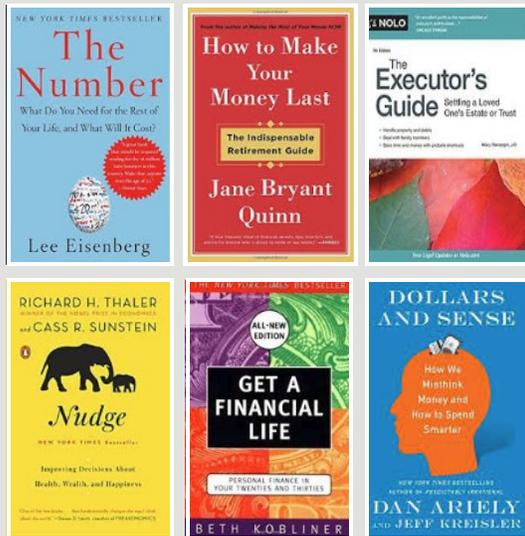


What to Read Next



Money Smart Week: April 21 -28, 2018

Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. After paying your annual income tax bills, due **April 17, 2018**, some of you may feel particularly inspired to check out some of the financial planning books we have selected.



National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996. Over the years, it has become a large literary celebration throughout the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry's vital place in our culture. We chose a few anthologies to pique your interest and to introduce you to a variety of poets and poetry.



Who's Your Favorite Author?

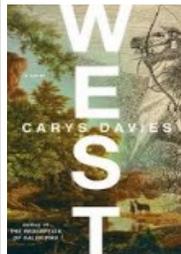


Anna has several favorite authors, but she narrowed her recommended list to the following: **Barbara Hambly**, **Neil Gaiman** and **Naomi Novik**. She says, "My favorite authors share a wry wit, intelligent prose, and unworldly plots. Sometimes whimsical and sometimes terrifying, they are all talented wordsmiths who write compelling characters."

Hambly, **Gaiman** and **Novik** all balance drama with humor, which appeals to me enormously." She also enjoys reading books written by **Terry Pratchett** and **Stephen King**.

She suggests the following novels: *Those Who Hunt the Night* by **Barbara Hambly**, *The Graveyard Book* by **Neil Gaiman** and *Uprooted* by **Naomi Novik**.

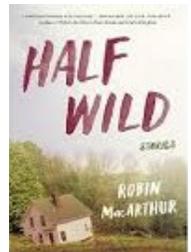
Monthly Staff Favorites



Ann: West: A Novel by **Carys Davies**. Addled by grief, 35 year-old mule breeder John Cyrus Bellman takes one step and then another. With a small compass and meager provisions, he sets off into the wild frontier beyond his small farm in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. His doomed quest is prompted by reports of colossal animal bones found in Kentucky. Promising to return in two years, he leaves behind his only daughter Bess to the tender mercies of his taciturn sister Julie.

Jessica: Half Wild: Stories by **Robin MacArthur**.

Spanning nearly forty years, *Half Wild* give voice to the hopes, dreams, hungers, and fears of a diverse cast of Vermonters: adolescent girls, aging hippies, hardscrabble farmers, disconnected women, and solitary men. Straddling the border between civilization and the wild, they all struggle to make sense of their loneliness and longings in the stark and often isolating enclaves they call home.



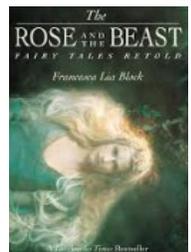
Emily: Spoonbenders: A Novel by **Daryl Gregory**.



The Telemachus family is known for performing inexplicable feats on late-night television. Teddy, a master conman, heads up a clan who possess gifts he only fakes: there's Maureen, who can astral project; Irene, the human lie detector; Frankie, gifted with telekinesis; and Buddy, the clairvoyant. One night, the magic fails to materialize, and the family withdraws to Chicago where they live in shame.

Jana: The Rose and the Beast: Fairy Tales Retold

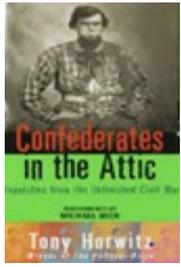
by **Francesca Lia Block**. With language that is both lyrical and distinctly her own, Francesca Lia Block turns nine fairy tales inside out. Escaping the poisoned apple, Snow frees herself from possession to find the truth of love in an unexpected place. A club girl from L.A., awakening from a long sleep to the memories of her past, finally finds release from its curse, and Beauty learns that Beasts can understand more than men.





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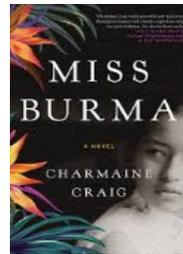
Richard: *Confederates in the Attic: Dispatches from the Unfinished Civil War* by **Tony Horwitz**. Propelled by his boyhood passion for the Civil War, Horwitz embarks on a search for places and people still held in thrall by America's greatest conflict. The result is an adventure into the soul of the unvanquished South, where the ghosts of the Lost Cause are resurrected through ritual. From "hardcore" re-enactors, to Klan rallies, the past and present explosively collide.

Sue: *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by **Meik Wiking**. The Danes are famously the happiest people in the world, and hygge is a cornerstone of their way of life. Hygge (pronounced Hoo-ga) loosely translates as a sense of comfort, togetherness and well-being. Not surprisingly, you know hygge when you feel it. Whether you are cuddled up on the sofa with a loved one or sharing comfort food with your closest friends, you feel a certain happiness and gratitude.

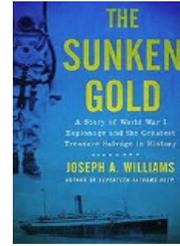


Diane: *I'll Give You the Sun* by **Jandy Nelson**. Jude and her twin Noah were incredibly close, until a tragedy drove them apart, and now they are barely speaking. Then Jude meets a cocky, broken, beautiful boy, as well as a captivating new mentor, both of whom may just need her as much as she needs them. What the twins don't realize is that each of them has only half the story, and if they can just find their way back to one another, they have a chance to remake their world.

Norma: *Miss Burma* by **Charmaine Craig**. Based on the story of Charmaine Craig's mother and grandparents, *Miss Burma* is a captivating portrait of how modern Burma came to be while ordinary people are swept up in the struggle for freedom. She shares modern-day Burma through the eyes of Benny and Khin, husband and wife, and their daughter Louisa. How will this family survive the Japanese Occupation of WWII, which is soon followed by the longest civil war in history?



Upcoming Author Talks:



April 4 at 7 PM
Joseph A. Williams
The Sunken Gold: A Story of World War I Espionage and the Greatest Treasure Salvage in History

Also Coming This Spring:
Date TBD
Verlyn Klinkenborg

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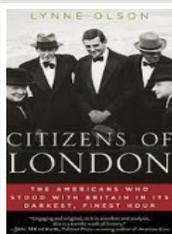
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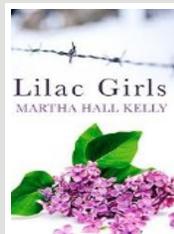


Book Group

First Thursday
April 5
4:00 PM
Citizens of London



Historical Fiction
April 10
10:30 AM
Lilac Girls



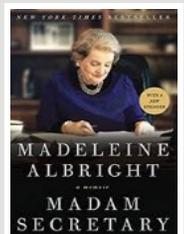
Third Wednesday
April 25
10:30 AM
The Flight of the Maidens



Classics Book Group
May 10
5:30 PM
Bury My Heart



American History
May 17
5:00 PM
Madam Secretary



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