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(Books purchased for December 2009)

FEATURED SELECTIONS

ISTANBUL: THE COLLECTED TRAVELER

EDITED BY **BARRIE KERPER**

A unique guide to one of today's hottest tourist destinations. Includes articles, tons of advice, and opinions on the usual tourist highlights plus insight on unusual restaurants, shops, and hotels. Articles on the grand bazaar and the sultan palaces and other interesting geographical landmarks. This Collected Traveler book also provides reading recommendations and what is good when eating Turkish cuisine. 595pp., illus.

MY PAPER CHASE

HAROLD EVANS+

An autobiography of best selling author Harold Evans' career from his slow start as a journalist to becoming the editor of the two most famous newspapers in the world. He recounts the events of unlocking the secrets behind England's biggest spy scandal and eventually becoming a book publisher and acquiring memoirs of impressive U.S. governmental actors. 580pp., illus

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ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

FACES IN STONE

ROBERT ARTHUR KING

A collection of the architectural sculptures found all over New York City. It includes maps of the city for planning easy walking tours and sight seeing. 144pp., illus.

WHEN ART WORKED

TEXT BY ROGER G. KENNEDY

An illustrated documentary of the New Deal, art, and democracy by David Larkin. 368pp., illus.

BIOGRAPHY

AYN RAND AND THE WORLD SHE MADE

ANNE C. HELLER

A deeply researched biography of legendary author Rand and the cult of personality that grew around her and her views on objectivist ethics and economist theory. Heller includes lots of details about love affairs to keep readers engaged. 413pp., illus.

HIGH SOCIETY**DONALD SPOTO+**

The life and career of one of Hollywood's most talented actresses, Grace Kelly. This biography goes into detail about her career until its end at age twenty-six when she married, becoming a princess of Monaco and a mother. Includes interviews with Grace and the friends and colleagues that were major parts of her fairy tale life.

303pp., illus.

LIT**MARY KARR+**

A memoir dealing with years of alcoholism, the same disease her mother struggled with, forgiveness, and her recovery that led her to have faith.

386pp.

MANHOOD FOR AMATEURS**MICHAEL CHABON+**

A series of reflections, regrets, and reexaminations of the author's past sparked by present encounters. He describes the journey he underwent from being a son, to becoming a husband, and then a father.

306pp.

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A biography of Molly Ivins and her life as one of the most provocative, courageous and influential journalists in American history.

335 pp., illus.

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580pp., illus

A STRANGE EVENTFUL HISTORY**MICHAEL HOLROYD**

The dramatic lives of Ellen Terry, Henry Irving and their remarkable families.

620pp., illus.

TRAVEL**ISTANBUL: THE COLLECTED TRAVELER****EDITED BY BARRIE KERPER**

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595pp., illus.

HISTORY & POLITICS**THE BATTLE FOR AMERICA 2008****DAN BALZ & HAYNES JOHNSON***

The presidential campaign of 2008, from the battles over Iowa and New Hampshire to when Obama was declared winner. Balz and Haynes look at Clinton's mistakes as well as McCain's struggles. Has exclusive interviews with the candidates and voters from the battleground states.

415pp.

THE BIG BURN**TIMOTHY EGAN**

National Book Award winner Egan chronicles the infamous Bitterroot Mountain Wildfire of 1910, which decimated Wallace, Idaho and millions of trees around it. Out of this tragedy sprang the conservation movement which eventually led to the establishment of our national parks.

283pp., illus.

A FIERY PEACE IN A COLD WAR**NEIL SHEEHAN**

Publishers Weekly includes this latest work by Pulitzer Prize winner (*A Bright Shining Lie*) Neil Sheehan, on their list of the 10 Best Books of 2009. It chronicles Air Force officer Bernard Schriever's leadership of the nuclear arms race and the development of the ICBM. 480pp., illus.

THE FOURTH PART OF THE WORLD:**TOBY LESTER**

The race to the ends of the earth and the epic story of the map that gave America its name. The 1507 map comes alive in this story spanning continents and centuries. 398pp., illus.

REBEL GIANTS**DAVID R. CONTOSTA**

A look at the revolutionary lives of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin. Two very influential men who changed history and oddly enough were born on the same day in February, 1809. 365pp., illus.

MISCELLANEOUS**THE HEART OF THE GREAT ALONE****DAVID HEMPLEMAN-ADAMS**

Fascinating book of photos and descriptions of the early 20th century race to the South Pole, which reveals both the human spirit for exploration and the awesome power of nature. David Hempleman-Adams was the first man to reach all four geographic and magnetic poles and to climb all of the highest mountains around the world. 249pp., illus.

THE PERFECT SQUARE**NANCY M. HEINZEN**

A history of Rittenhouse Square. 203pp., illus.

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A beguiling love story about a poet and his love for writing as he works on a new anthology of poetry and reflects on the great poets of the past. 243pp.

FAMILY ALBUM**PENELOPE LIVELY+**

As a mother and her children grew up in an Edwardian mansion with their nanny, they took on several life changing decisions. After becoming adults the children return to their old home and reflect on the difficult truths of the past. 224pp.

FORD COUNTY**JOHN GRISHAM+**

A collection of short stories set in Ford County, Mississippi. From the author of *A Time to Kill*. 308pp.

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNETS' NEST**STIEG LARSON**

Scheduled for release in the U.S. in spring 2010, this is the English version of the third book in Larson's trilogy. Lisbeth Sanders is in intensive care with bullet holes in her head and shoulder. She must rely on the aid of magazine editor Michael Blomkist to keep her safe from her enemy in the ward next door and the murder charges that she will face upon recovery. 602pp.

A GOOD FALL**HA JIN+**

Depicting the immigrant experience in America, Ha Jin writes stories that show the struggle between keeping the homeland traditions and moving towards new world freedoms that Chinese immigrants face. 240pp.

GOURMET RHAPSODY**MURIEL BARBERY**

From the author of *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, comes another tale of the posh Paris life. The world's most renowned food critic is dying and is determined to find the most divine taste he's ever tasted. It becomes a voyage of his childhood to maturity and a celebration of the culinary delights he experienced. 156pp.

THE HELP**KATHRYN STOCKETT+**

A story about a twenty-two year old, newly graduated with a college degree, a black maid who is raising a little white girl, and a cook whose dirty mouth is hurting her career as they come together unexpectedly at a very important time that causes all of the women to take steps that change their lives forever. 451pp.

THE HUMBLING**PHILIP ROTH+**

Actor Simon Axler seems to have lost his talent with his old age. As he reaches into his sixties his fans leave him and all his solidity as a human being is stripped away as he comes to a dark and shocking end of his career. 140pp.

THE LACUNA**BARBARA KINGSOLVER**

The New York Times best selling author of *The Poisonwood Bible* brings a story of a man in between Mexico and the U.S. His life becomes an odyssey as he works his way from the jungle to Mexico City and meets Mexican muralist Diego Riviera as well as Frieda Kahlo and other interesting and powerful figures while America is on the brink of WWII. 507pp.

MATCHLESS**GREGORY MAGUIRE+**

A twist on the classic tale of *The Little Match Girl*, by Hans Christian Andersen. The girl's story is interwoven with that of a little boy yearns for a better life for himself and his family; from the author of *Wicked*. Illus.

NEW YORK**EDWARD RUTHERFORD**

A combination of historical research and storytelling, Rutherford examines the 'city that never sleeps.' From the arrival of Dutch traders and the birth of the United States, he tells about the ups and downs of New York's fortune through the lives of fictional characters. 862pp.

THE PARIS VENDETTA**STEVE BERRY+**

Upon the death of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1821, stolen riches were said to be hidden treasures and are possibly mapped out in his will. Cotton Malone and his Secret Service ally are in search of the treasure when catastrophe strikes, conspiracy erupts, and the objective changes to seeking revenge on a friend's death. 418pp.

A SHORT HISTORY OF WOMEN**KATE WALBERT+**

A profound portrayal of the complicated legacies of mothers and daughters, chronicling five generations of women from late nineteenth century into the twentieth. 239pp.

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TOO MUCH HAPPINESS**ALICE MUNRO+**

Winner of the Man Booker International Prize for 2009 brings ten stories that deal with relationships and unpredictable ways in which men and women accommodate and transcend what happens in their lives. 303pp.

TYPHOON**CHARLES CUMMINS**

A young secret service agent is tangled up in a dirty CIA mission dealing with the Chinese government during the Beijing Olympics. A plot to destabilize China is uncovered and he finds his lover in the middle of it all. 393pp.

UNDER THE DOME**STEPHEN KING+**

Bestselling author Stephen King takes us into a small Maine town as it and its inhabitants are isolated from the world by a mysterious, impenetrable dome that descends on the unsuspecting populace. 1074pp.

WOLF HALL**HILARY MANTEL**

Thomas Cromwell is at the foot of King Henry VIII when the king aspires to end his marriage and wed Anne Boleyn. After helping the king pursue his desire he helps break those opposing him. A story of how only by gambling his life Cromwell ascended to political heights through King Henry. 532pp.

DETECTIVES**THE BODY IN THE SLEIGH****KATHERINE HALL PAGE+**

Faith Fairchild and her family are spending Christmastime together in Maine. High spirits are dampened however when a young woman is found who seems to have taken her own life and an abandoned baby is discovered in a manger on Christmas Eve. The possibility arises that the two events could be connected. 256pp.

BRYANT & MAY ON THE LOOSE**CHRISTOPHER FOWLER+**

The discovery of a headless corpse and a sighting of a bizarre creature lead the Peculiar Crimes Unit to get back together and try to connect the puzzle. Their obstacles include having no legal authority, not having use of computer technology and the case's unlikely link to gang-crime. 337pp.

A CHRISTMAS PROMISE**ANNE PERRY+**

Victorian specialist Anne Perry writes her seventh Christmas story. A thirteen year old girl meets an eight year old in search of a donkey that was stolen from her uncle after his vicious murder, along with his rag-and-bones cart and a gold box. 193pp.

THE CLOUD PAVILION**LAURA JOH ROWLAND**

At Eclo Castle, Samarai detective Sano Ichiro finds himself having to work cooperatively with his former rival. As he begins to question his nemesis' motives, his cousin, along with two other women, are reported missing. As Sano looks into it there seems to be powerful forces protecting the abductors. 295pp.

THE COMPLAINTS**IAN RANKIN**

As a member of the Complaints and Conduct Department, Malcom Fox is a cop who investigates other cops. While family matters seem to be overwhelming, Fox takes on a case against Officer Jamie Breck whose dirty business can not seem to be proven by anyone. 381pp.

THE END OF THE ROAD**SUE HENRY+**

A woman traveling with her dog takes a trip to Homer, Alaska. They meet a curious drifter but after enjoying a meal with him the man is found dead in his motel room. When the police report him as unidentifiable, the woman takes it into her own hands and soon realizes this could be 'the end of the road' for her too! 214pp.

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After being shot in the head during an attack at her office while working late-night, Detective McCone finds herself totally paralyzed. While locked in to her state, she must tie the attack back to one of the firm's cases and her husband faces the decision to seek revenge. 281pp.

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U IS FOR UNDERTOW**SUE GRAFTON**

#1 *New York Times* best selling author presents a story about the mystery of a disappearance of a four-year-old girl in the 1960s. After decades of no luck, a strange man comes to Kinsey Millhone claiming he has found the girl's grave. But is he telling the truth? Or is his story amongst a long line of fabrications?

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Two bodies are discovered in an ancient crypt; one of a Bishop of London, the other wearing attire from the eighteenth century. Sebastian St. Cyr is intrigued when the deaths of the men are tied to Ben Franklin's descendants and Cyr's own family history.

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