

ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

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FEATURED SELECTION

MAHOGANY

JENNIFER L. ANDERSON

A look at the intense popularity of mahogany in mid-eighteenth century America and its devastating consequences, from excessive logging, increased slavery, and international conflicts.

398 p., ill.

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

ART DECO

NORBERT WOLF

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(This oversized book does not circulate by mail)

286 p., ill.

CAPE COD MODERN

PETER McMAHON AND CHRISTINE CIPRIANI

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RICHARD CAHAN, MICHAEL WILLIAMS

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285 p., ill.

BIOGRAPHY

AMBITION AND DESIRE

KATE WILLIAMS

The spellbinding story of Josephine Bonaparte, wife of Napoleon, whose political ambition after narrowly surviving the Reign of Terror helped her and Napoleon in their quest to conquer all of Europe.

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DIVORCE AFTER DEATH: A WIDOW'S MEMOIR

CONCHA ALBORG

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174 p.

THE MARQUIS

LAURA AURICCHIO

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409 p., ill.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

JOHN LAHR

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HISTORY & POLITICS

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398 p., ill.

POLITICAL ORDER AND POLITICAL DECAY

FRANCIS FUKUYAMA

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EMERSON W. BAKER

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CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

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LOCAL INTEREST

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HA JIN

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LEA WAIT

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