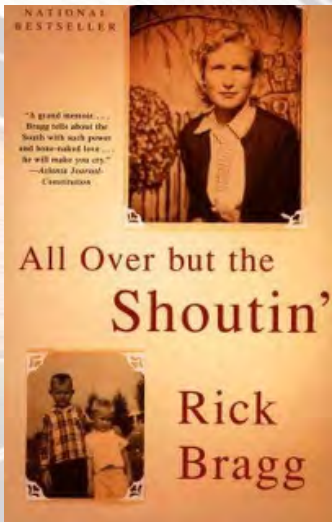


All Over but the Shoutin'

by Rick Bragg

A Pulitzer Prize-winning

correspondent for The New York Times recounts growing up in the Alabama hills, the son of a violent veteran and a mother who tried to insulate her children from poverty and ignorance.



Appeal Factors

Pace: Leisurely paced

Tone: Atmospheric; Nostalgic; Reflective

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Arts and Entertainment; Autobiographies and memoirs; Family and Relationships; Life stories; Nonfiction that reads like fiction

Subjects: Alcoholic fathers; Bragg, Rick; Family relationships; Growing up; Journalists; Mothers and sons; Poor families

Read-Alikes



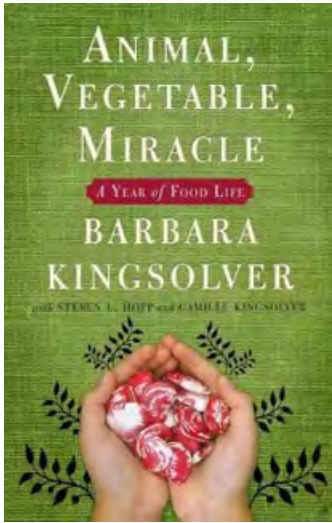
A Childhood: A Biography of a Place by Harry Crews

Under Magnolia by Frances Mayes

Elsewhere by Richard Russo

Take this Man by Brando Skyhorse

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life



by Barbara Kingsolver
Follows the author's family's efforts to live on locally- and home-grown foods, an endeavor through which they learned lighthearted truths about food production and the connection between health and diet.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Thought-provoking

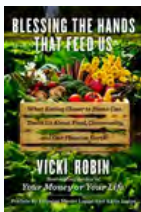
Writing Style: Descriptive

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Autobiographies and memoirs; Food writing; Life stories

Subjects: Agriculture; Diet; Farm life; Food habits; Hopp, Steven L., 1954-; Kingsolver, Barbara; Natural foods; Rural life

Read-Alikes



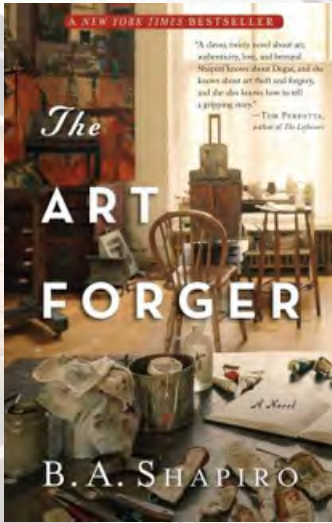
Blessing the Hands that Feed Us by Vicki Robin

The Gift of Good Land by Wendell Berry

My Life in France by Julia Child

The Feast Nearby by Robin Mather

The Art Forger



by B.A. Shapiro

On March 18, 1990, thirteen works of art worth today over \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest unsolved art heist in history, and Claire Roth, a struggling young artist, is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye.

Appeal Factors

Themes: Criminal masterpieces; Inspired by real events; Life in art

Storyline: Intricately plotted

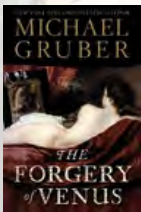
Tone: Romantic; Suspenseful

Story Elements

Genres: Thrillers and suspense

Subjects: Art; Art forgeries; Art forgers; Art thefts; Betrayal; Degas, Edgar, 1834-1917; Gardner, Isabella Stewart, 1840-1924; Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; Museum thefts; Women artists

Read-Alikes



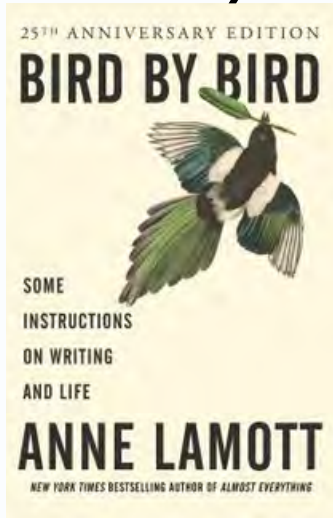
The Forgery of Venus by Michael Gruber

House of Thieves by Charles Belfoure

The Gardner Heist by Ulrich Boser

The Last Painting of Sara De Vos by Dominic Smith

Bird by Bird : Some Instructions on Writing and Life



by Anne Lamott

A step-by-step guide to writing and managing the writer's life covers each portion of a written project, addresses such concerns as writer's block and getting published, and offers awareness and survival tips.

Appeal Factors

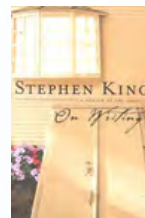
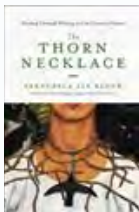
Tone: Reflective

Story Elements

Genres: Arts and Entertainment

Subjects: Authors; Writing

Read-Alikes



The Thorn Necklace by Francesca Lia Block

The Art of Memoir by Mary Karr

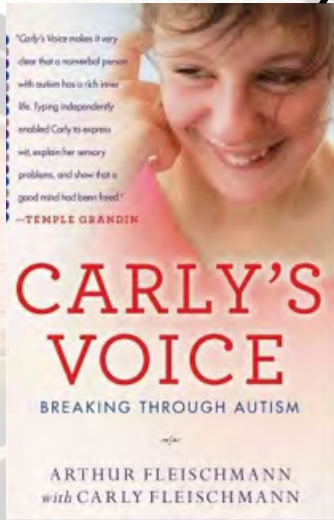
On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King

Meander, Spiral, Explode by Jane Alison

Carly's Voice: Breaking Through Autism

by Arthur and Carly
Fleischmann

The father of a child who was diagnosed as autistic at the age of two describes the intensive therapies that were pursued before Carly had a breakthrough at the age of ten, when she began using her computer to communicate.

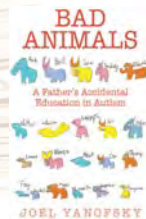
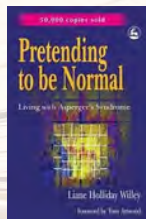


Story Elements

Genres: Biographies; Canadian literature; Family and Relationships; Life stories; Science Writing

Subjects: Children with autism; Communication; Communication devices for people with disabilities; Fleischmann, Arthur; Fleischmann, Carly, 1995-; Parent caregivers for people with disabilities; Parents of children with autism

Read-Alikes



The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida

Pretending to Be Normal by Liane Holliday Willey

Bad Animals: A Father's Accidental Education in Autism by Joel Yanofsky

Look Me in the Eye by John Elder Robison

Coming of Age in Mississippi

by Anne Moody

Anne Moody provides a first person account of growing up black in the rural South during the nineteen forties and fifties.



Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories

Subjects: African American girls; African Americans; Moody, Anne, 1940–

Read-Alikes



The Grace of Silence by Michele Norris

The Pecan Orchard by Peggy Vonsherie Allen

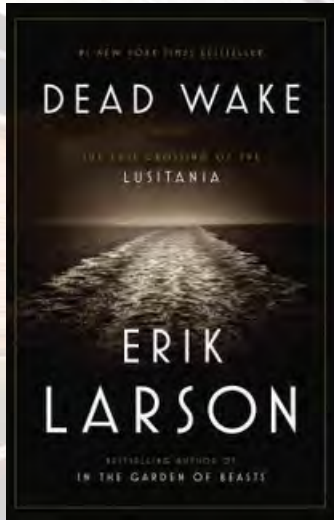
Twilight People by David Houze

Ever is a Long Time: A Journey into Mississippi's Dark Past by W. Ralph Eubanks

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

by Erik Larson

The author of *In the Garden of Beasts* presents a 100th-anniversary chronicle of the sinking of the *Lusitania* that discusses the factors that led to the tragedy and the contributions of such figures as President Wilson, bookseller Charles Lauriat and architect Theodore Pope Riddle.



Appeal Factors

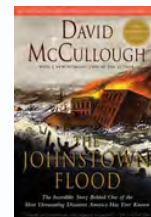
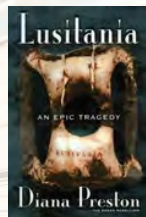
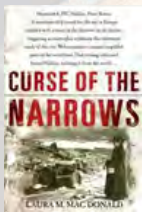
Writing Style: Engaging; Richly detailed

Story Elements

Genres: History writing; History Writing; Nonfiction that reads like fiction

Subjects: Cruise ships; *Lusitania* (Steamship); Naval history; Passenger ships; Shipping; Shipwrecks; World War I

Read-Alikes



Curse of the Narrows by Laura MacDonald

Lusitania: An Epic Tragedy by Diana Preston

Lusitania: Triumph, Tragedy, and the End of the Edwardian Age by Greg King

The Johnstown Flood by David G. McCullough

****Delta Epiphany : Robert F Kennedy in Mississippi***



by Ellen B. Meacham

In April 1967, a year before his run for president, Senator Robert F. Kennedy knelt in a crumbling shack in Mississippi trying to coax a response from a listless child. The toddler sat picking at dried rice and beans spilled over the dirt floor

as Kennedy, former US attorney general and brother to a president, touched the boy's distended stomach and stroked his face and hair. After several minutes with little response, the senator walked out the back door, wiping away tears.

In *Delta Epiphany: Robert F. Kennedy in Mississippi*, Ellen B.

Meacham tells the story of Kennedy's visit to the Delta, while also examining the forces of history, economics, and politics that shaped the lives of the children he met in Mississippi in 1967 and the decades that followed. The book includes thirty-seven powerful photographs, a dozen published here for the first time. Kennedy's visit to the Mississippi Delta as part of a Senate subcommittee investigation of poverty programs lasted only a few hours, but Kennedy, the people he encountered, Mississippi, and the nation felt the impact of that journey for much longer. His visit and its aftermath crystallized many of the domestic issues that later moved Kennedy toward his candidacy for the presidency. Upon his return to Washington, Kennedy immediately began seeking ways to help the children he met on his visit; however, his efforts were frustrated by institutional obstacles and blocked by powerful men who were indifferent and, at times, hostile to the plight of poor black children.

Sadly, we know what happened to Kennedy, but this book also introduces us to three of the children he met on his visit, including the baby on the floor, and finishes their stories. Kennedy talked about what he had seen in Mississippi for the remaining fourteen months of his life. His vision for America was shaped by the plight of the hungry children he encountered there.

Story Elements

Genres: Mississippi History

Subjects: African American History; African American Studies; Civil Rights; Discrimination and Race Relations; History; Mississippi; Race and Ethnicity; Southern History

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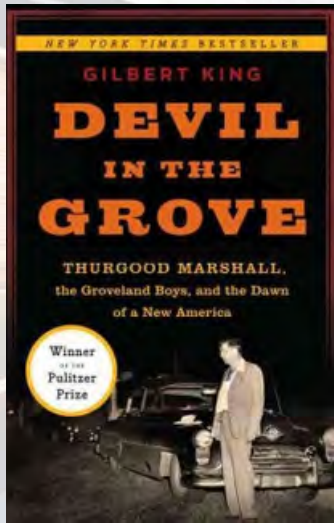
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Buffy Sainte-Marie: The Authorized Biography by Andrea Warner

Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of New America



by Gilbert King

Chronicles a little-known court case in which Thurgood Marshall successfully saved a black citrus worker from the electric chair after the worker was accused of raping a white woman with three other black men.

Appeal Factors

Storyline: Issue-oriented

Tone: Sobering

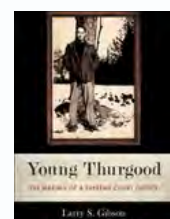
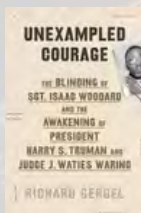
Writing Style: Compelling; Richly detailed

Story Elements

Genres: History writing; True Crime

Subjects: African Americans; Innocence (Law); Ku-Klux Klan; Malicious accusation; Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Racism in the criminal justice system; Rape

Read-Alikes



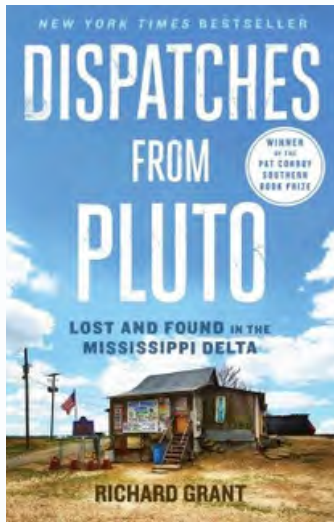
Unexampled Courage: the Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring by

Richard Gergel

Some of My Best Friends are Black by Tanner Colby

He Calls Me by Lightning by S. Jonathan Bass

Young Thurgood by Larry S. Gibson



Dispatches from Pluto



by Richard Grant

Richard Grant and his girlfriend were living in a shoebox apartment in New York City when they decided on a whim to buy an old plantation house in the Mississippi Delta. *Dispatches from Pluto* is their journey of discovery into this strange and wonderful American place.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Amusing; Reflective

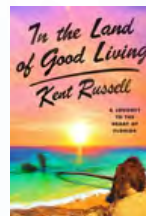
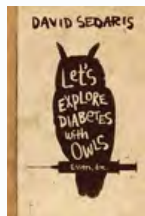
Writing Style: Conversational; Engaging

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories

Subjects: Grant, Richard, 1963-; Life change events; Moving, Household

Read-Alikes



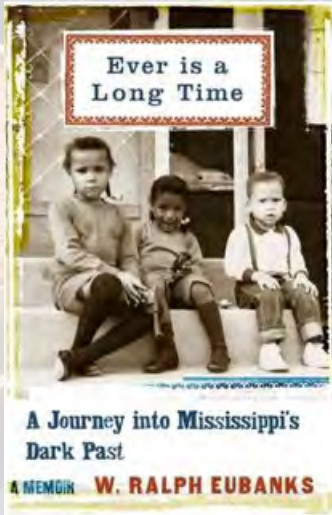
A Beginner's Guide to Paradise by Alex Sheshunoff

Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls by David Sedaris

In the Land of Good Living by Kent Russell

Hitchhiking with Larry David by Paul Samuel Dolman

Ever is a Long Time: a Journey into Mississippi's Dark Past, a Memoir



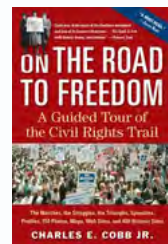
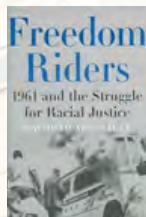
by W. Ralph Eubanks
A account of coming of age in Mississippi during the civil rights era describes growing up outside a small, racially divided town, the role of the State Sovereignty Commission, and the impact of forced integration and other events.

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Autobiographies and memoirs; History writing; Life stories

Subjects: African American children; African Americans; Eubanks, W. Ralph, 1957–; Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission; Racism; Segregation in education

Read-Alikes



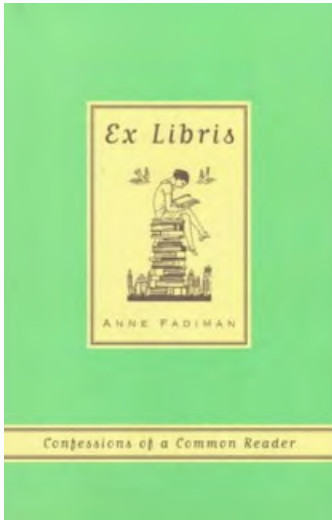
Carry Me Home by Diane McWhorter

Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice by Raymond Arsenault

Open Wide the Freedom Gates by Dorothy I. Height (Dorothy Irene)

On the Road to Freedom: A Guided Tour of the Civil Rights Trail by Charles E. Cobb, Jr.

Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader



by Anne Fadiman

A collection of essays discusses the central and joyful importance of books and reading in the author's life.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Nostalgic; Upbeat

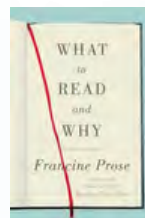
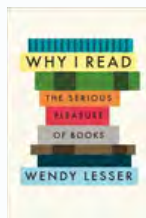
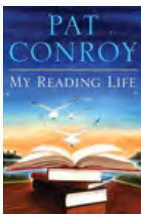
Writing Style: Engaging; Witty

Story Elements

Genres: Arts and Entertainment; Essays

Subjects: Books and reading; Fadiman, Anne, 1953-; Families; Readers

Read-Alikes



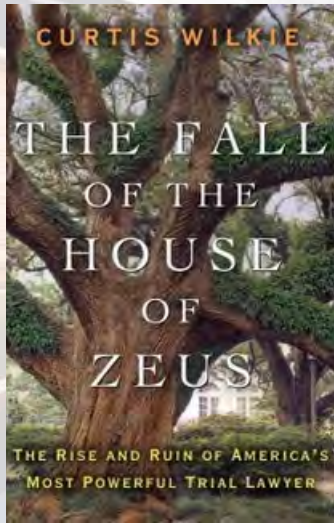
My Reading Life by Pat Conroy

Why I Read: The Serious Pleasure of Books by Wendy Lesser

What to Read and Why by Francine Prose

Maps and Legends by Michael Chabon

The Fall of the House of Zeus: The Rise and Ruin of America's Most Powerful Trial Lawyer



by Curtis Wilkie

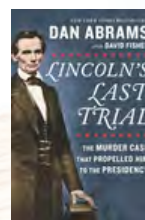
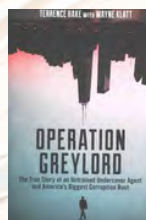
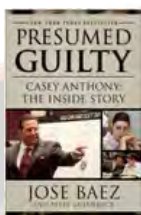
Veteran journalist Curtis Wilkie tells the fascinating, suspenseful story of billionaire lawyer Dickie Scruggs, a legal legend and Democrat kingpin who is now in jail for conspiring to bribe a Mississippi state judge.

Story Elements

Genres: Biographies; Life stories; True Crime

Subjects: Bribery; Greed in men; Judicial corruption; Lawyers; Rich men; Scruggs, Dickie

Read-Alikes



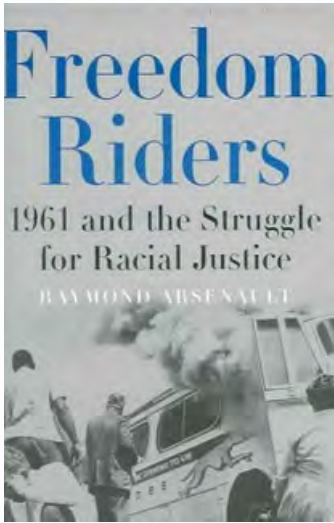
Presumed Guilty: Casey Anthony: The Inside Story by Jose Baez

Operation Greylord: the True Story of an Untrained Undercover Agent and America's Biggest Corruption Bust by Terrence Hake

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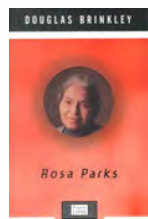
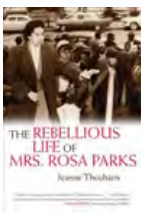
by Raymond Arsenault
Relives a critical episode in American history that transformed the Civil Rights Movement when a group of volunteers traveled by bus in 1961 from Washington, D.C., through the deep South, defying Jim Crow laws and putting their lives on the line for racial justice.

Story Elements

Genres: Antiracist literature; History writing

Subjects: African American civil rights workers; African Americans; Civil Rights Movement; Civil rights workers; Segregation in transportation

Read-Alikes



The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks by Jeanne Theoharis

Rosa Parks by Douglas Brinkley

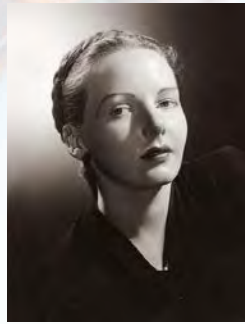
On the Road to Freedom: A guided Tour of the Civil Rights Trail by Charles E. Cobb, Jr.

The Race Beat: the Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation by Gene Roberts

The Gastronomical Me

by M.F.K. Fisher

The author recounts her first experiences with various foods, recalls memorable meals, and describes her travels.



Appeal Factors

Tone: Nostalgic; Reflective

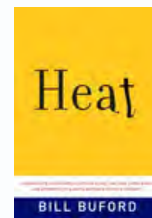
Writing Style: Descriptive; Lush; Witty

Story Elements

Genres: Food writing

Subjects: Fisher, M. F. K. (Mary Frances Kennedy), 1908-1992; Food; Food habits; Food writers; Gastronomy

Read-Alikes



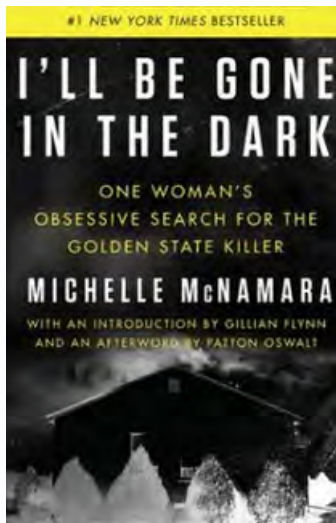
Appetites by Anthony Bourdain

Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl

A Really Big Lunch by Jim Harrison

Heat by Bill Buford

I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer



by Michelle McNamara
An account of the unsolved Golden State Killer case, written by the late author of the TrueCrimeDiary.com website traces the rapes and murders of dozens of victims and the author's determined efforts to help identify the killer and bring him to justice.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Haunting; Menacing

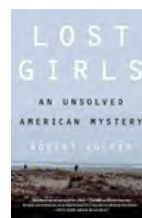
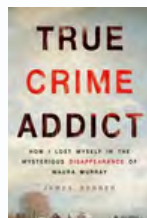
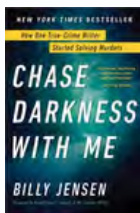
Writing Style: Accessible; Compelling; Well-researched

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Nonfiction that reads like fiction; True crime

Subjects: Cold cases (Criminal investigation); Crimes against women; Criminal investigation; Home invasions; McNamara, Michelle, 1970–2016; Searching; Serial murders; Serial rapists; Violence against women

Read-Alikes



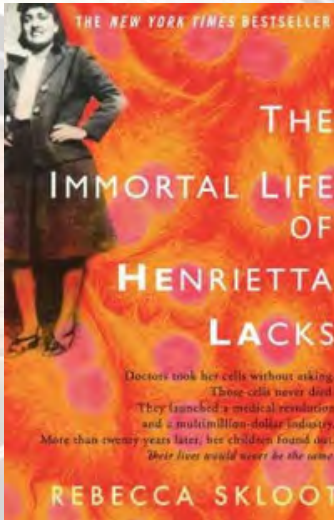
Chase Darkness with Me: How One True-Crime Writer started Solving Murders by Billy Bensen

True Crime Addict: How I Lost Myself in the Mysterious Disappearance of Maura Murray by James Renner

Lost Girls: An Unsolved American Mystery by Robert Kolker

The Fact of a Body: A Murder and a Memoir by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks



by Rebecca Skloot
Documents the story of how scientists took cells from an unsuspecting descendant of freed slaves and created a human cell line that has been kept alive indefinitely, enabling discoveries in such areas as cancer research, in vitro fertilization and gene mapping.

Appeal Factors

Storyline: Issue-oriented

Tone: Haunting; Thought-provoking

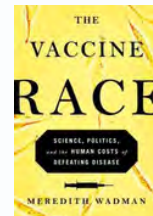
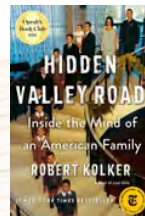
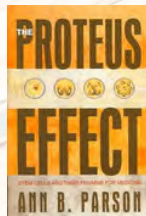
Writing Style: Accessible; Well-researched

Story Elements

Genres: Biographies; Books to movies; Life stories; Nonfiction that reads like fiction; Science Writing

Subjects: African American women; Bioethics; Cancer research; Cell culture; HeLa cells; Human experimentation in medicine; Lacks, Henrietta, 1920-1951; Medical ethics; Medical research; People with cancer; Scientific discoveries

Read-Alikes



The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: a Hmong Child, her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman

The Proteus Effect: Stem Cells and Their Promise for Medicine by Ann B. Parson

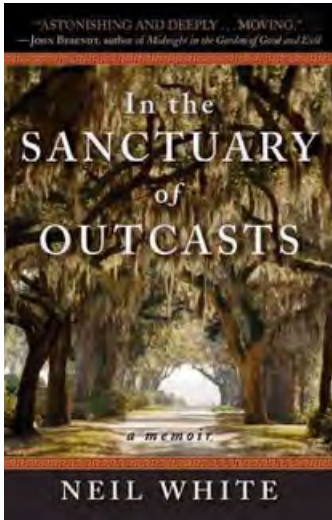
Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker

The Vaccine Race: Science, Politics, and the Human Costs of Defeating Disease by Meredith Wadman

In the Sanctuary of Outcasts

by Neil White

White tells his emotional, incredible true story of crime and redemption, vanity and spirituality, as he discovers happiness and fulfillment in an unlikely place—imprisonment in The Long Center, the last leper colony in the U.S.

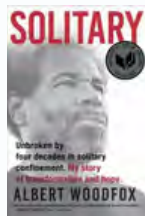
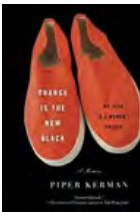


Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories; True Crime

Subjects: Convict labor; Fraud; Leprosy; Life change events; National Hansen's Disease Programs (U.S.); Prisoners; White collar criminals; White, Neil, 1960–

Read-Alikes



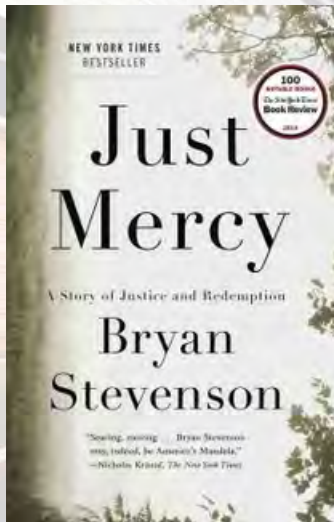
Orange is the New Black by Piper Kerman

Solitary: Unbroken by Four Decades in Solitary Confinement. My Story of Transformation and Hope by Albert Woodfox

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The Sun does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton

Just Mercy : A Story of Justice and Redemption



by Bryan Stevenson
The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Inspiring

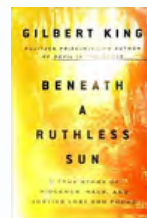
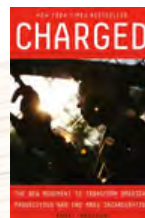
Writing Style: Engaging

Story Elements

Genres: Antiracist literature; Autobiographies and memoirs; Books to movies; Life stories; Society and culture

Subjects: Conspiracies; Intersectionality; Justice; Lawyers; Malicious accusation; Mercy; Minorities; Poverty; Redemption; Social advocates; Stevenson, Bryan

Read-Alikes



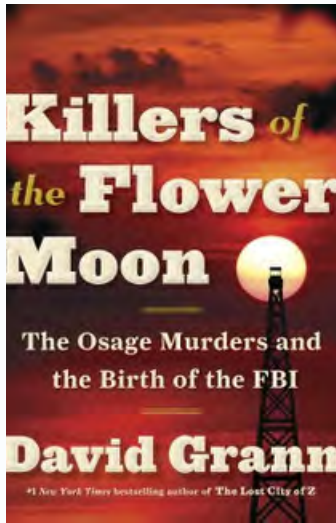
Convicting the Innocent: Death Row and America's Broken System of Justice by Stanley Cohen

On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City by Alice Goffman

Charged: the New Movement to Transform American Prosecution and End Mass Incarceration by Emily Bazelon

Beneath a Ruthless Sun: a True Story of Violence, Race, and Justice Lost and Found by Gilbert King

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI



by David Grann

Presents a true account of the early 20th-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Disturbing

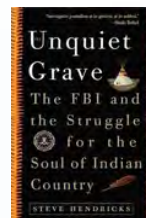
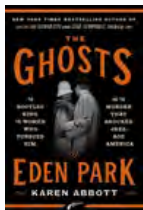
Writing Style: Compelling; Richly detailed

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; History writing; Nonfiction that reads like fiction; True Crime

Subjects: FBI; Indians of North America; Murder investigation; Oil wells; Osage Indians; Racism; Serial murders

Read-Alikes



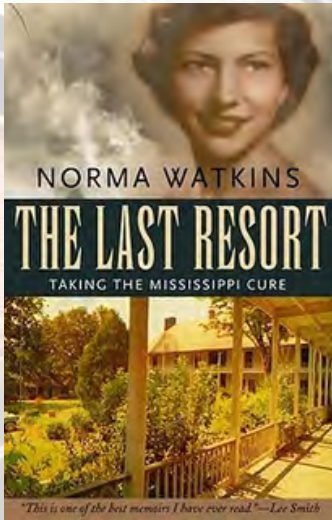
The Ghosts of Eden Park by Karen Abbott

Love and Death in the Sunshine State by Cutter Wood

The Unquiet Grave by Steve Hendricks

The World's Richest Indian by Tanis C. Thorne

****The Last Resort: Taking the Mississippi Cure***



by Norma Watkins

Raised under the racial segregation that kept her family's southern country hotel afloat, Norma Watkins grows up listening at doors, trying to penetrate the secrets and silences of the black help and of her parents' marriage. Groomed to be an

ornament to white patriarchy, she sees herself failing at the ideal of becoming a southern lady.

The Last Resort, her compelling memoir, begins in childhood at Allison's Wells, a popular Mississippi spa for proper white people, run by her aunt. Life at the rambling hotel seems like

paradise. Yet young Norma wonders at a caste system that has colored people cooking every meal while forbidding their sitting with whites to eat.

Once integration is court-mandated, her beloved father becomes a stalwart captain in defense of Jim Crow as a counselor to fiery, segregationist Governor Ross Barnett. His daughter flounders, looking for escape. A fine house, wonderful children, and a successful husband do not compensate for the shock of Mississippi's brutal response to change, daily made manifest by the men in her home. A sexually bleak marriage only emphasizes a growing emotional emptiness. When a civil rights lawyer offers love and escape, does a good southern lady dare leave her home state and closed society behind? With humor and heartbreak, *The Last Resort* conveys at once the idyllic charm and the impossible compromises of a lost way of life.

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs

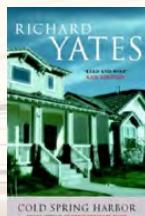
Subjects: Mississippi; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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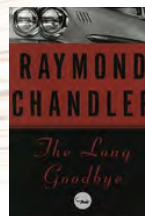
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The Last Romantics by Tara Conklin



Cold Spring Harbor by Richard Yates

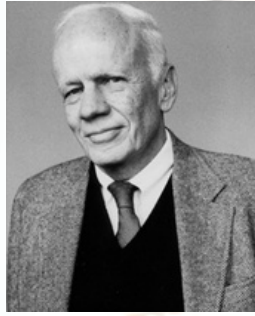
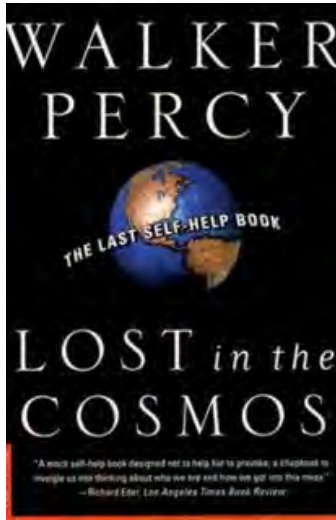


The Long Goodbye by Raymond Chandler



The Great Pretender: The Undercover Mission That Changed Our Understanding of Madness by Susannah Cahalan

Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book



by Walker Percy

A distinguished novelist presents his observations on the cosmos, the self, the relationship between them, and present and prospective events, circumstances, and developments affecting that relationship.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Thought-provoking

Writing Style: Witty

Story Elements

Genres: Humor writing

Subjects: Self-awareness; Self-fulfillment; Self-help psychology

Read-Alikes



The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck: a Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life by Mark Manson

Oh, the Things I Know!: a Guide to Success, or, Failing that, Happiness by Al Franken

When You are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris

The Odd 1s Out: The First Sequel by James Rallison

Make Something Good Today



by Erin and Ben Napier

Using their own story as a springboard, the stars of the hit HGTV show Home Town encourage readers to seek out the good in life, celebrate the beauty of family and friends, and prosper within their communities.

Appeal Factors

Writing Style: Candid; Engaging

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Family and Relationships; Life stories

Subjects: Carpentry; Couples; Families; HGTV Network; Napier, Ben; Napier, Erin; Small town life; Television personalities

Read-Alikes



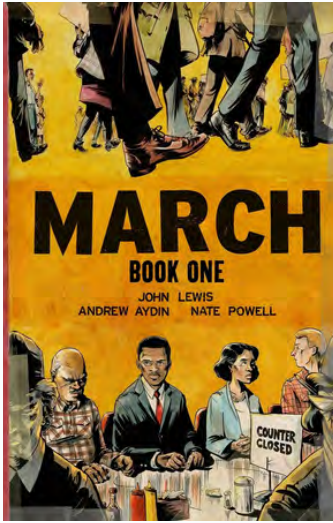
Next Level Basic by Stassi Schroeder

Friends: A Love Story by Angela Bassett

The Greatest Love Story Ever Told by Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman

A New Season by Al and Lisa Robertson

March: Book One



by John Lewis

A first-hand account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights spans his youth in rural Alabama, his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.

Appeal Factors

Storyline: Own voices

Tone: Dramatic

Writing Style: Compelling

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Antiracist literature; Autobiographical comics; Autobiographies and memoirs; Comics and Graphic novels; History writing; Life stories; Society and culture

Subjects: African Americans; Civil rights; Civil Rights Movement; King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929–1968; Lewis, John, 1940–2020; Nonviolence; Politicians; Protests, demonstrations, vigils, etc.; Racism; Rural boys; Segregation; Student movements

Read-Alikes



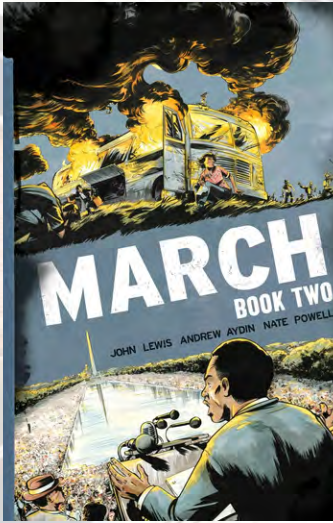
They called Us Enemy by George Takei

Grand Theft Horse by Greg Neri

King by Ho Che Anderson

The Silence of Our Friends by Mark Long

March: Book Two



by John Lewis

The award-winning, best-selling series returns, as John Lewis' story continues through Freedom Rides and the legendary 1963 March on Washington.

Appeal Factors

Storyline: Own voices

Tone: Dramatic

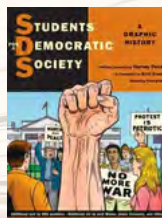
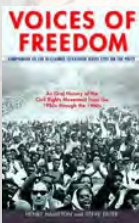
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Read-Alikes



Voices of Freedom by Henry Hampton

Students for a Democratic Society by Harvey Pekar

The Hammer and the Anvil by Dwight Jon Zimmerman

The Ukrainian and Russian Notebooks by Igort

Maus: Books I and II

by Art Spiegelman

The author-illustrator traces his father's imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp through a series of disarming and unusual cartoons arranged to tell the story as a novel.



Appeal Factors

Character: Anthropomorphic

Tone: Haunting; Moving; Sobering

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Comics and Graphic novels; History writing; Life stories

Subjects: Auschwitz (Concentration camp); Children of Holocaust survivors; Comic book illustrators; Comic book writers; Fathers and sons; Holocaust (1933–1945); Holocaust survivors; Jewish American men; Jewish Americans; Spiegelman, Vladek, 1906–1982; Spiegelman, Art; Spiegelman, Vladek, 1906–1982; Survival (in concentration camps, prisons, etc.)

Read-Alikes



When Time Stopped by Ariana Neumann

Death March Escape by Jack J. Hersch

But You Did Not Come Back by Marceline Loridan

A Brief Stop on the Road from Auschwitz by Goran Rosenberg

Mississippi Trial, 1955

by Chris Crowe

In Mississippi in 1955, a sixteen-year-old finds himself at odds with his grandfather over issues surrounding the kidnapping and murder of a fourteen-year-old African American from Chicago.



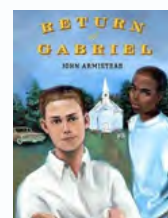
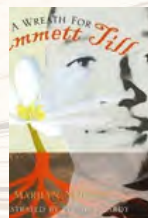
Story Elements

Genres*: Teen and Young Adult Fiction; Teen and Young Adult Historical Fiction; Teen and Young Adult Social Issues

Subjects: African Americans; Fathers and sons; Grandfather and child; Racism; Till, Emmett, 1941-1955

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Read-Alikes



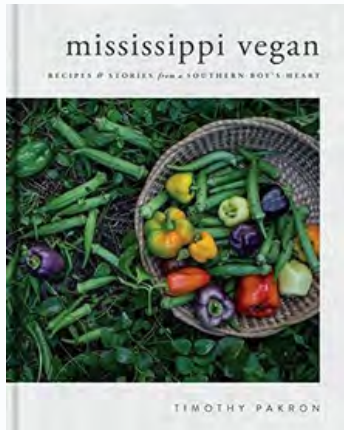
Guardian by Julius Lester

A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson

Yankee Girl by Mary Ann Rodman

The Return of Gabriel by John Armistead

****Mississippi Vegan: Recipes and Stories from a Southern Boy's Heart: A Cookbook***



by Timothy Pakron

Inspired by the landscape and flavors of his childhood on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Timothy Pakron found his heart, soul, and calling in cooking the Cajun, Creole, and southern classics of his youth. In his debut cookbook, he shares 125 plant-based recipes, all of which substitute ingredients without sacrificing depth of flavor and reveal the secret tradition of veganism in southern cooking.

Finding ways to re-create his experiences growing up in the South—making mud pies and admiring the deep pink azaleas—on the plate, Pakron looks to history and nature as his guides to creating the richest food possible. Filled with as many evocative photographs and stories as easy-to-follow recipes, *Mississippi Vegan* is an ode to the transporting and ethereal beauty of the food and places you love.

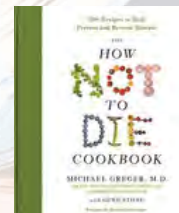
Story Elements

Genres: Cookbook

Subjects: Cooking; Recipes; Vegan

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Readers on GoodReads also enjoyed:



The First Mess Cookbook: Vibrant Plant-Based Recipes to Eat Well Through the Seasons by Laura Wright

Sweet Potato Soul: 100 Easy Vegan Recipes for the Southern Flavors of Smoke, Sugar, Spice, and Soul: A Cookbook by Jenne Claiborne

I Can Cook Vegan by Isa Chandra Moskowitz

The How Not to Die Cookbook: 100+ Recipes to Help Prevent and Reverse Disease by Michael Greger, M.D. with Gene Stone

My Dog Skip

by Willie Morris

The author offers an account of growing up in the rural South of the 1940s, sharing anecdotes about his extraordinary dog, Skip, and reflecting on the relationship between a young boy and his beloved pet.

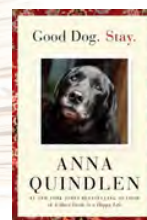
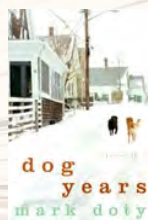


Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Books to movies; Family and Relationships; Life stories

Subjects: Authors, American; Boys; Dog owners; Dogs; Morris, Willie, 1934-1999; Small town life

Read-Alikes



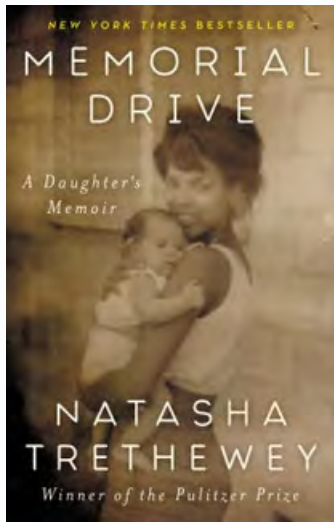
The Mockingbird Next Door by Marja Mills

Dog Years: A Novel by Mark Doty

Good Dog. Stay. by Anna Quindlen

You had Me at Woof by Julie Klam

Native Guard: a Daughter's Memoir



by Natasha Trethewey

The former U.S. poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Native Guard* shares a chillingly personal memoir about the brutal murder of her mother at the hands of her former stepfather.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Moving

Writing Style: Spare

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories

Subjects: African-American women; Children of abused women; Families of murder victims; Family history; Family violence; Grief; Life change events; Mothers; Multiracial women; Women poets

Read-Alikes



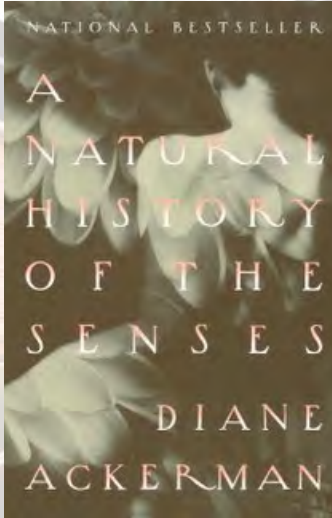
After the Eclipse: A Mother's Murder, A Daughter's Search by Sarah Perry

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Blood: A Memoir by Allison Moorer

Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me by Adrienne Brodeur

A Natural History of the Senses



by Diane Ackerman
A perceptive celebration of the sensory world offers a poetic tour of the human senses and explains how human beings absorb and savor the wonders of the world around.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Impassioned

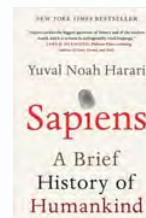
Writing Style: Engaging; Lyrical

Story Elements

Genres: Science Writing

Subjects: Hearing; Human behavior; Manners and customs; Senses and sensation; Smell; Taste; Touch; Vision

Read-Alikes



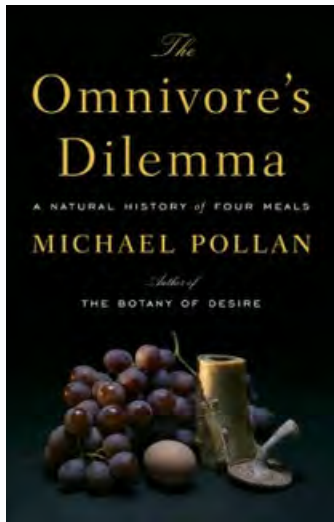
The Sensational Past by Carolyn Purnell

The Planets by Dava Sobel

Touch: The Science of Hand, Heart, and Mind by David J. Linden

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals



by Michael Pollan
Offers insight into food consumption in the twenty-first century, explaining how an abundance of unlimited food varieties reveals the responsibilities of consumers to protect their health and the environment.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Sobering; Thought-provoking

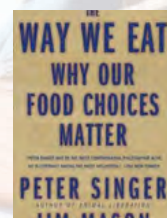
Writing Style: Accessible; Well-researched

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Food writing

Subjects: Corn; Diet; Food; Food consumption; Food habits; Natural foods; Omnivores

Read-Alikes



Gurb by Anna Lappe

The Mindful Carnivore by Tovar Cerulli

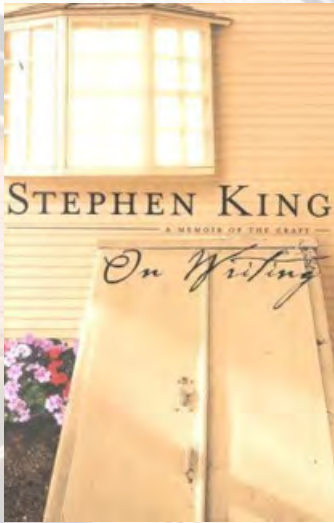
All Natural by Nathanael Johnson

The Way We Eat by Peter Singer

On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft

by Stephen King

The author shares his insights into the craft of writing and offers a humorous perspective on his own experience as a writer.



Appeal Factors

Tone: Darkly humorous; Reflective

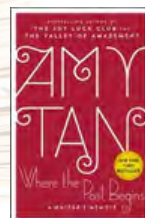
Writing Style: Conversational

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Arts and Entertainment; Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories

Subjects: Authors, American; Horror story writing; King, Stephen, 1947-; Writing

Read-Alikes



Daemon Voices by Philip Pullman

Consider This by Chuck Palahniuk

Where the Past Begins by Amy Tan

Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott

Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era



by Jerry Mitchell

An award-winning investigative journalist recounts the 1964 “Mississippi Burning” murders of three civil rights workers by the KKK, describing his role in reopening the case and bringing its mastermind and participating Klansmen to justice.

Appeal Factors

Pace: Fast-paced

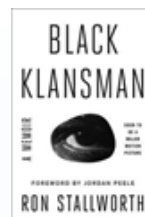
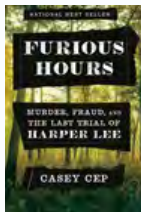
Writing Style: Compelling

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories; Nonfiction that reads like fiction; True Crime

Subjects: Civil Rights Movement; Civil rights workers; Cold cases (Criminal investigation); Investigative journalists; Journalists; Ku Klux Klan; Mitchell, Jerry; Murder; Murder investigation; Trials (Murder)

Read-Alikes



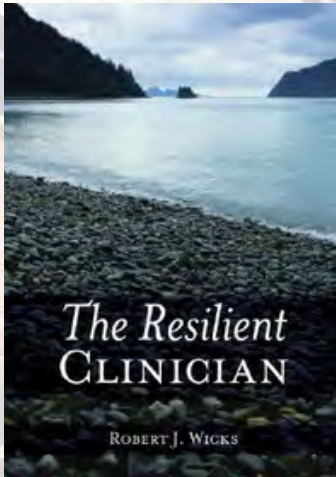
Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep

The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy B. Tyson

Black Klansman: A Memoir by Ron Stallworth

I'll be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara

****The Resilient Clinician***



by Robert J. Wicks

Author of several acclaimed books and expert in the field of secondary stress, psychologist Robert Wicks addresses the experience of the mental health professional and raises awareness of the insidious, almost silent psychological

defenses of denial and avoidance in the life of the clinician. A concise guide to preventing and limiting acute and chronic secondary stress, *The Resilient Clinician* offers an overview of mindfulness and meditation as it applies to the clinician's own

life rather than that of the client or patient, and describes how to develop a personally designed self-care protocol. This immensely readable book also includes one of the most current selective bibliographies of relevant research and clinical and theoretical publications in the subject area, from common stressors and vicarious post-traumatic stress disorders to burnout and compassion fatigue. Informed by positive psychology and infused with compassion and wisdom, this book will help clinicians remain challenged, maintain perspective, and be inspired both professionally and personally.

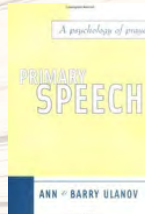
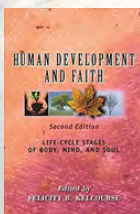
Story Elements

Genres: Psychology

Subjects: Clinical Psychology; Psychology; Science and Mathematics; Social Science; Social Work

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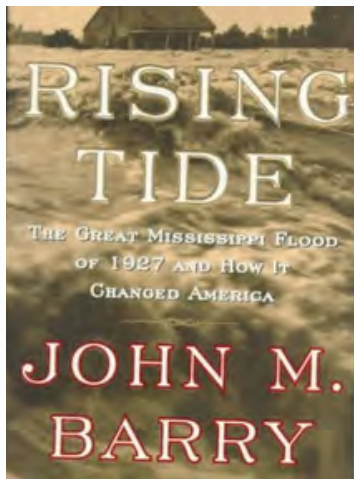
Human Development and Faith (Second Edition): Life-Cycle Stages of Body, Mind, and Soul by Felicity Kelcourse

Primary Speech: A Psychology of Prayer by Ann and Barry Ulanov

Tracks by Louise Erdrich

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America



by John Barry

In 1927, the Mississippi River swept across an area roughly equal in size to Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont combined, leaving water

as deep as thirty feet on the land stretching from Illinois and Missouri south to the Gulf of Mexico. Close to a million people -- in a nation of 120 million -- were forced out of their homes. Some estimates place the

death toll in the thousands. The Red Cross fed nearly 700,000 refugees for months. *Rising Tide* tells how the flood changed the face of American and laid the groundwork for the New Deal.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Sobering; Thought-provoking

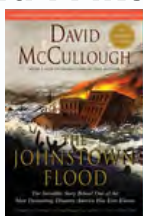
Writing Style: Accessible; Well-researched

Story Elements

Genres: History writing; History Writing; Nature Writing

Subjects: Eads, James Buchanan, 1820-1887; Flood control; Floods; Humphreys, Andrew Atkinson, 1810-1883; Percy family; Race relations; Survival (after floods)

Read-Alikes



The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough

The Flood Year 1927: A Cultural History by Susan Scott Parrish

The Thousand-Year Flood: The Ohio-Mississippi Disaster of 1937 by David Welky

The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast by Douglas Brinkley

****River Road Recipes: The Textbook of Louisiana Cuisine***

by Junior League of Baton Rouge



The Textbook of Louisiana Cuisine River Road Recipes, a must for every collector, presents Louisiana's famous Creole cooking, including recipes for authentic gumbos, jambalayas, including recipes for authentic gumbos, jambalayas, courtbouillons, pralines, and more. This classic is in its 70th printing and is presented with a durable hard cover.

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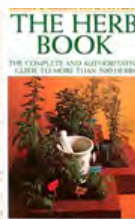
Story Elements

Genres: Cookbook

Subjects: Cooking; Recipes

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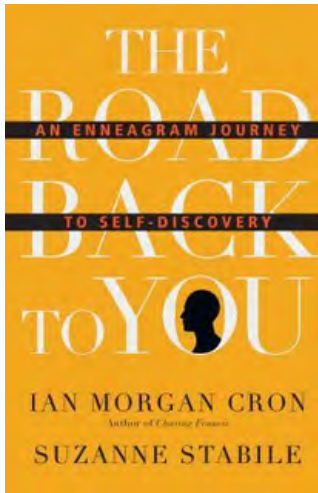
Chef Prudhomme's Louisiana Kitchen by Paul Prudhomme

The Gasparilla Cookbook by The Junior League of Tampa

The Herb Book: The Complete and Authoritative Guide to More Than 500 Herbs by John B. Lust

Bitters: A Spirited History of a Classic Cure-All, with Cocktails, Recipes, and Formulas by Brad Thomas Parsons

****The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery***



by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile
What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships—and even keep you in the shallows with God. Do you want help figuring out who you are and why you're stuck in the same ruts?

The Enneagram is an ancient why you're stuck in the same ruts? The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. In *The Road Back to You* Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile forge a unique approach—a practical, comprehensive way of accessing Enneagram wisdom and exploring its connections with Christian spirituality for a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God. Witty and filled with stories, this book allows you to peek inside each of the nine Enneagram types, keeping you turning the pages long after you have read the chapter about your own number. Not only will you learn more about yourself, but you will also start to see the world through other people's eyes, understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the way they do. Beginning with changes you can start making today, the wisdom of the Enneagram can help take you further along into who you really are—leading you into places of spiritual discovery you would never have found on your own, and paving the way to the wiser, more compassionate person you want to become.

Story Elements

Genres: Religious; Self-Help

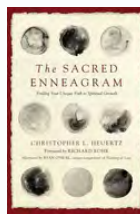
Subjects: Christian Living; Enneagram; Motivation

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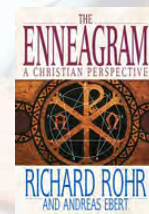
The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships by Suzanne Stabile



The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Unique Path to Spiritual Growth by Christopher L. Heuertz

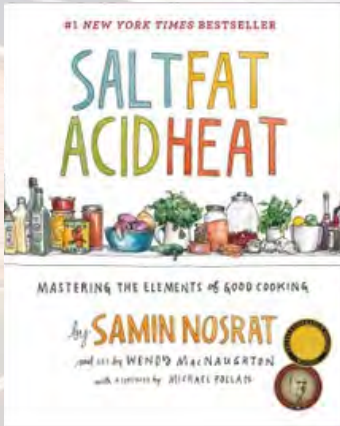


Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World by Bob Goff



The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert; Translated by Peter Heinegg

Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking



by Samin Nosrat

A first book by the acclaimed chef from New York's Chez Panisse distills decades of professional experience into four simple elements that if properly applied can lead to better results in the kitchen, in a reference complemented by 100 essential remedies and dozens of variations.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Amusing; Upbeat

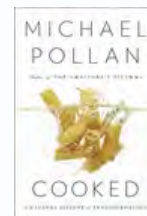
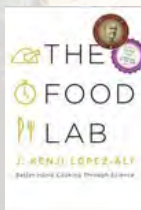
Writing Style: Conversational; Engaging; Richly detailed

Story Elements

Genres: Books to TV; Food writing

Subjects: Cooking; Cooks; Food habits; Food science

Read-Alikes



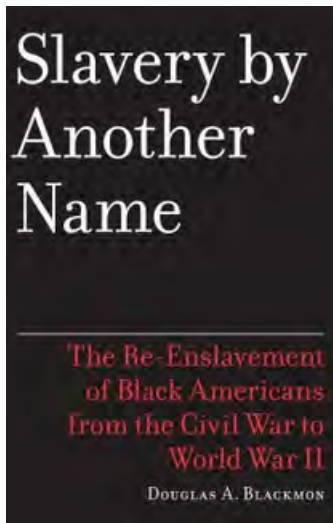
The Food Lab by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt

Cravings: Hungry for More by Chrissy Teigen

Appetites: A Cookbook by Anthony Bourdain

Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation by Michael Pollan

Slavery by Another Name: The Reenslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II



by Douglas A. Blackmon

Bringing to light a shameful chapter in American history, a shocking study reveals how, from the late 1870s through the mid-twentieth century, thousands of

African-American men were arrested and forced to work off the outrageous fines by serving as unpaid labor to small-town businesses, provincial farmers, and even large corporations.

Appeal Factors

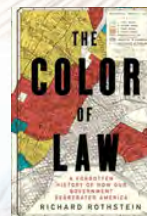
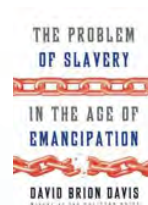
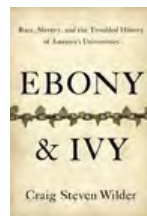
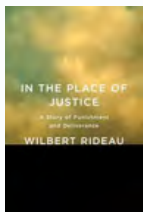
Tone: Disturbing; Moving; Sobering

Story Elements

Genres: Books to TV; History writing

Subjects: African American prisoners; African Americans; Convict labor; Crimes against African-Americans; Forced labor; Slavery

Read-Alikes



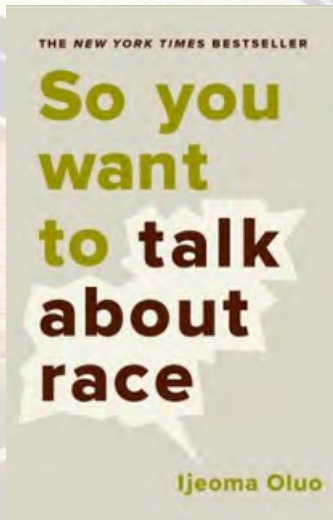
In the Place of Justice: a Story of Punishment and Deliverance by Wilbert Rideau

Ebony and Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities by Craig Steven

The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Emancipation by David Brion Davis

The Color of Law: a Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

So You Want to Talk About Race



by Ijeoma Oluo

A Seattle-based writer, editor and speaker tackles the sensitive, hyper-charged racial landscape in current America, discussing the issues of privilege, police brutality, intersectionality, micro-aggressions, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the "N" word.

Appeal Factors

Storyline: Issue-oriented; Own voices

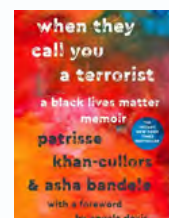
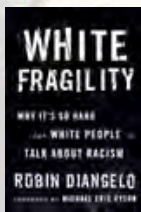
Writing Style: Conversational; Persuasive

Story Elements

Genres: Adult books for young adults; Antiracist literature; Society and culture

Subjects: African Americans; Black Lives Matter movement; Cultural appropriation; Intercultural communication; Intersectionality; Microaggressions; Prejudice; Race relations; Racism; Social justice

Read-Alikes



White Fragility by Robin J. DiAngelo

This Will Be My Undoing by Morgan Jerkins

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho

When They Call You a Terrorist by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele

This Little Light of Mine: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer



by Kay Mills

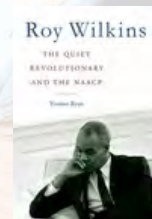
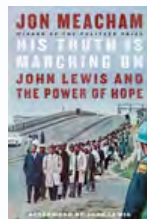
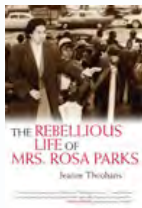
A biography of the Black woman who was beaten when she tried to register to vote in the South tells how she founded the National Women's Political Caucus and devoted her life to the expansion of civil rights.

Story Elements

Genres: Biographies; History writing; Life stories

Subjects: African Americans; African-American women civil rights workers; Civil Rights Movement; Civil rights workers; Hamer, Fannie Lou; Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party

Read-Alikes



The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks by Jeanne Theoharis

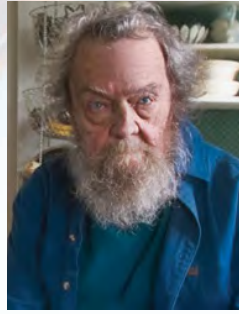
His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by Jon Meacham

Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell by Aliosn Marie Parker

Roy Wilkins: The Quiet Revolutionary and the NAACP by Yvonne Ryan

Unpacking the Boxes: A Memoir of a Life in Poetry

by Donald Hall



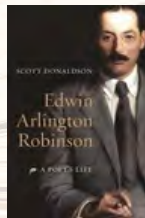
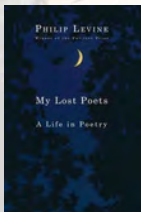
In an intimate memoir, the former poet laureate of the United States reflects on his life in poetry, from his childhood in Depression-era Connecticut, through his education and involvement in the literary endeavors of his generation, to his lifelong friendships with Robert Bly, Adrienne Rich, George Plimpton, and others.

Story Elements

Genres: Arts and Entertainment; Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories

Subjects: Growing up; Hall, Donald, 1928-2018; Poets laureate; Poets, American; Writing

Read-Alikes



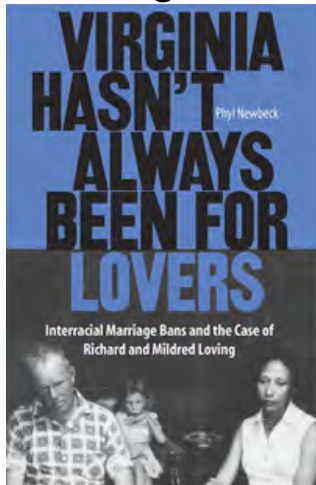
My Lost Poets by Philip Levine

Edwin Arlington Robinson: A Poet's Life by Scott Donaldson

E.E. Cummings: A Biography by Christopher Sawyer-Lauanno

You Come Too: My Journey with Robert Frost by Lesley Lee Francis

****Virginia Hasn't Always Been for Lovers: Interracial Marriage Bans and the Case of Richard and Mildred Loving***



by Phyl Newbeck

This landmark volume chronicles the history of laws banning interracial marriage in the United States with particular emphasis on the case of Richard and Mildred Loving, a white man and a black woman who were convicted by the state of Virginia of the crime of marrying across racial lines in the late 1950s. The Lovings were not activists, but their battle to live together as husband and wife in their home state instigated the 1967 U.S. Supreme

Court together as husband and wife in their home state instigated the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that antiscegenation laws were unconstitutional, which ultimately resulted in the overturning of laws against interracial marriage that were still in effect in sixteen states by the late 1960s.

Appeal Factors

Themes: Facing racism

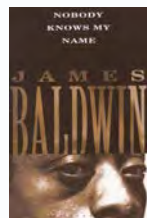
Story Elements

Genres: History writing

Subjects: Interracial marriage; Law and legislation

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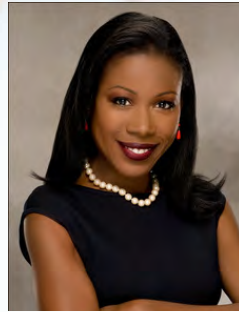
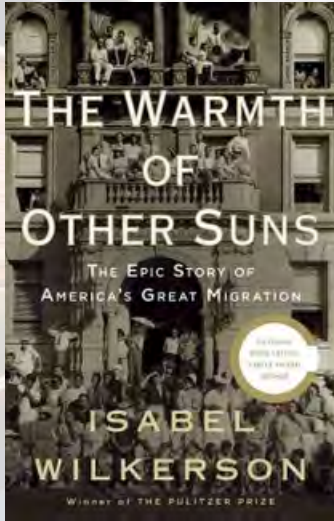
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Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko

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The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration



by Isabel Wilkerson

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America.

Appeal Factors

Tone: Moving; Thought-provoking

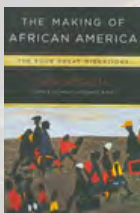
Writing Style: Accessible; Richly detailed; Stylistically complex

Story Elements

Genres: History writing

Subjects: African Americans; Migration, Internal; Rural-urban migration

Read-Alikes



The Making of African America: the Four Great Migrations by Ira Berlin

Fly Away: the Great African American Cultural Migrations by Peter M. Rutkoff

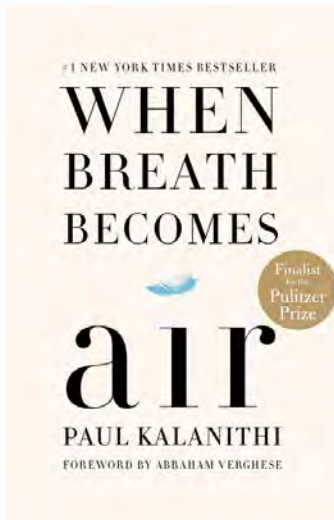
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A young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal diagnosis describes his examination into what truly makes a meaningful life.



Appeal Factors

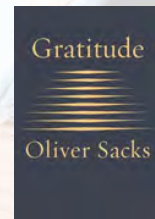
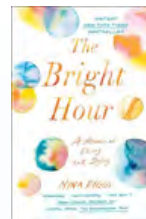
Tone: Inspiring; Moving

Story Elements

Genres: Autobiographies and memoirs; Life stories

Subjects: Death; Ethics; Fathers; Grief; Kalanithi, Paul; Life change events; Lung cancer; Neurosurgeons; People with cancer; Personal conduct; Purpose in life; Thirties (Age)

Read-Alikes



Everything Happens for a Reason by Kate Bowler

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