

92 Biography Steinem – *My Life on the Road*

Steinem reflects on definitive events in her career, from her time on the campaign trail and interactions with political leaders to her visits to India and her encounters with "civilian" feminists.

152.44 Ronson – *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*

Examines the world of modern-day public shaming as a form of social control, describing cases of those whose careers and lives have been ruined by one mistake.

305.8 Coates – *Between the World and Me*

Told through the author's own evolving understanding over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes.

364.1523 Seierstad -- *One of Us: The Story of Anders Breivik and the Massacre in Norway*

An account of the 2011 massacre in Norway delves into the killer's troubled childhood to trace his descent from privileged youth to terrorist, offering insight into his radical beliefs against a backdrop of the country's peaceful politics.

371.207 Russakoff -- *The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools?*

A behind-the-scenes account of the high-stakes race to reform Newark's failing schools draws on inside access to Mark Zuckerberg, Cory Booker, and Chris Christie.

428.2 Norris – *Between You and Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen*

A New Yorker copy veteran presents laugh-out-loud descriptions of some of the most common and vexing errors in language and usage, drawing on examples from classic literature and pop culture while sharing anecdotes from her work with celebrated writers.

509.2 Wulf -- *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World*

A portrait of the German naturalist reveals his ongoing influence on humanity's relationship with the natural world

today, discussing such topics as his views on climate change, conservation, and nature as a resource for all life.

598.544 MacDonald – *H is for Hawk*

Recounts how the author, an experienced falconer grieving the sudden death of her father, endeavored to train for the first time a dangerous goshawk predator as part of her personal recovery.

616.8 Anil – *The Man Who Wasn't There: Investigations into the Strange New Science of Self*

In a tour of the latest neuroscience of schizophrenia, autism, out-of-body experiences, and other disorders, a science journalist presents a collection of in-depth interviews that explore the lives of individuals who offer different perspectives on the sense of self.

629.409 Dean – *Leaving Orbit*

Explores the waning days of America's space program, detailing the last three missions of the shuttles Endeavor, Discovery, and Atlantis.

940.5318 Snyder – *Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning*

Presents a history of the Holocaust that offers insights into Hitler's genocidal views and the partisan groups who supported Jewish targets, arguing that wrong conclusions about the Holocaust are compromising the world's future.

958.104 Slahi – *Guantanamo Diary*

The diary of a still-imprisoned Guantanamo detainee traces the events that led to his imprisonment, his firsthand experiences, and his ongoing incarceration in spite of a federal judge's order for his release.

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Best Books of 2015

Adult Fiction

Fiction Allende – *The Japanese Lover: A Novel*

In 1939 San Francisco, Alma falls in love with Ichimei, the gardener's son, who is sent to an internment camp, but although they reunite, they must hide their love, until in old age her caregiver and her grandson learn about their secret passion.

Fiction Alvar – *In the Country: Stories*

A collection of short stories depicts the Filipino experience, including a man who smuggles pharmaceuticals from New York to Manila for his sick father, and a struggling writer and college student who is jealous of her brother's exciting life.

Fiction Anolik – *Dark Rooms*

Unable to come to terms with her wild teen sister's murder, Grace drops out of college and takes a job at the privileged and progressive prep school she once attended to identify and exact revenge on the killer.

Fiction Beattie – *The State We're In: Maine Stories*

An award-winning short story master presents a collection of new, linked tales that impart the diverse perspectives of women orbiting around a disaffected teen who is staying with relatives while attending summer school.

Fiction Beatty – *The Sellout*

A biting satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court.

Fiction Berlin – *A Manual for Cleaning Women*

Set in the Southwest, an anthology of short stories, featuring the author's blend of humor and melancholy, finds everyday miracles and uncovers moments of grace in cafeterias, laundromats, upper class homes, and hotel dining rooms.

Fiction Daoud – *The Meursault Investigation*

In a bar in Oran, night after night, he ruminates on his solitude, on his broken heart, on his anger with men desperate for a god, and on his disarray when faced with a country that has so disappointed him. A stranger among his own people, he wants to be granted, finally, the right to die.

Fiction Due – *Ghost Summer: Stories*

In her debut collection of short fiction, Due takes us to Gracetown, a small Florida town that has both literal and figurative ghost; into future scenarios that seem all too real; and provides empathetic portraits of those whose lives are touched by Otherness.

Fiction Enright – *The Green Road*

When Christmas day reunites the Madigan children, who all left their mother Rosaleen behind to follow their dreams, they each must confront the terrible weight of family ties and the journey that brought them home.

Fiction Ferrante -- *The Story of the Lost Child*

In the final volume in a four-book saga, the brilliant, bookish Elena and the fiery, uncontrollable Lila, now friends as adults, reflect and deal with life's great discoveries, as well as its vagaries and losses. Online reading-group guide.

Fiction Flornoy – *The Turner House*

Learning after a half-century of family life that their house on Detroit's East Side is worth only a fraction of its mortgage, the members of the Turner family gather to reckon with their pasts and decide the house's fate.

Fiction Hannaham -- *Delicious Foods: A Novel*

A young widow with an addiction is lured away to a remote farm by a shady company called Delicious Foods, where she is held captive and forced into hard labor while she struggles to be reunited with her young son.

Fiction Harris -- *Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome*

A tale inspired by the writings of Tiro, Cicero's confidential secretary, traces the life of the ancient Roman orator from

his beginnings as a young lawyer through his competitions with Pompey, Caesar, and Crassus in the political arena.

Fiction Kleine – *Calf: A Novel*

Presents a fictionalized version of real events in which John Hinckley Jr. becomes obsessed with a young actress before his assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan and a young girl deals with the murder of her best friend, who is killed in her sleep by her socialite mother.

Fiction Marra – *The Tsar of Love and Techno*

A collection of interwoven tales by the New York Times best-selling author of *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* explores themes of family, sacrifice, war and the redemptive power of art.

Fiction McCrea – *Mrs. Engels*

A tale inspired by the enigmatic Irish lover of Communist Manifesto co-author Frederick Engels traces the experiences of an impoverished factory employee who navigates complex landscapes of Victorian society to pursue ambivalence-marked relationships.

Fiction McGuane – *Crow Fair: Stories*

A collection of stories set in Big Sky country explores the ties of family and friendship and the many challenges and complications of these relationships.

Fiction Nguyen – *The Sympathizer*

Follows a Viet Cong agent as he spies on a South Vietnamese army general and his compatriots as they start a new life in 1975 Los Angeles.

Fiction Novik – *Uprooted*

A tale inspired by the "Beauty and the Beast" story follows the experiences of Agnieszka, who becomes the latest girl chosen to serve an immortal wizard who protects their village from the malevolent forces of a nearby forest.

Fiction Pulley – *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street*

When a strange watch saves his life, warning him of a blast that destroys Scotland Yard, telegraphist Thaniel Steepleton

goes in search of its maker and meets Keita Mori, a Japanese immigrant who remembers the future, and soon Thaniel discovers that nothing in this world is certain.

Fiction Stewart – *Girl Waits with Gun*

Living in virtual isolation years after the revelation of a painful family secret, Constance Kopp is terrorized by a belligerent silk factory owner and fights back in ways outside the norm for early twentieth-century women.

Fiction Yanagihara – *A Little Life*

Moving to New York to pursue creative ambitions, four former classmates share decades marked by love, loss, addiction, and haunting elements from a brutal childhood.

Nonfiction**92 Biography Alexander – *The Light of the World: A Memoir***

A Pulitzer Prize-finalist poet reflects with gratitude on her life after the sudden death of her husband.

92 Biography Kissinger -- *Kissinger's Shadow: The Long Reach of America's Most Controversial Statesman*

Offers a new perspective on America's most controversial diplomat and his continuing influence, arguing that Kissinger's militarized version of American exceptionalism has led to never-ending wars abroad and political polarization at home.

92 Biography Mann – *Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs*

The author tells her family's history in photographs and words, after sorting through a box of old papers that revealed scandals, alcohol and domestic abuse, affairs, family land ownership, and racial complications.

92 Biography Sinatra – *Sinatra: The Chairman*

A behind-the-scenes look of the life and career of the legendary performer that offers insight into his prolific accomplishments, multidimensional character, and complex relationships.