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**FICTION:**

**Benedict, Marie; Carnegie's Maid:** Clara Kelley, just off the boat from Ireland, misrepresents herself as a vanished Clara Kelley, lady's maid, to the Andrew Carnegie household. This is a tale of how Clara, who keeps us the ruse of who she is, spurs Andrew Carnegie's transformation from a callous industrialist to a world class philanthropist.

**Benjamin, Chloe; The Immortalist:** If you were told the date of your death, how would it shape your present? It's 1969 in New York City, and four adolescent children decide to have a psychic tell them their future. It is an intriguing testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds.

**Benjamin, Melanie; The Girls in the Picture:** It is 1914, and two woman with different passions cross paths. Frances Marion has come to LA to write stories for the silent movies. Actress, Mary Pickford, is "America's Sweetheart" of movies. They form a kinship working to create and to move audiences to a frenzy, to start a revolution. Their ambitions are challenged.

**Cornwell, Bernard; Fools and Mortals:** Richard Shakespeare dreams of a dazzling career in one of London's playhouses, a world dominated by his older brother, William. A manuscript goes missing and Richard is suspected. This is a remarkable story in which performances, rivalries and ambition combine to form a tangled web of intrigue.

**Harris, Robert; Munich:** September 1938. Hitler is determined to start a war. Chamberlain is desperate to preserve the peace. This spy thriller is set against the backdrop of the Munich Conference. It is filled with treason, conscience, loyalty and betrayal.

**Hughes-Hallett, Lucy; Peculiar Ground:** This novel is captivating, full of rich and deeply imagined life, and filled with energy. Wychwood estate, the 17<sup>th</sup> century walled estate, is real, her characters entirely convincing, and the story moves with past and present, tales and history.

**Johnson, Denis; The Largesse of the Sea Maiden:** Four short stories contemplating subjects ranging from old age and mortality; unexpected mysteries of the universe; haunted characters trying to atone for the past; remembering departed loved ones; or come to terms with lifelong obsessions. Visionary

**Olson, Neil; The Black Painting:** An old-money East Coast family faces the suspicious death of its grandfather possibly connected with an unsolved theft of a Goya painting rumored to be cursed. Someone must uncover dark family secrets and confront those who choose to keep them hidden.

**Preston, Douglas J.; City of Endless Night:** What begins as a manhunt for the missing daughter of a wealthy tech billionaire becomes something altogether different when the young woman's body is discovered. FBI Special Agent A.X.L. Pendergast shows up and joins forces with NYPD Lt. CDS D'Agosta. Caught in the cross hairs of their opponent their skill must catch the dangerous foe and yet still stay alive. Thriller!

**Reich, Christopher; *The Take*:** Simon Riske is a self-employed business spy. He doesn't like to take messy jobs from the likes of banks, insurance companies, or the British Secret Service. He himself is a skilled pocket thief. The CIA has now asked him to hunt down a fellow thief. This places Riske in a thief against thief race, outrunning the Paris police, a murderous Russian femme fatale and possibly the CIA!

**Taylor, Brad; *Operator Down*:** A thriller where Pike Logan, a US Taskforce Operator, searches for a Mossad agent and ally. This puts Logan on a collision course with a ruthless military coup in Africa—and tests his loyalties to the Taskforce. There is never anything simple in the world of intelligence.

**Willig, Lauren; *The English Wife*:** A scandalous novel full of family secrets, affairs, and even murder which takes place on the shores of the Hudson River during a Gilded Age, Twelfth Night Ball.

**Yates, Christopher J.; *Grist Mill Road*:** The year is 1982; the setting, a hamlet north of New York City. Three friends, Patrick, Matthew, and Hannah, are bound together by a tragic, senseless crime. Fast forward, to 2008, now in New York City, these three living lives they never could have predicted, meet again, with even more devastating consequences.

### **LARGE PRINT:**

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**Mayor, Archer; *Trace*:** Another great Joe Gunther crime novel. This series taking place in Vermont and is a wonderful crime fiction read with complex characters and intriguing plots.

### **NON-FICTION:**

**Kagge, Erling; *Silence*:** 152.1 KAG Erling spent 55 days crossing Antarctica alone He writes how important silence is around us, within us and we must create it thus opening us to wonder and gratitude.

**Sharot, Tali; *The Influential Mind*:** 158.2 SHA How skilled are we at effectively affecting others. Can we become better? Sometimes our instincts are not necessarily good, because they are incompatible with how individual minds operate. Sharot shows us how to avoid pitfalls, and work with elements that manage the human brain.

**Jackson, Vicki A.; *Living with Cancer*:** 616.99 JAC Focus: helping patients and caregivers how to ask the right questions to get the best possible care; providing the right advice to use at the right time; allowing a person to concentrate on living despite an uncertain future. At any stage this book will give a comprehensive, thoughtful, and accessible guide for navigating the illness and its treatment. (John Hopkins Press)

**Steinkopf, Lisa Eldred; *Houseplants*:** 635.9 STE A guide to raising the finest, healthiest, and happiest potted plants nature has ever seen. Maybe even develop a green thumb.

**Hipple, Ethan; *AMC's Real Trail Meals*:** 641.578 HIP A diverse range of wholesome fare for outdoors adventurers of all levels. Trying to travel light, each recipe comes with a breakdown of nutrition to pack weight, giving you the most nutrient-dense bang for your buck. A do-it-yourself guide by AMC staff.

**The Family Handyman; Do-it-yourself Basics:** 643.7 DO Tried-and-true instructions provide do-it-yourself solutions to many problems that could cost a fortune if you hired a professional. This is a great reference guide for every home-owner. 255 pages: color illustrations

**Magnusson, Margareta; The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning:** 648 MAG In Sweden there is a kind of decluttering called dostadning, do meaning "death" and stadning meaning "cleaning." With humor and wisdom this book encourages minimalism, at any age with an element of fun.

**Trench, Nicki, Cute & Easy Little Knits:** 746.43 TRE 35 projects can mostly be knitted in very little time, and mostly made from less than one ball of yarn. 112 pages: color illustrations

**It Occurs to Me That I Am America:** 813 IT **Santlofer, Jonathan, Editor;** A collection of short stories by 30+ well-known authors who consider through their fiction or art; fundamental ideals of free, just and compassionate democracy, at the one year anniversary of the Trump Inauguration and Women's March.

**Korda, Michael; Alone:** 940.54 KOR It is the outbreak of World War II. The author, age six tells rich family stories and about his passport worn around his neck as he is evacuated to Canada. The story includes the events that led to Dunkirk. The world leaders, generals, and ordinary citizens who fought on both sides come to life as the story unfolds. Included 12 maps and 68 illustrations. Epic history

**Gessen, Masha; The Future is History:** 947.086 GES Following the lives of four people believing that Russia was on the cusp of democracy, Gessen writes about the collusions and reemergence of the old Soviet order under the Vladimir Putin regime possibly a more virulent and invincible autocracy.

**Lewandowski, Corey R.; Let Trump be Trump:** 973.932 LEW Written by two of Trump's closest campaign advisors, this book gives eyewitness accounting to how Trump rises to the White House. It details his skill at team building followers. It details behind the scene drama and the last months prior to election.

## **BIOGRAPHY:**

**Hodgman, John; Vacationland:** A collection of real life wanderings through the hills of western Massachusetts, the beaches of Maine and the "haunted forests" of middle age. This book is funny, poignant and sincere from an author who is facing his forties, failing bodies and dealing with fatherhood.