

# ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

June 2009  
(Books purchased for May 2009)

## FEATURED SELECTIONS

### THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN

KATE MORTON+

A small child is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. Adopted by the dock master and his wife, her sense of self is shattered on her twenty-first birthday when they tell her the truth. She begins to retrace her identity, but it is only until her death that her granddaughter is able to completely piece together the woman's mysterious past. *The Forgotten Garden* is a novel of outer and inner journeys and homage to the power of story telling. 552pp.

### GO DOWN TOGETHER

JEFF GUINN

The true, less glamorous and far more interesting depiction of Bonnie and Clyde, which brings readers the dangerous history of two youths from a filthy Dallas slum who fell in love and traded their lives for a brief bout of excitement and more importantly, fame. 467pp., illus.

## ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

### NEW YORK DECO

RICHARD BERENHOLTZ

Profiles the architecture of the city during its most stylish and dazzling decades. 183pp., illus.

## BIOGRAPHY

### FLANNERY

BRAD GOOCH

The first major biography of one of the greatest writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Flannery O'Connor. 448pp., illus.

### JUDAS: A BIOGRAPHY

SUSAN GUBAR

Gubar not only explains who Judas was in the time of Jesus, she links the story of Judas to two millennia of Christian anti-Semitism and to other major doctrines of church attitude. 453pp., illus.

### NOT BECOMING MY MOTHER

RUTH REICHL

Reichl embarks on a clear-eyed, openhearted investigation of her mother's life, piecing together the journey of a woman she comes to realize she never really knew. 112pp.

### SOUL OF THE AGE

JONATHAN BATE

A biography of William Shakespeare; Bate deduces the crucial events of Shakespeare's life and connects them to his world and work as never before. 471pp., illus.

## HISTORY & POLITICS

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The true, less glamorous and far more interesting depiction of Bonnie and Clyde. 467pp., illus.

**THE HORNET'S STING**

A daring portrait of WWII's Danish-born British spy Thomas Sneum detailing his extreme successes and unique rewards for his dutiful service.

**MARK RYAN**

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The chilling true story of the lethal poisoning of George Wythe, signer of the Declaration of Independence and America's first law professor.

**BRUCE CHADWICK**

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**THE INDIFFERENT STARS ABOVE**

Tale of the Graves family's involvement in the Donner Party escapade, featuring Sarah Graves' experience.

**DANIEL JAMES BROWN**

337pp., illus.

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The Civil War is seen anew and a great American family is brought to life in Roper's brilliant evocation of the Whitman family.

**ROBERT ROPER\***

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**RICHES AMONG THE RUINS**

Readers ride shotgun with the author, a self described Indiana Jones of the financial world, as he travels from war torn regions to economic disaster areas buying and selling high risk securities in the world's tottering economies.

**ROBERT P. SMITH**

235pp.

**TOWARD THE SETTING SUN**

The riveting history of the triangular rivalry between Columbus, Vespucci, and Cabot that was a pivotal factor in the development of the New World.

**DAVID BOYLE**

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**MISCELLANEOUS****ALEX AND ME**

The story of the deep bond between a research scientist and her parrot, which explains heretofore unknown depths of animal intelligence and consciousness.

**IRENE M. PEPPERBERG\*\***

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**THE LOST CITY OF Z**

In 1925, celebrated British explorer Percy Fawcett, accompanied by his young son and team, ventured into the Amazon jungle in search of the mythical kingdom known as El Dorado. The mission failed and the explorers were never heard from again, now the author attempts to recreate what happened to Fawcett, as well as the others who have perished or gone mad searching for him over the decades, in a tale of obsession on many levels.

**DAVID GRANN**

282pp., illus.

**NINE LIVES**

A multi-voiced biography of the dazzling and surreal city of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

**DAN BAUM**

335pp.

**TRAVEL****ANCIENT SHORE: DISPATCHES FROM NAPLES**

The author's (and her late husband's) writings are an elegy to the literary history of this South Italian city, which lives in the precarious shadow of Mount Vesuvius.

**SHIRLEY HAZZARD AND FRANCIS STEEGMULLER**

117pp., illus.

**FROMMER'S EASTERN EUROPE (2009)**

## FICTION

- DEAR HUSBAND** **JOYCE CAROL OATES+**  
Fourteen stories that examine the intimate lives of contemporary American families. 326pp.
- DEVIL'S GARDEN** **ACE ATKINS+**  
San Francisco, September 1921: Silent screen comedy star Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle is throwing a wild party at the St. Francis Hotel and actress Virginia Rappe shows up dead. Facing charges of manslaughter, Arbuckle's defense team hires a Pinkerton agent who will change American legal history forever. 352pp.
- EVERY MAN DIES ALONE** **HANS FALLADA**  
A German couple in Berlin during WWII, who recently lost their only son, begin a campaign against the Third Reich and the ruthless Gestapo. Based on a true story. 543pp.
- EVERYTHING RAVAGED, EVERYTHING BURNED** **WELLS TOWER**  
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Detectives Sean King and Michelle Maxwell interfere in a national security nightmare when a child is kidnapped from a birthday party at Camp David. Sean is the one person the First Lady trusts and she presses him and Michelle into the desperate search to rescue the abducted child. 452pp.
- THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN** **KATE MORTON+**  
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- HANDLE WITH CARE** **JODI PICOULT+**  
What constitutes a valuable life? Beloved #1 *New York Times* best selling author Jodi Picoult offers us an unforgettable story about the fragility of life and the lengths we will go to protect it. 477pp.
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An exploration into a family's struggle with love and loss as a caring mother and wife is diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. 273pp.
- INTENT TO KILL** **JAMES GRIPPANDO+**  
A Boston sports radio personality must outwit a dangerous caller and prove, on air, that the hit and run that killed his wife was no accident. 356pp.
- ITALIAN SHOES** **HENNING MANKELL**  
Fredrik Welin was so haunted by the memories of his past, he drove himself to live on a tiny island in solitude, until a woman he abandoned in the midst of their youthful romance turns up to remind him of an old promise. *Italian Shoes* is a tale of loss and redemption and is a testament to the unpredictability of life. 247pp.
- LOOK AGAIN** **LISA SCOTTOLINE**  
A missing child poster causes a woman to question the legitimacy of her son's adoption and, as a journalist, forces her to uncover deadly clues. 337pp.

**NO ONE YOU KNOW****MICHELLE RICHMOND+**

When Ellie's sister Lila, a top math student at Stanford, is murdered, Ellie shares her feelings with a man who turns the true story into a best-selling crime novel. Twenty years later Ellie has a chance encounter with the accused murderer and explores the mysteries of Lila's recovered notebook full of mathematical equations. 306pp.

**RHYMING LIFE AND DEATH****AMOS OZ**

A novella that takes place over one evening in a Tel Aviv café. Reality and fiction blend in this ingenious, poignant story from the celebrated author of *A Tale of Love and Darkness*. 117pp.

**SILENT ON THE MOOR****DEANNA RAYBOURN**

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A man inspired by music loses everything he holds dear; despondent, he begins a distanced relationship with a wild Irish rock star that ultimately breathes passion and life back into his morose existence. 250pp.

**TWILIGHT****STEPHENIE MEYER\*\***

A young girl moves into her estranged father's house in a secluded community and quickly falls in love with a boy with an incredible façade and a dark secret. 498pp.

**THE WAY WE WERE****MARCIA WILLETT+**

Welcomed into an eccentric family after a tragic accident, a young woman is revived; 30 years later as her son prepares for fatherhood mysterious secrets are uncovered. 300pp.

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A Canadian engineer and his wife move to a houseboat on the Nile in 1964 in an attempt to prevent a village from being flooded by the new Aswan Dam. 341pp.

**DETECTIVES****ABOUT FACE****DONNA LEON**

Commissano Guido Brunetti is back, entranced by a woman addicted to plastic surgery, and delves headfirst into Italy's underworld of crisis and pollution.

**BORDERLINE****NEVADA BARR+**

Anna Pigeon is on vacation in Texas with her husband after being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder when they find a dying pregnant woman, leading them into a labyrinth of intrigue.

**DARE TO DIE****CAROLYN HART+**

The arrival of a mysterious young woman shocks the sea island of Broward's Rock and pits neighbor against neighbor.

**A DARKER DOMAIN****VAL MCDERMID**

Detective Karen Pirie investigates two seemingly unrelated cold case mysteries involving a missing baby and a rebellious miner.

**DEATH AND HONESTY****CYNTHIA RIGGS+**

Victoria Trumball returns and quickly discovers the body of a neighbor who happened to be illegally skimming tax money off of wealthy landowners in Martha's Vineyard.

**THE HUNTED****WAYNE BARCOMB+**

Eighteen years after a brutal crime, the killer is released and embarks on a mission to track down the now grown child whose testimony convicted him.

**JUST TAKE MY HEART****MARY HIGGINS CLARK+**

America's #1 best-selling Queen of Suspense delves into a legal battle over the guilt or innocence of a man accused of murdering his wife.

**LOITERING WITH INTENT****STUART WOODS+**

Stone Barrington is back in a tropical thriller where appearances can be deceiving.

**MURDER IN THE LATIN QUARTER****CARA BLACK**

An Aimée Leduc investigation that focuses on her past.

**TEA TIME FOR THE TRADITIONALLY BUILT****ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH+**

The newest installment of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency novels has Precious Ramotswe in personal need of her own formidable detection talents.

**WORMWOOD****SUSAN WITTIG ALBERT+**

China Bayles visits a historic Shake village to find peace after a personal tragedy; instead, she is led into long-buried secrets entwined in a modern day mystery.

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