

ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

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(Books purchased for February 2014)

FEATURED SELECTIONS

ENGINEERING PHILADELPHIA

A sweeping account of the Sellers family and the ways they helped to transform Philadelphia into a metropolis for over 200 years.

DOMENIC VITIELLO

267 p., ill.

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

CHATEAU COUNTRY

A beautiful collection of photos of du Pont estates in the Brandywine Valley.

DANIEL DEKALB MILLER

272 p., ill.

A CULTURAL HISTORY OF GARDENS, VOL. 1

A look at gardens in Antiquity,

EDITED BY **KATHRYN GLEASON**

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A CULTURAL HISTORY OF GARDENS, VOL. 2

Gardens in the Medieval Age.

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A CULTURAL HISTORY OF GARDENS, VOL. 3

Gardens in the Renaissance.

EDITED BY **ELIZABETH HYDE**

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A CULTURAL HISTORY OF GARDENS, VOL. 4

A look into gardens in the Age of Enlightenment.

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A CULTURAL HISTORY OF GARDENS, VOL. 5

Gardens in the Age of Empire.

EDITED BY **SONJA DÜMPELMANN**

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Gardens in the Modern Age.

EDITED BY **JOHN DIXON HUNT**

258 p., ill.

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A sweeping account of the Sellers family and the ways they helped to transform Philadelphia into a metropolis for over 200 years.

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FANS

Illustrated descriptions of over 1550 souvenir and advertising fans, primarily from Europe and North America.

DONALD BULL AND RODOLPHE ROGER

288 p., ill.

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An illustrated history of handheld fans.

BELLA VEKSLER

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The second volume in the acclaimed series on the history of modern architecture from the late 19th to early 21st century.

MARTIN FILLER

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BIOGRAPHY

BREATHLESS

NANCY K. MILLER

A memoir of a recently-graduated American girl's restless and spirited life in France in the 1960s. 238 p.

BUCK

MK ASANTE

A powerful memoir of survival and finding one's place in life, on the streets of North Philly. (**Gift of the Publisher**). 252 p.

ELIZABETH OF YORK

ALISON WEIR

Acclaimed historian Alison Weir's portrait of Elizabeth of York, the mother of Henry VIII and, the first Tudor queen. 572 p., ill.

EMPRESS DOWAGER CIXI

JUNG CHANG

A biography of China's long-time unofficial ruler, a young concubine who was the power behind the throne and brought modernity to China. 436 p., ill.

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IVAN KLÍMA

The Czech writer recounts his life, including his experiences in the Theresienstadt concentration camp, Communist rule, the Prague Spring of 1968, and the Velvet Revolution. 534 p., ill.

HISTORY & POLITICS

THE EMPIRE OF NECESSITY

GREG GRANDIN+

Grandin plunges into the story of Captain Amasa Delano, a New England seal hunter, who encountered a ship that had been taken over by the West African slaves it was delivering to the Americas. However, the slaves and the Spanish crew members they held captive created an elaborate ruse and convinced Delano and his crew for hours that they were simply a ship in distress. 360 p., ill.

FLAPPERS

JUDITH MACKRELL

Lively portraits of six women: Josephine Baker, Diana Cooper, Nancy Cunard, Zelda Fitzgerald, Tallulah Bankhead, and Tamara de Lempicka, who epitomized the Jazz age flapper and revolutionized post-war femininity. 488 p., ill.

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SHERILL TIPPINS

A history of New York's Chelsea Hotel and how it became a haven for generations of artists. 457 p., ill.

MISCELLANEOUS

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HENRY HITCHINGS

Based in part on the lives of authors such as Jane Austen and Samuel Pepys, Hitchings traces the history of manners and socially acceptable behavior in general, and its place in modern English identity. 392 p.

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FICTION

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E.L. DOCTOROW

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Jimmy Rabbitte, who once worked to bring soul music to Dublin, now tracks down old bands in order to resurrect their music. When he learns he has colon cancer, Jimmy decides to resurrect the passion in his life.
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RODDY DOYLE

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In the American future, workers live in self-contained labor camps where they provide for the wealthy while under their protection. Fan, like the others a descendant of Chinese workers brought over years ago, leaves what used to be Baltimore in search of her missing lover.
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CHANG-RAE LEE+

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Amanda, the MIT-bound daughter of a holistic healer, loves crime novels and Ripper, a mystery game she plays with her grandfather online. But will this passion be enough to help her solve several murders and the sudden disappearance of her mother? 478 p.

ISABEL ALLENDE**STILL LIFE WITH BREADCRUMBS**

This moving portrait of photographer Rebecca Winter shows that even when one's life seems to be going poorly, joy may come from unexpected places. 252 p.

ANNA QUINDLEN+**A TRUE NOVEL**

This winner of the Yomiuri Literature Prize brings *Wuthering Heights* to postwar Japan, as an ambitious immigrant in 1960s New York rises to success and obsesses over a girl back in Japan who haunts him. 854 p. (in 2 v.), ill.

MINAE MIZUMURA**UNDER THE WIDE AND STARRY SKY**

A passionate fictional account of the love affair between Robert Louis Stevenson and his American wife Fanny Van der Grift, from the bestselling author of *Loving Frank*. 474 p.

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This hilarious look at the publishing industry finds hitmen Candy and Karl targeting a fraudulent literary agent-aiming not for his life, but his sanity. 341 p.

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While a journalist is in Alaska to cover the only battle of WWII to take place on America soil, his plane crashes. He must evade the elements and the Japanese army while his wife searches for him. 308 p.

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A London mystery involving a rookie cop, jazz music and wizardly magic.

BEN AARONOVITCH

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MICHAEL ROBERTSON

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While on a trip to Orkney, Dorothy Martin and her husband visit an archaeological dig. The excavation's leading donor is later found dead, and the couple must decide if the friction between the archaeologists and the donor had anything to do with it.

JEANNE M. DAMS

218 p.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Finding himself in Malta for the funeral of his uncle and aunt, Spike Sanguinetti questions what has been deemed a murder-suicide. His ex-girlfriend, Zahra, joins him as he looks for answers.

THOMAS MOGFORD

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