

NEW BOOKS FEBRUARY 2013

ADULT NON-FICTION

Slander: liberal lies about the American right / by Ann Coulter – 320.52^Coulter

“Examines the shaping of political discourse in the United States as it has become increasingly hostile and more trivial, describing how the media's liberal bias has villainized the conservative right and obscured the true issues.”

Last call: the rise and fall of prohibition / by Daniel Okrent – 363.4^Okrent

“The author explores the origins, implementation, and failure of that great American delusion known as Prohibition. His book explains how Prohibition happened, what life under it was like, and what it did to the country. It is a history of one of the most puzzling eras in American history when the Constitution was amended to restrict human behaviour. In the 19th century, the U.S. was notably liquor-soaked. By 1917, some people were prepared to translate their concerns into legislative action. An intriguing look at what life under prohibition was like, what it did to the country, and how it reflected such issues as xenophobia, urban/rural tension, and the role of women in society.”

Mantle of Heroism: Tarawa and the battle for Gilberts / by Michael B. Graham – 940.54^Graham

“Originally published in 1993, an account of the storming of Tarawa in November 1943 as part of the war in the Pacific by the United States Marines. Graham uses diaries, letters, memoirs and memories from sailors, Marines and the Japanese defenders to give an account of the assault on the island fortress.”

Complete book of needle craft (The) / edited by Janet Kirkwood – 746.4^Complete

“This is an excellent book for people who do needle work of all kinds, beginners to experienced.”

Eat the cookie-Buy the shoes: giving yourself permission to lighten up / by Joyce Meyer – 241.4^Meyer

“The author argues that breaking from a regimented lifestyle is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign that balance is a core value in life.”

No-spin zone (The): confrontations with the powerful and famous in America / by Bill O'Reilly – 973.92^O'Reilly

“Includes interviews with Joycelyn Elders, Steve Allen, Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs, Laura Schlessinger, Susan Sarandon, Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, James Carville, George W. Bush, Mario Cuomo, John McCain, Dan Rather, Hillary Clinton, and others.”

Navajo code talkers (The) / by Doris Atkinson Paul – 940.54^Paul

“Chronicles the development of the Navajo "code talker" program used by the U.S. to fight the Japanese in the Second World War, and describes the experiences of code talkers in action in the Pacific.”

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Odyssey of the heart: close relationships in the twenty-first century / by John H. Harvey and Ann L. Weber – 158.2^Harvey

“This text on close relationships reflects the theme of Homer's writing about Odysseus. It weaves excerpts of actual relationships with contemporary and classic research to provide a better perspective on our own experiences in light of the principles of relationships.”

Rising sun (The) / by John Toland – 940.535^Toland

“Comprehensive account of the military and political events that led to Pearl Harbor, the war in the Pacific, and Japan's defeat; based on interviews with participants, and told from a Japanese point of view.”

House of Scorta / by Laurent Gaude – 843^Gaude

“The story of the Scortas opens in 1870 with Rocco Scorta Mascalzone, the bastard product of a rape, and a notorious scoundrel, whose legacy the family is forced to confront.”

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Melal / by Robert Barclay – FIC^Barclay

“*Melal* is a Marshallese word, defined at the start of the novel as a, “Playground for demons; not habitable by people.” This title sets the tone for the story, as it follows three plot lines that occur on Good Friday 1981, set in the Kwajalein atoll, the largest in the world. One of the main characters, Rujen Keju is a middle-aged widower, his wife died from cancer as a result of the fallout from the United States nuclear testing that occurred on the Bikini atoll in 1954. Rujen lives on Ebeye, an overpopulated island where many Marshallese were relocated to after their homes were subjected to nuclear fallout, as well as U.S. military ballistic missile testing. He works at the Kwajalein sewage plant and on Good Friday, 1981, he faces a series of mishaps on his way to work and throughout the rest of his day.”

Juliet Club (The) / by Suzanne Harper – FIC^Harper

“When high school junior Kate wins an essay contest that sends her to Verona, Italy, to study Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" over the summer, she meets both American and Italian students and learns not just about Shakespeare, but also about star-crossed lovers--and herself.”

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Botticelli secret (The) / by Marina Fiorato – FIC^Fiorato

“When the painter Botticelli doesn't pay Luciana Vetra for her work as one of his models, she steals an unfinished painting. After people around her start dying--murdered by someone who wants the painting and its secrets back--Luciana goes on the run, looking for answers.”

Magical worlds of the lord of the Rings (The): the amazing myths, legends and facts behind the masterpiece / by David Colbert – FIC^Colbert

“Offers information about Tolkien's realm of Middle-Earth and its inhabitants, including details on characters, mythology, origins, and cultures.”

Spin / by Robert Charles Wilson – FIC^Wilson

“Tyler Dupree and his friends Jason and Diane Lawton witness what comes to be known as the Big Blackout, which occurs when an alien race generates a false barrier between Earth and the rest of the universe.”

Seeker / by Jack McDevitt – FIC^McDevitt

“Alex Benedict and his assistant, Chase Kolpath, return to solve a riddle that leads them to the edge of known space in this tale from a multiple Nebula Award-nominee.”

Judas unchained / by Peter F. Hamilton – FIC^Hamilton

“The factions in the embattled Commonwealth must come together to battle not only the predatory alien species, the Prime, but also the Starflyer, a mysterious and undetectable alien with irresistible mind-control abilities.”

Utopia: a novel / by Lincoln Child – FIC^ Child

“Utopia, a theme park featuring high-tech computers and robotics, becomes the scene of a confrontation between the engineer who designed the park's wizardry and a gang of criminals who are holding the park's visitors hostage to their demands.”

Book of spies (The) / by Gayle Lynds – FIC^Lynds

“For centuries, many have tried to locate Ivan the Terrible's magnificent collection of lost works. Now one of the volumes has surfaced-- along with a secret book club that forms a cabal of the world's most powerful men. The CIA discovers a link between the books and a bank account linked to terrorists, and the race begins.”

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Miss Garnets' angel / by Salley Vickers – FIC^Vickers

“Julia Garnet, a reserved English teacher, comes alive during a six month stay in Venice. She becomes enraptured by a series of paintings in a local church that tell the story of Tobias and the Archangel Raphael.”

JUVENILE FICTION

Duchessina: a novel of Catherine de Medici / by Carolyn Meyer – J^FIC^Meyer

“While her tyrannical family is out of favor in Italy, young Catherine de Medici is raised in convents, then in 1533, when she is fourteen, her uncle, Pope Clement VII, arranges for her marriage to prince Henri of France, who is destined to become king.”

Pride and prejudice and zombies: dawn of the dreadful / by Steve Hockensmith – J^FIC^Hockensmith

“A thrilling prequel set four years before the horrific events of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. As our story opens, the Bennet sisters are enjoying a peaceful life in the English countryside. They idle away the days reading, gardening, and daydreaming about future husbands—until a funeral at the local parish goes strangely and horribly awry.”

Evernight / by Claudia Gray – YA^FIC^Gray

“Sixteen-year-old Bianca, a new girl at the sinister Evernight boarding school, finds herself drawn to another outsider, Jared, but dark forces threaten to tear them apart and destroy Bianca's entire world.”

Out stealing horses / by Per Petterson – YA^FIC^Petterson

“After a meeting with his only neighbor, sixty-seven-year-old Trond is forced to reflect upon a long-ago incident that marks the beginning of a series of losses for Trond and his childhood friend, Jon.”

Girl who fell from the sky: a novel / by Heidi W. Durrow – J^FIC^Durrow

“After a family tragedy orphans her, Rachel, the daughter of a Danish mother and a black G.I., moves into her grandmother's mostly black community in the 1980s, where she must swallow her grief and confront her identity as a biracial woman in a world that wants to see her as either black or white.”