

# ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

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(Books purchased for June 2009)

## FEATURED SELECTIONS

### EIFFEL'S TOWER

JILL JONNES

A chronicle of Gustave Eiffel's struggle to erect his iron giant after winning the contract to build the centerpiece to the 1889 World's Fair. Now regarded as a universal beauty, the Eiffel Tower was met with harsh criticism and numerous setbacks. In addition to spotlighting Eiffel, Jonnes features other iconic figures that brought allure to the fair, such as Paul Gauguin, Thomas Edison, and Buffalo Bill. 354pp., illus.

### THE SWEET LIFE IN PARIS

DAVID LEBOVITZ

David Lebovitz reveals his experiences after he moves to Paris following a prosperous career as a San Francisco chef and comically struggles with adjusting to Paris's eccentric way of life; for instance, he encounters rigorous eating rituals, odd men's fashions, and banks without any money. Complete with recipes! 228pp., illus.

## ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

### ART DECO: SAN FRANCISCO

THERESE POLETTI

The fascinating story of architect Timothy Pflueger's life and work in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. 234pp., illus.

### EIFFEL'S TOWER

JILL JONNES

An insight into Gustave Eiffel's struggle to erect his iron skeleton in the heart of Paris as well as a look at other personalities from the 1889 Paris Exposition, such as Buffalo Bill and Thomas Edison. 354pp., illus.

### LONG ISLAND LANDSCAPES

CYNTHIA ZAITZEVSKY

An illustrative look at several prominent female landscape architects during the Golden Age of country homes. 304pp., illus.

### ROGUES' GALLERY

MICHAEL GROSS

The secret history of the moguls and the money that made the Metropolitan Museum. Gross provides readers with an unauthorized look at the saga of the nation's greatest museum and the sins and crimes behind some of its treasures. 545pp.

## BIOGRAPHY

### THE FIRST TYCOON

T.J. STILES

Featuring the epic life of Cornelius Vanderbilt and encompassing details of his personal life in addition to his business endeavors. 719pp., illus.

**GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ**

The first full and authorized biography of the 1982 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

**GERALD MARTIN+**

642pp., illus.

**KINKY GAZPACHO**

The autobiographical tale of an African-American writer who considers race in the Western World after she studied abroad in Spain; the experience led to her marriage, children, and forced her to face blatant discrimination.

**LORI L. THARPS**

206pp.

**LOSING MUM AND PUP**

Buckley recounts his final year with his recently deceased parents and converses on the notion of becoming a fifty-five year old orphan.

**CHRISTOPHER BUCKLEY+**

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**WARTIME DIARY**

An account of Beauvoir's fairly unconventional experiences during WWII and how they threatened her work and her life.

**SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR**

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The historian of the US House of Representatives is the author of this balanced and important abbreviated history of the country up to the present.

**ROBERT V. REMINI**

373pp., illus.

**THE SPARTACUS WAR**

The author explains the most notable slave revolt in the ancient world, Rome's efforts to defeat the insurgency, and the complexities of conducting a campaign against a well-organized establishment.

**BARRY STRAUSS**

264pp., illus.

**VALKYRIE**

At first a dutiful, patriotic soldier, Philip quickly became disgusted by the Third Reich and joined the resistance in a plot to assassinate Hitler and Heinrich Himmler.

**PHILIP FREIHERR VON BOESELAGER+**

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**MISCELLANEOUS****50 HIGH-IMPACT, LOW-CARE GARDEN PLANTS**

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**TRACY DISABATO-AUST**

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**RESTRUCTURING THE PHILADELPHIA REGION**

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**CAROLYN ADAMS, ET AL.**

224pp., illus.

**THE SWEET LIFE IN PARIS**

After two decades as a San Francisco pastry chef, Lebovitz relocates to Paris and describes his comical, bizarre experiences in a new city. Includes recipes!

**DAVID LBOVITZ**

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**THE SOUL OF MEDICINE**

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**SHERWIN B. NULAND**

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**ILIYA TROYANOV****DARK PLACES**

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**JOHN HART+****MY FATHER'S TEARS**

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**MICHAEL CONNELLY+**

**THE SCENIC ROUTE**

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**BINNIE KIRSHENBAUM**

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**LISA SEE+**

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**EDITED BY CLIVE CUSSLER+**

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**SUSAN SELLERS+**

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**THRITY UMRIGAR**

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**LINDSEY DAVIS+****DEATH OF A WITCH**

A Hamish Macbeth mystery in the Scottish village of Lochdubh.

**M.C. BEATON****DEEP WATERS**

Detective Inspector Neville Stewart is recalled from his honeymoon to investigate the death of a baby with celebrity parents.

**KATE CHARLES****DEKOK AND THE GEESE OF DEATH**

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**A.C. BAANTJER****THE KILLINGS ON JUBLIEE TERRACE**

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**ROBERT BARNARD+****MURDER IN MYKONOS**

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**JEFFREY SIGER**

**SANCTUARY****KEN BRUEN+**

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**SPADE AND ARCHER****JOE GORES**

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**STONE'S FALL****IAIN PEARS+**

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