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A fascinating figure in her own right, Pauline Bonaparte was deeply loyal to her brother, Napoleon. Noted for her looks and passions, she was immortalized by Antonio Canova's statue, a copy of which may be seen at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. 287pp., illus.

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One museum, two thieves, and the Boston underworld. The story behind the lost Gardner masterpieces and the art detective who vowed to get them back. 260pp., illus.

ULRICH BOSER

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The colorful story of America's first millionaire society. 383pp., illus.

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HISTORIC SYNAGOGUES OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE DELAWARE VALLEY JULIAN H. PREISLER

Mr. Preisler catalogues Jewish houses of worship, both past and present, in this short work of photographs and brief descriptions. Of particular note is Beth Shalom in Elkins Park, which is the only synagogue in the United States designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and is also one of only four United States synagogues listed as a National Historic Landmark. 127pp., illus.

PHILADELPHIA ROWHOUSE MANUAL

A practical guide for Philadelphia rowhouse homeowners. 49pp., illus.

RACHEL SIMMONS SCHADE, AIA

BIOGRAPHY

- A LIFE IN TWILIGHT: THE FINAL YEARS OF J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER** **MIKE WOLVERTON**
Most remember Oppenheimer, the brilliant atomic physicist, as leader of the Manhattan Project and “father of the atomic bomb.” However, many have forgotten that Oppenheimer was accused of having Communistic leaning during the McCarthy era. Philadelphia based author Wolverton examines the final years of this complex man’s attempts to restore his reputation amidst the pop culture of the 1960’s. 339pp., illus.
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Now in her 91st year, Athill reflects on her age, the losses and the gains that it brings. 182pp.
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Kairys’ memoir of his time as a Civil Rights lawyer during a turbulent time in American History. 424pp., illus.
- PLAIN, HONEST MEN** **RICHARD BEEMAN**
Historian Richard Beeman captures the debate and the characters of the men who labored to create a government that would allow America to flourish. 495pp., illus.
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A COURSE CALLED IRELAND

Coyne's humorous documentation of his recent trip to Ireland, where he traveled the country golfing and finding his heritage. 311pp., illus.

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A riveting tale of suspense about a successful young woman who, lying in her hospital bed after a horrific car accident plunges her into a coma, realizes that although she is unable to see or communicate she can hear everything. 369pp.

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BRAD GOOCH

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SUSAN GUBAR

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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.

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- 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.
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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.

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A mystery unfolds from the rotten heart of Grimsgrave Hall in Yorkshire, one Lady Julia may have to solve alone, as the attractive Brisbane appears tangled in its heinous twists and turns. 480pp.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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ART DECO: SAN FRANCISCO

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

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

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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

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

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251pp.

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

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