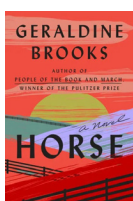


Holiday Gift Guide



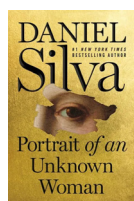
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Fiction Books



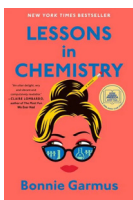
Horse by Geraldine Brooks

A legendary racehorse and an enslaved groom are at the heart of a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.



Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Daniel Silva

A stylish thriller featuring retired spy Gabriel Allon, now working as an art restorer in Venice, as the sale of a questionable Old Master draws him into the world of art forgery.



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

A humorous and observant story of a woman stymied in her career as a chemist who becomes the unlikely star of America's most beloved TV cooking show.



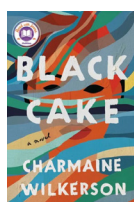
Daughter of the Moon Goddess by Sue Lynn Tan

A captivating epic fantasy inspired by the legend of the Chinese moon goddess, in which a young woman's quest to free her mother pits her against the most powerful immortal in the realm.



Overboard by Sara Paretsky

In a mystery that lays bare secrets and corruption in Chicago's neighborhoods, private eye V.I. Warshawski rescues an injured girl who vanishes from the hospital before she can be identified.



Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

In this immersive family saga, two estranged siblings receive a legacy from their mother including a traditional black cake and a recording that reveals a secret family history.

Nonfiction Books



Boards and Spreads by Yasmin Fahr

Foodies will enjoy these simple ideas and scrumptious recipes for a variety of meals and snacks to share on platters or boards.



Hello Molly! by Molly Shannon

A candid, humorous, and heartbreaking memoir of resilience and redemption by former Saturday Night Live comedian Molly Shannon.



Against All Odds by Alex Kershaw

This story of four Medal of Honor winners from the same unit is a gripping account of American courage, spanning more than 600 days of combat, from the deserts of North Africa to Hitler's mountaintop fortress.



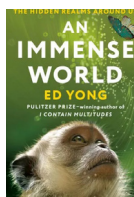
Gardening for Everyone by Julia Watkins

A guide to creating and growing a backyard garden simply and sustainably—from planning to planting to harvest, with profiles of essential vegetables and herbs, ecological tips, and fun and creative projects.



The Hurting Kind by Ada Limon

The latest collection of poems by the new Poet Laureate of the United States highlights our interconnectedness to the natural world.



An Immense World by Ed Yong

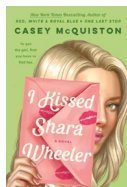
A Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist takes us beyond the confines of our own senses to experience the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, textures, vibrations, and energy that other animals perceive.

Teens



***Across A Field of Starlight* written and illustrated by Blue Delliquanti**

An epic sci-fi graphic novel about the friendship between two non-binary characters as they find one another through time, space, and war. (Grades 6–12)



***I Kissed Shara Wheeler* by Casey McQuiston**

When her rival for valedictorian kisses her and then vanishes, Chloe is thrown into an unlikely alliance with two boys, also kissed by Shara, to decipher the clues she left behind. (Grades 9–12)



***Ain't Burned All the Bright* by Jason Reynolds; illustrated by Jason Griffin**

A smash-up of art and text for teens that viscerally captures what it is to be Black in America right now. (Grades 7–12)



***I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys**

A historical thriller about communist Romania through the eyes of a 17-year-old who risks everything to expose the truth behind the regime. (Grades 9–12)

Middle Grade



***Falling Short* by Ernesto Cisneros**

A hilarious and heartfelt story about two best friends—one athletic and one academic—who support each other through middle school and family problems. (Grades 3–7)



***The Travel Book* by Malcolm Croft; illustrated by Maggie Li**

A thrill-packed journey through every country on Earth, with facts about everything from amazing animals and super sights to fun festivals and fabulous food. (Grades 3–7)



***PAWS: Gabby Gets It Together* by Nathan Fairbairn; illustrated by Michele Assarasakorn**

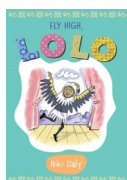
Three friends with different personalities start an afterschool dog walking business. (Grades 3–6)



***Witchlings* by Claribel Ortega**

In an action-packed adventure, three Spare Witchlings who must complete an impossible task to gain their full powers learn that friendship can be the most powerful magic of all. (Grades 4–7)

Early Chapter Books



***Fly High, Lolo* written and illustrated by Niki Daly**

Four easy-to-read stories about the delightful and irrepressible Lolo and her daily life in South Africa. (Grades 1–3)



***Olive Oh Saves Saturday* by Tina Kim; illustrated by Tiff Bartel**

Olive Oh is excited to go camping with her best friend, but when a week of rain threatens to cancel their trip, she learns to cope with unexpected changes. (Grades 1–3)



***Our Friend Hedgehog: A Place to Call Home* written and illustrated by Lauren Castillo**

Autumn leaves are falling in Hedge Hollow, and the change in season brings with it a spiny surprise... another hedgehog! Is it friend or foe? Or is it... family? (Grades K–2)



***The Very Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* by Tim Lihoreau & Philip Noyce; illustrated by Olga Baumert**

Discover the main instruments of the orchestra through illustrated scenes and a sound button with clips of ten famous child-friendly pieces. (Grades K–2)

Picture Books



***I Love You Like Yellow* by Andrea Beaty; illustrated by Vashti Harrison**

From walking through the rain to playing pirates with swords, parents list ways their children are loved and adored. (Ages 2–6)



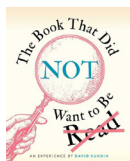
***Something Beautiful* written and illustrated by Lita Judge**

A trio of animal pals discover the beauty in making new friends. (Ages 2–6)



***Sometimes Love* by Katrina Moore; illustrated by Joy Hwang Ruiz**

This story of a military family temporarily separated from their beloved dog shares a powerful message of love and loss, with a happy ending. (Ages 4–8)



***The Book That Did Not Want to Be Read* by David Sundin; illustrated by Alexis Holmqvist**
A silly interactive story about a book that will do just about anything to make you stop reading and put it down. (Ages 4–8)

