

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson (Random House, \$25, 9781400068937) "In a comedy of manners that would make Jane Austen proud, a retired general and a widowed Pakistani woman meet and court in an out-of-the-way English village. There is wit here, and cleverness, and a host of clear-eyed, stiff-lipped, curmudgeonly joys."

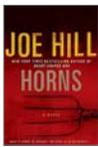
—Mark Bradshaw, Watermark Books, Wichita, KS



One Amazing Thing

by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni (Voice, \$23.99, 9781401340995) "Nine people are trapped in the Indian consulate's visa office after a devastating earthquake. As they start to melt down emotionally, a grad student suggests they each tell a story about one thing in their lives. The stories they tell are incredible, and you will understand each character as they wait for rescue or death."

—Cinda Meister, Booksmart, Morgan Hill, CA



Horns

by Joe Hill (Morrow, \$25.99, 9780061147951) "When Ignatius Perrish wakes up with horns and discovers that everyone will tell him their darkest desires, he finally begins to piece together the events behind the brutal murder of his girlfriend. Joe Hill's new novel is a brilliant mix of horror and mystery."

—Whitney Spotts, Schuler Books & Music, Lansing, MI



One Good Dog

by Susan Wilson (St. Martin's, \$22.99, 9780312571252) "Two tough fighters—one a man, one a dog—stumble upon each other at a critical juncture in their lives, and each narrate part of the novel. A marvelous tale of redemption, salvation, and reinvention."

—Jackie Blem, Tattered Cover Book Store, Denver, CO



The Surrendered

by Chang-rae Lee (Riverhead, \$26.95, 9781594489761) "Events of the Korean War slam into a young girl, a GI, and the wife of a missionary with a tragic ferocity. Epic in scope and beautifully written, The Surrendered begins in Korea and then moves to Manchuria, New Jersey, and Italy. What makes us who we are? Can cataclysmic events alter our sense of self beyond redemption? A powerful novel."

—Deon Stonehouse, Sunriver Books, Sunriver, OR



The Journal Keeper

by Phyllis Theroux (Atlantic, \$24, 9780802118974) "The Journal Keeper is a radiant display of Theroux's considerable talents with pen and paper but even more remarkable is her window on a world of universal wisdom that she unveils in her daily task of record keeping."

—Barbara Meade, Politics & Prose Bookstore and Coffeehouse, Washington, DC



The Dream of Perpetual Motion

by Dexter Palmer (St. Martin's, \$24.99, 9780312558154) "This debut work is an absolutely enchanting novel with elements of steampunk and alternate history, loosely constructed around the plot of Shakespeare's The Tempest. It's a powerful story and I can't wait to see what he writes next."

—Bridget Allison, Phoenix Books, Essex, VT



Making Toast

A Family Story, by Roger Rosenblatt (Ecco, \$21.99, 9780061825934) "After the death of their married daughter, Roger Rosenblatt and his wife take on all that they can to help their son-in-law and grandchildren. The pain of the story is beautifully mitigated by the elegance of the language, and Making Toast is inspiring. This is a book to cherish."

—Dana Brigham, Brookline Booksmith, Brookline, MA



Angelology

by Danielle Trussoni (Viking, \$27.95, 9780670021475) "Danielle Trussoni explodes upon the fiction scene with a classic clash of good and evil that is bound to rivet readers to their seats until completion. Delving deftly into myth and belief, she presents a contemporary world of angels more like the battles of John Milton than the heavenly choirs of Hollywood."

—Bill Cusumano, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI



House Rules

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—Carol Hicks, Bookshelf At Hooligan Rocks, Truckee, CA



Bone Fire

by Mark Spragg (Knopf, \$25.95, 9780307272751) "Mark Spragg's writing is lyrical and wonderfully descriptive, and his characters come alive in this story, set in modern-day Wyoming. We have the return of characters from Spragg's An Unfinished Life and a 10-year-old boy who will grab hold of your heart and never let go. This is writing and reading at its very best!"

—Susan Wasson, Bookworks, Albuquerque, NM



Brooklyn

by Colm Tóibín (Scribner, \$15 paper, 9781439148952) "One of the loveliest novels of 2009 now available in paperback: an Irish coming-of-age story that is both heartrending and full of hope. Tóibín is a master."

—Matthew Lage, Iowa Book L.L.C., Iowa City, IA



The Hole We're In

by Gabrielle Zevin (Black Cat, \$14, 9780802119230) "The Pomeroy are your normal American family, religious, in debt, lacking communication skills, and tempted by your garden variety of carnal sins. Zevin plays with structure, juggling perspective among family members, and packs the story with issues from abortion to race to veteran's issues and, religious intolerance."

—Daniel Goldin, Boswell Book Company, Milwaukee, WI



The House of Tomorrow

by Peter Bognanni (Amy Einhorn Books/Putnam, \$24.95, 9780399156090) "This book sparkles with dialogue between Sebastian, a home schooled science nerd, and Jared, a heart transplant recipient and punk rock devotee. We go willingly along for the ride in this debut novel that perfectly captures teen angst, spirit, and heart."

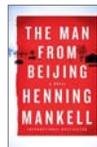
—Valerie Koehler, Blue Willow Bookshop, Houston, TX



The Crimson Rooms

by Katharine McMahon (Putnam, \$25.95, 9780399156229) "In this engrossing historical mystery set in 1920s England, Evelyn Gifford faces the problems of trying to become a lawyer amidst prejudice and finding love in the face of spinsterhood. When she begins work on a murder case for an understanding lawyer and the son of her dead brother reappears, her life begins to completely change."

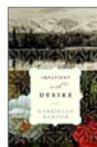
—Ann Carlson, Harborwalk Books, Georgetown, SC



The Man From Beijing

by Henning Mankell, Laurie Thompson (trans.) (Knopf, \$25.95, 9780307271860) "Henning Mankell's stand-alone novel spans 150 years in a story that begins with a murder in a small Swedish hamlet. Exquisitely plotted with dynamic characterizations, this thrilling saga is as good if not better than any of Mankell's Inspector Wallander novels."

—Joyce Behncke, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



Impatient With Desire

by Gabrielle Burton (voice, \$22.99, 9781401341015) "Impatient With Desire tells the story of the trials of the Donner Party through the eyes of Tamsen Donner—wife, mother, adventurer, survivor—who made great sacrifices for the sake of her family. Her story is told simply and you'll come to understand the pioneer spirit that is the foundation of the westward movement."

—Mary Toni, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT



Claiming Ground

by Laura Bell (Knopf, \$24.95, 9780307272881) "When Laura Bell moves from Kentucky to Wyoming to herd sheep, she finds a land of staggering beauty, a cast of oddballs and eccentrics, and a blissful and terrifying solitude that is characteristic of that land. Bell's ability to relay the beauty and terror, the loneliness and oddly satisfying connections, make this an unforgettable memoir, evocative in terms of the landscape of the human heart."

—Betsy Burton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



Postcards From a Dead Girl

by Kirk Farber (Harper Perennial, \$13.99 paper, 9780061834479) "Farber's quirky debut explores themes of love, loss, grief, and what they do to our psyches. Told via the darkly hilarious musings of the hapless Sid as he tries to solve the mystery of a series of postcards from his dead?, missing?...or not, girlfriend."

—Chris Grabish, MacDonald Book Shop, Estes Park, CO



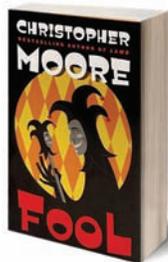
After the Workshop

by John McNally (Counterpoint, \$15.95 paper, 9781582435602) "Join media escort Jack Hercules Sheahan in a wicked romp through Iowa City as he escorts pretentious writers, spends an evening in jail, and battles writers block. A must for any student of fiction, or for that matter, any reader."

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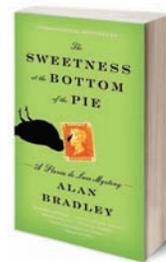
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