

# Holiday Gift Guide

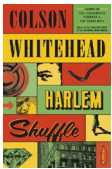


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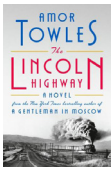


We hope you enjoy this handy list of titles suggested by our staff. Since we received a few more suggestions that we were able to fit here, we've included the entire list at [www.northbrook.info/gift-guide](http://www.northbrook.info/gift-guide). Please consider purchasing books from Book Bin, a Northbrook institution that has served the community for 50 years!

## Fiction Books



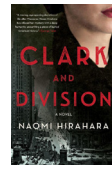
**Harlem Shuffle** by Colson Whitehead  
A crime caper from the two-time Pulitzer Prize winner about a slightly crooked furniture store owner who gets in over his head when his cousin involves him in a hotel robbery.



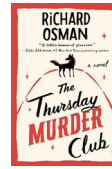
**The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles  
In this 1950s road novel, a teenager released from a work farm and his younger brother hop a train in pursuit of two fellow inmates who stole his Studebaker.



**The Guncle** by Steven Rowley  
A heartwarming and humorous novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star taking care of his niece and nephew for the summer after an unexpected family tragedy.



**Clark and Division** by Naomi Hirahara  
A unique part of Chicago history is brought to life in this mystery about a Japanese American family who arrives in the city from an internment camp and learns that their eldest daughter has died under mysterious circumstances.



**The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman  
A delightful cozy mystery featuring four friends in a retirement village who meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes and suddenly find themselves investigating their first active case.

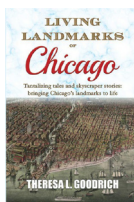


**Project Hail Mary** by Andy Weir  
Another stellar adventure story from the author of *The Martian*, in which a man wakes up alone on a spaceship with no memory and realizes he was sent to another solar system in a desperate attempt to save Earth.

## Nonfiction Books



**Calm: Interiors to Nurture, Relax and Restore** by Sally Denning  
This interior design guide will help you create a home that instills a sense of calm to cocoon and protect you from the outside world.



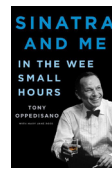
**Living Landmarks of Chicago** by Theresa Goodrich  
A tour of 50 Chicago landmarks, describing not only the architecture but the stories and people behind them, weaving an interconnected tale of the city from 1836 to 1932 and beyond.



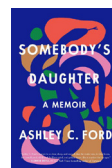
**The Chef's Garden** by Farmer Lee Jones  
An illustrated guide with over 500 entries on how to select, prepare and cook all kinds of vegetables, from herbs to edible flowers and common and uncommon produce.



**The Complete Cook's Country TV Show Cookbook** by America's Test Kitchen  
Cooking tips, food trivia, and recipes from all 14 seasons of the television program, as well as a shopper's guide featuring the chefs' top-rated ingredients and equipment.



**Sinatra and Me** by Tony Oppedisano  
Frank Sinatra's closest confidant presents an intimate and revealing portrait of the singer, featuring never-before-seen photos, fresh anecdotes, and new revelations.

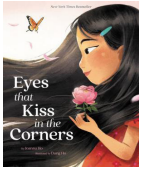


**Somebody's Daughter** by Ashley Ford  
A powerful memoir from the popular podcaster, recalling a childhood defined by the absence of her incarcerated father until her world turned upside down when she learned of his crime.

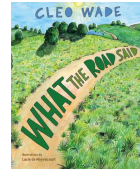
## Picture Books



***I'll Meet You in Your Dreams*** by Jessica Young; Illustrated by Rafael Lopez  
A poetic story celebrating the parent-and-child bond in its many forms. (Grades PreK-2)



***Eyes that Kiss in the Corners*** by Joanna Ho; Illustrated by Dung Ho  
A beautiful story about learning to love and celebrate diversity. (Grades PreK-1)



***What the Road Said*** by Cleo Wade; Illustrated by Lucie de Moyencourt  
Comforting verses about the questions we ask ourselves while on life's journey. (Grades 1-2)

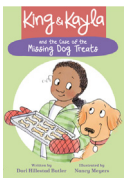


***The Midnight Fair*** by Gideon Sterer; Illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio  
As darkness falls, the animals venture out of the woods for one magical night. (Grades PreK-1)

## Early Chapter Books



***Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-be Best Friend*** by Dawn Quigley; Illustrated by Tara Audibert  
The first in an all-new chapter book series featuring a spunky young Ojibwe girl who worries that her best friend at school may not want to be friends anymore. (Grades 2-3)



***King & Kayla and the Case of the Gold Ring*** by Dori Hillestad Butler  
Kayla made treats for Jillian's new puppy, but now the treats are missing. How will they solve the mystery? (Grades 2-3)

## Early Readers

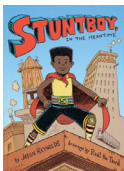


***FriendBots: Blink and Block Make a Wish*** by Vicky Fang  
Blink is silly and Block is logical, but they quickly discover they're best when they're together. (Grades PreK-3)



***El Toro & Friends: Tag Team*** by Raúl The Third  
Luchadores El Toro and La Oink Oink are the perfect tag team in this playful and visually stunning early reader! (Grades 1-2)

## Middle Grade



***Stuntboy, in the Meantime*** by Jason Reynolds; Illustrated by Raúl The Third  
A hilarious, action-packed middle grade novel about the greatest young superhero you've never heard of. (Grades 4-7)



***The Chance to Fly*** by Ali Stroker and Stacy Davidowitz  
A heartfelt novel about a theater-loving girl who uses a wheelchair for mobility and her quest to defy expectations—and gravity. (Grades 4-7)



***Allergic*** by Megan Wagner Lloyd; Illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter  
This coming-of-age graphic novel features a girl with severe allergies who just wants to find the perfect pet. (Grades 4-6)

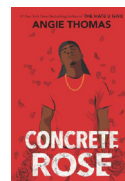


***Daughter of the Deep*** by Rick Riordan  
An exciting modern take on *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, filled with humor, fast-paced action, and a wide cast of characters. (Grades 4-8)

## Teens



***The Girl from the Sea*** by Molly Knox Ostertag  
Fifteen-year-old Morgan longs to escape her island home for the big city, until one night she is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl and they start to fall in love. (Grades 7 & up)



***Concrete Rose*** by Angie Thomas  
In this poignant coming-of-age story by the author of *The Hate U Give*, a gang leader's son finds his effort to change his ways challenged by a loved one's murder. (Grades 9 & up)



***The Cat I Never Named*** by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess  
A memoir of a Muslim teen struggling to survive in the midst of the Bosnian genocide, and her bond with a stray cat who protected her family through it all. (Grades 8 & up)



***Realm Breaker*** by Victoria Aveyard  
This new fantasy series begins where hope is lost and asks: when the heroes have fallen, who will take up the sword? (Grades 9 & up)

