from New Year's Day to year's end, showing just how entertaining, wonderful, bizarre, and relevant science can be.
Building Stories
Chris Ware, $50.00
Within this colorful box you will find fourteen distinct items; pamphlets, books, posters, all of which combine to tell the story of the residents of one building. Chris Ware is a master of graphic storytelling and this is his masterpiece.

The Rime of the Modern Mariner
Nick Hayes, $32.00
Written in 1797, “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” was the original ecofable; drawn in 2010, The Rime of the Modern Mariner is a graphic novel, now set in the cesspool of the North Atlantic Garbage Patch—thus adding a timely and resonant message about the destruction of our seas.

The Hypo
Noah Van Sciver, $24.95
The debut graphic novel from Noah Van Sciver follows the twentysomething Abraham Lincoln as he loses everything, long before becoming our most beloved president. This is a completely original telling of a man driven by an irrepressible desire to pull himself up by his bootstraps, overcome all obstacles, and become the person he strives to be.

Superman: Earth One Vol. 2
J. Michael Straczynski, Shane Davis, $22.99
Young Clark Kent continues his journey toward becoming the World’s Greatest Super Hero, but finds dealing with humanity to be a bigger challenge than he ever imagined! From a ruthless dictator to a new love interest who’s NOT Lois Lane, things are never easy for this emerging Man of Steel.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Book 1
Denise Mina, Andrea Mutti, Leonardo Manco, $19.99
Bestselling mystery writer Denise Mina adapts Stieg Larsson’s “Millennium Trilogy” into a stunning visceral graphic novel series. Volume One covers the first half of Larsson’s first novel.

The Complete Calvin and Hobbes
Bill Watterson, $100.00
Calvin and Hobbes is unquestionably one of the most popular comic strips of all time. Available for the first time in paperback, these four full-color volumes in a sturdy slipcase include all the Calvin and Hobbes cartoons that ever appeared in syndication.

Sailor Twain
Mark Siegel, $24.99
One hundred years ago. On the foggy Hudson River, a riverboat captain rescues an injured mermaid from the waters. A wildly popular—and notoriously reclusive—author makes a public debut. A French nobleman seeks a remedy for a curse. As three lives twine together and race to an unexpected collision, the mystery of the Mermaid of the Hudson deepens.

The Best of Archie Comics Book 2
Various, $9.99
The Best of Archie Comics Book Two collects some of the best-known and beloved Archie stories, hand-picked from the company’s rich, 70-year history. Included in this volume are exclusive behind-the-scenes anecdotes from the creators who brought the stories to life.
**For Kids of All Ages**

**Look! Another Book!**
Bob Staake, $16.99

From a music note to a teeny red boat, a blue kangaroo to a robot or two, there are endless things to discover in this zany follow-up to Look! A Book! from award-winning artist Bob Staake. Die cuts on the cover and every spread reveal hidden treasures in each vast landscape. Michael’s family loves every book Bob Staake creates!

**Liar & Spy**
Rebecca Stead, $15.99

Seventh grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer’s first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. But as Safer becomes more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: what is a lie, and what is a game?

**A Perfect Day**
Carin Berger, $16.99

With her signature stunning cut-paper illustrations, Carin Berger celebrates everything that is wonderful about a crisp, snowy day. After it snows and snows and snows, what could be better than going outside and making the first tracks? How about snowball fights, building snowmen, ice skating, sledding, and going home to steaming mugs of hot chocolate?

**Wonder**
R. J. Palacio, $15.99

I won’t describe what I look like. Whatever you’re thinking, it’s probably worse. August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he only wants to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can’t get past Auggie’s extraordinary face.

**Safari**
Dan Kainen, Carol Kaufmann, $28.95

*Safari* is a magical journey. Readers, as if on safari, encounter eight wild animals that come alive. Using an innovative lenticular-based technology, precision sliding lenses, and original four-color video imagery, each image is like a 3-D movie on the page, delivering a rich, fluid, immersive visual experience.

**The Last Dragonslayer**
Jasper Fforde, $16.99

The author of *The Eyre Affair*, one of Ann and Michael’s favorites, turns to children’s books! Fifteen-year-old foundling Jennifer Strange runs Kazam, an employment agency for magicians—but it’s hard to stay in business when magic is drying up. But things are about to change, because something is coming. Something known as... Big Magic.

**Unbored**
Elizabeth Foy Larsen, Joshua Glenn, $25.00

*Unbored* is the guide and activity book every modern kid needs. Vibrantly designed, lavishly illustrated, brilliantly walking the line between cool and constructive, it’s crammed with activities that are not only fun and doable but also designed to get kids engaged with the wider world.

**The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse**
Helen Ward, $16.99

Beguiled by his cousin’s amazing tales, the country mouse visits the electric city. Unfortunately the town mouse forgot to mention that the city has a lot of noise, tall buildings...and dangerous dogs! Helen Ward’s 1930s New York at Christmas is at once gorgeous and frighteningly busy.
Snowmen at Work
Caralyn Buehner, Mark Buehner, $16.99
In Snowmen at Night, we discovered the secret lives of snowmen. While we humans sleep, the snowmen go sledding, play baseball, and drink ice-cold cocoa. But now it's revealed that snowmen don't just play all night—they have jobs to do too. This series is a big favorite with Michael's kids (and Michael too!).

Monkeyfarts!
David Borgenicht, $8.99
From classic favorites to zany newcomers, Monkeyfarts! is packed to bursting with wild and wacky jokes about monsters, pirates, polar bears, super-heroes, hot dogs, Harry Potter, Vikings, elephants, vampires, and more. It's the perfect joke book for the eight-year-old on your list!

Don't Let the Pigeon Finish This Activity Book!
Mo Willems, $19.99
The Pigeon really, really wants to finish this activity book! But that pesky Duckling keeps getting in the way. Follow the Bus Driver's lead as you write, color, draw, create—even build an airport!—in this fun-filled book starring the Pigeon and YOU!

Son
Lois Lowry, $17.99
They called her Water Claire. When she washed up on their shore, no one knew that she came from a society where emotions and colors didn't exist. Son thrusts readers once again into the chilling world of the Newbery Medal winning book, The Giver—as well as Gathering Blue and Messenger—where a new hero emerges.

Every Day
David Levithan, $17.99
In his new bestselling novel, David Levithan introduces readers to a unique love story about A, a teen who wakes up every morning in a different body, living a different life. Every day a different body. Every day a different life. Every day in love with the same girl.

Star Wars: A Galactic Pop-up Adventure
Matthew Reinhart, $36.99
Matthew Reinhart has created another spectacular pop-up book for George Lucas's epic Star Wars movies! This new look at Stars Wars explores the characters, stories, vehicles, droids, and more in the three prequel movies and the Clone Wars, and it even includes a lightsaber that lights up and changes color!
Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm
Philip Pullman, $27.95
Two hundred years ago, Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm published the first volume of *Children's and Household Tales*. Now, Philip Pullman, one of the most popular authors of our time, makes us fall in love all over again with the immortal tales of the Brothers Grimm.

The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread
Nigel Fountain, $14.99
Clichés have become such a familiar part of the English language and people's everyday speech. This entertaining book takes an in depth look at hundreds of these common expressions in their many forms—where they came from, what they mean, and how they've evolved over time.

The Butler's Guide to Running the Home and Other Graces
Stanley Ager, Fiona St. Aubyn, $21.99
Stanley Ager served fifty-three years as a butler in some of the most magnificent houses in Britain. From caring for clothing to managing the table, all of the basics of home management are covered here in delicious detail. Beautifully designed, this book is a fun “object,” and a perfect gift for fans of Downton Abbey!

Horse Stories
edited by Diana Secker Tesdell, $15.00
A perfect Christmas gift - a beautifully jacketed hardcover anthology of two centuries of short fiction about our most majestic companion animal. With full-cloth binding and a silk ribbon marker.

The Big New Yorker Book of Dogs
edited by Malcolm Gladwell, $45.00
For dog lovers, from the greatest magazine in the world, an oversize, full color irresistible anthology of essays, short humor pieces, poems, fiction, and cartoons. Nobody but The New Yorker could fetch such an unbelievable roster of talent on the subject of man's best friend!

Knitted Farm Animals
Sarah Keen, $19.99
Knitters of all skill levels will fall in love with this roundup of 15 furry and feathered critters, including a pig, pony, cat, llama, mama duck (with ducklings), and more.

Is That a Word?
David Bukszpan, Dave Hopkins, $18.95
Scrabble aficionados may know that both "Brr" and "Brrr" are legitimate plays, but what about everyday names like Peter, Carl, and Marge? This collection of facts, tips, and surprising lists of playable words will instruct and delight the letterati.
The Roots of My Obsession
Thomas C. Cooper, $9.99
The Roots of My Obsession features thirty essays from the most vital voices in gardening. They show that gardening is a passion and obsession that cannot be conquered or abandoned, only indulged. The writing is direct, engaging, and from the heart.

The Very Hungry Zombie
Jonathan Apple, Michael Teitelbaum, $14.95
In this dead-on parody of a children's classic, a very hungry zombie eats his way through a variety of his favorite foods, including clowns, astronauts, rock stars, fingers, and brains. For kids? Maybe not, but certainly fun for zombie-loving adults who grew up reading about that ravenous caterpillar.

Heart Felt Knits
Tamara Mello. $24.95
In Heart Felt Knits, actress-turned-crafter Tamara Mello offers twenty-five knitted and felted projects, from darling nesting bowls to elegant hats, cozy wraps, and chic hair accessories.

1001 Dream Cars You Must Drive Before You Die
Simon Heptinstall, $36.95
A lavishly illustrated collection of the 1,001 most groundbreaking and beautiful cars, from the earliest pioneering horseless carriages to the latest custom models for connoisseurs. No mere machine or convenience, the car is a reflection of the cultural zeitgeist, and 1001 Dream Cars celebrates America’s long fascination with it.

Something for Everyone

The Anatomy of Type
Stephen Coles, Tony Seddon, $25.99
Developed with typographers, graphic designers, and font geeks in mind, The Anatomy of Type is the ultimate stylistic guide to the intricacies and design of 100 indispensible typefaces. Yup, Michael chose this one.

Dogfight
Calvin Trillin, $16.00
Satiric, witty, laugh-out-loud verse about Obama and all the contenders, from Mitt to Newt, Perry to Paul, with a little Bachmann and Santorum thrown in.

National Geographic Angry Birds
Mel White, Peter Vesterbacka, $13.95
This hilariously eye-popping book showcases real-world angry birds and 50 fantastic stories peppered with tips to avoid them, as well as fascinating facts about angry bird behavior. As one of the most trusted authorities on animal behavior, National Geographic is the perfect source for the real truth behind real-life angry birds.

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The Onion, $29.99
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