

Bookworms and Their Diets
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NON-FICTION

DeLozier, Kim & Jourdan, Carolyn Bear in the Back Seat: Adventures of a Wildlife Ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Vol. 1 & Vol. 2) Ranger DeLozier's adventures with befuddled bears, hormonally-crazed elk, homicidal wild boars, hopelessly timid wolves and nine million tourists, some of whom are clueless.

Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston Farewell to Manzanar The Houstons follow the lives of Jeanne and her Japanese family during World War II in Manzanar internment camp.

Larson, Kate Clifford Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman: Portrait of an American Hero Harriet Tubman, born a slave in 1822 in Maryland, escaped in 1849, and began a life of sacrifice helping others escape to freedom.

Russell, Jan Jarboe The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and their American-born children were forcibly transported to Crystal City, TX, internment camp, a center of a government prisoner exchange program called "quiet passage." Hundreds of prisoners in Crystal City were exchanged for other more important Americans—diplomats, businessmen, soldiers, and missionaries—behind enemy lines in Japan and Germany.

Smith, Charlotte Paw Prints in Oman: Dogs, Mogs and Me British expatriate, Charlotte, living with her husband in Oman, is a vet clinic volunteer who finds homes for hundreds of stray cats and dogs. Earthquakes, cultural differences, tears and laughter follow as seven years flash by.

Weintraub, Stanley Silent Night The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce In the early months of World War I, on Christmas Eve, men on both sides of the trenches laid down their arms and joined in a spontaneous celebration.

Wert, Leon 33 Days: A Memoir In June of 1940, Leon Werth and his wife fled Paris in a chaotic exodus with more than 2 million people before the advancing Nazis Army.

Wood, Gordon S. The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin His skills and charm enabled him to transition from humble beginnings to gentlemanly status, occupying his later years with scientific experiments, philosophy and statesmanship and become known as a "symbol of America."

Yousafzai, Malala I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban (A Memoir by the Youngest Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize) An inspiring story of a 15 year old Pakistani girl's fight for girls' education, being shot in the head, her miraculous recovery. Her brave parents have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes only sons.

Fiction

Allende, Isabel Soldier of Fortune An orphan raised in Valparaiso, Chile, by a Victorian spinster and her rigid brother, vivacious young Eliza Sommers follows her lover to California during the Gold Rush of 1849.

Austen, Jane Classics: Sense and Sensibility; Pride and Prejudice; Mansfield Park; Emma; Northanger Abbey; Persuasion Her books, published anonymously, spanned less than a decade in early 1800s. She used the romantic endeavors of her characters to address issues of gender politics and class-consciousness rarely expressed in her day.

Durst-Benning, Petra Trilogy-The Glassblower; The American Lady; The Paradise of Glass Three sisters in Lauscha, Germany, work together to force a bright future for themselves on their own terms. They learn not only how to thrive in a man's world of glass blowing but how to remain true to themselves.

Hannah, Kristin The Nightingale World War II, two sisters who live in a small French village find themselves estranged during the German occupation. Each must find her own way forward as she faces moral questions and life-or-death choices.

Korelitz, Jean You Should Have Known Grace Sachs, a NYC published therapist on failed relationships, is in turmoil when she learns that everything she thought she knew about her husband is blatantly false.

Macomber, Debbie Rose Harbor Series: The Inn at Rose Harbor; Rose Harbor in Bloom; Love Letters; Silver Linings Jo Marie Rose, a young widow, arrives in Cedar Cove after she purchases a local bed-and-breakfast—the newly christened Rose Harbor Inn—ready to begin her life anew.

Sparks, Nicholas The Longest Ride A love story that intertwines two couples, one old, and one young and connects them together at the end of the story.

Steele, Danielle Silent Honor Japanese Americans in internment camps during WWII.

Historical Fiction

Ford, Jamie Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet – Alternates between 1986 and 1940s as Chinese gentleman in Seattle reminisces about the Japanese girl he once loved and her family who were held in an internment camp during WWII.

McCurrigan, Dan Honor Flight During a sponsored Honor Flight to Washington D.C. for WWII vets, a young soldier, soon to be deployed to Afghanistan, hears his great-grandfather's war stories.

Simons, Paullina Trilogy-The Bronze Horsemen; Tatiana and Alexander; Summer Garden Tatiana's and Alexander's enduring love and commitment that survived Leningrad during WWII, heartbreaking separation and a glorious reunion in America, only to be tested by the Cold War.

Religious

Cicora, Julie All I Can Do Is Pray Discovering the power of prayer.

Mystery

Baldacci, David The Christmas Train A heartwarming holiday tale about a magazine journalist on a cross-country train, the passengers he meets and a series of unexpected events.

Wish You Well Precocious 12-year-old girl, her little brother and invalid mother, after a tragedy in New York City 1940, must live on their great-grandmother's farm in the Virginia mountains.

Clark, Mary Higgins Daddy's Gone A Hunting A dark secret from a family's past threatens the lives of two sisters and the family antique furniture reproduction company.

Evanovich, Janet Top Secret Twenty-One Stephanie Plum solves a mystery amid death threats, assassins and a pack of feral Chihuahuas.

Grafton, Sue X Detective Kinsey Milhone investigates a remorseless serial killer who leaves no trace of his crimes. All her books are an alphabet title.

Nesbo, Jo The Redbreast One of a series of 12 books, this is a dark chilling tale of murder and betrayal from the battlefields of World War II to the streets of modern-day Oslo with Harry Hole, Oslo, Norway Police Inspector, a classic loose cannon with some unorthodox methods.

Penny, Louise The Nature of the Beast Retired Quebec Chief Inspector Armand Gamache investigates a strange discovery and death in Three Pines. Gamache book series contains little or no sex or violence and has been referred to as a kinder and gentler alternative to modern crime fiction.

Rule, Ann *True crime stories* in 17 books. Author is a former Seattle police officer who knows the crime scene firsthand and is a powerful advocate for victims of violent crime.

Other Suggested Mystery Authors: Clive Cussler; Lee Child; Jonathan Kellerman; Robert Ludlum

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