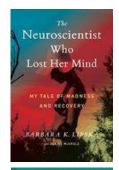
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#### **Books for Adults**



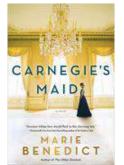
The Neuroscientist Who Lost Her Mind by Barbara K. Lipska and Elaine McArdle – HMH – 9781328787309 – HC - \$34.00 – Biography & Autobiography – 224 pp. – April 2018

In January 2015, Barbara Lipska—a leading expert on the neuroscience of mental illness—was diagnosed with melanoma that had spread to her brain. Within months, her frontal lobe, the seat of cognition, began shutting down. But miraculously, just as her doctors figured out what was happening, the immunotherapy they had prescribed began to work. Just eight weeks after her nightmare began, Lipska returned to normal. With one difference: she remembered her brush with madness with exquisite clarity.



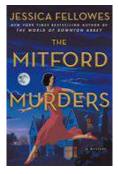
A Note of Explaination by Vita Sackville-West, Illus. Kate Baylay – Chronicle – 9781452169965 – HC - \$27.95 – Fiction/ Classics – 48 pp. – March 2018

Written in 1922, it was recently rediscovered as a miniature book in Queen Mary's dollhouse in Windsor Castle. Witty and stylish, the story recounts the antics of a time-traveling sprite who inhabits the dollhouse. This illustrated, cloth-bound edition presents the story for the first time since 1924.



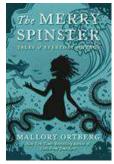
Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict – Sourcebooks – 9781492669432 – TP - \$24.95 – Fiction/Historical – 288 pp. – January 2018

The mesmerizing tale of what kind of woman could have inspired an American dynasty. Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other woman with the same name has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home. If she can keep up the ruse, that is.



*The Mitford Murders* by Jessica Fellowes – Minotaur – 9781250170781 – HC - \$33.99 – Fiction/ Mystery – 432 pp. – January 2018

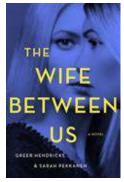
It's 1920, and Louisa Cannon dreams of escaping her life of poverty in London. Louisa's salvation is a position within the Mitford household, in the Oxfordshire countryside. There she will become nursemaid, chaperone and confidante to the Mitford sisters, especially sixteen-year-old Nancy. But then a nurse is killed on a train in broad daylight, and Louisa and Nancy find themselves entangled in the crimes of a murderer who will do anything to hide their secret...



*The Merry Spinster* by Mallory Ortberg – Henry Holt – 9781250133429 – TP - \$22.50 – Fiction/ Short Stories – 208 pp. – March 2018

A collection of darkly mischievous stories based on classic fairy tales. Adapted from her beloved "Children's Stories Made Horrific" series, "The Merry Spinster" takes up the trademark wit that endeared Ortberg to readers of both The Toast and her best-selling debut *Texts from Jane Eyre*.

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## The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen – St. Martin's Press – HC - \$34.99 – Fiction/ Thrillers – 352 pp. – January 2018

Twisted and deliciously chilling, *The Wife Between Us*exposes the secret complexities of an enviable marriage - and the dangerous truths we ignore in the name of love.



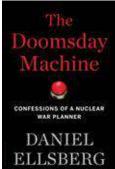
### Sometimes I Lie by Alice Feeney – Flatiron – 9781250144843 – HC - \$34.99 – Fiction/ Thrillers – 272 pp. – March 2018

Amber wakes up in a hospital. She can't move. She can't speak. She can't open her eyes. She can hear everyone around her, but they have no idea. Amber doesn't remember what happened, but she has a suspicion her husband had something to do with it.



## Oliver Loving by Stefan Merrill Block – Flatiron – 9781250169730 – HC - \$34.99 – Fiction/Family Life – 400 pp. – January 2018

A family in crisis, a town torn apart, and the boy who holds the secret has been cocooned in a coma for ten years. When a new medical test promises a key to unlock Oliver's trapped mind, the town's unanswered questions resurface with new urgency, as Oliver's doctors and his family fight for a way for Oliver to finally communicate— and so also to tell the truth of what really happened that fateful night.

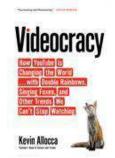


### The Doomsday Machine by Daniel Ellsberg – Bloomsbury – 9781608196708 – HC - \$40.00 – Political Science – 432 pp. – December 2017

Here, for the first time, former high level defense analyst Daniel Ellsberg reveals his shocking first-hand account of America's nuclear program in the 1960s. From the remotest air bases in the Pacific Command, where he discovered that the authority to initiate use of nuclear weapons was widely delegated, to the secret plans for general nuclear war under Eisenhower, which, if executed, would cause the near-extinction of humanity, Ellsberg shows that the legacy of this most dangerous arms buildup in the history of civilization threatens our very survival.

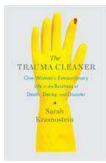


**Period** edited by Kate Farrell – Feiwel & Friends – 9781250141941 – HC - \$28.99 – Social Science – 224 pp. – May 2018 In this collection, writers of various ages and across racial, cultural, and gender identities share stories about the period. Each of our twelve authors brings an individual perspective and sensibility. They write about homeless periods, nonexistent periods, male periods, political periods, and more. Told with warmth and humor, these essays celebrate all kinds of period experiences.



## *Videocracy* by Kevin Allocca – Bloomsbury – 9781632866745 – HC - \$37.00 – Social Science – 352 pp. – January 2018

Whether your favorite YouTube video is a cat on a Roomba, "Gangnam Style," the "Bed Intruder" song, an ASAP science explainer, Rebecca Black's "Friday," or the "Evolution of Dance," Kevin Allocca's *Videocrac* yreveals how these beloved videos and famous trends--and many more--came to be and why they mean more than you might think.



#### The Trauma Cleaner by Sarah Krasnostein – St. Martin's Press – 9781250101204 – HC - \$34.99 – True Crime – 304 pp. – April 2018

Do you know who cleans up a murder scene? It's not the police or the paramedics. It's people like Sandra Pankhurst, a trauma cleaner for whom death and decay are a part of life. Sandra's trauma work includes crime scenes and floods, real estate agents, executors of deceased estates, and charitable organizations.



# **Sodom Road Exit** by Amber Dawn − Arsenal Pulp − 9781551152161 − TP - \$19.95 − Fiction/ LGBT − 256 pp. − March 2018

It's the summer of 1990, and Crystal Beach in Ontario has lost its beloved, long-running amusement park, leaving the lakeside village a virtual ghost town. It is back to this fallen community that Bailey Enrica Martin must return to live with her overbearing mother after dropping out of university and racking up significant debt. But an economic downturn, mother-daughter drama, and Generation X disillusionment soon prove to be the least of Bailey's troubles



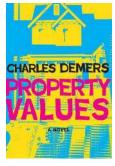
# The Plague by Kevin Chong – Arsenal Pulp – 9781551527185 – TP - \$19.95 – Fiction/ Dystopian – 256 pp. – March 2018

At first it's the dead rats; they start dying in cataclysmic numbers, followed by other city creatures. Then people begin experiencing flu-like symptoms as well as swellings in their lymph nodes. The masses react in disbelief when the official diagnosis comes in and later, when a quarantine is imposed on the increasingly terrified city.



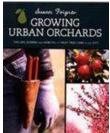
# Little Fish by Casey Plett – Arsenal Pulp – 9781551527208 – TP - \$19.95 – Fiction/Family Life – 320 pp. – April 2018

Wendy Reimer is a thirty-year-old trans woman in Winnipeg who comes across evidence that her late grandfather--a devout Mennonite farmer--might have been transgender himself. At first she dismisses this revelation, having other problems at hand, but as she and her friends struggle to cope with the challenges of their increasingly volatile lives--which range from alcoholism, to sex work, to suicide--Wendy is drawn to the lost pieces of her grandfather's life, becoming determined to unravel the mystery of his truth.



# **■ Property Values** by Charles Demers – Arsenal Pulp – 9781551527277 – TP - \$17.95 – Fiction – 176 pp. – April 2018

As a shaky truce between suburban gangsters starts to unravel, schlubby civilian Scott Clark has other things on his mind: if he can't afford to buy out his ex father-in-law, Scott's about to lose the only house he's ever called home. In Vancouver's red-hot housing market, he doesn't have a chance--until he and his best friends take the desperate measure of staging a fake drive-by shooting on the property to push down the asking price. But when Scott's mobster-posturing stunt attracts the attention of the real criminals, his pretend gang soon finds itself in the middle of a deadly rivalry.



## **I Prowing Urban Orchards** by Susan Poizner – Book Publishing Company – 9781570673528 – TP – \$25.95 – Gardening – 120 pp.

Whether you want to plant a single fruit tree or an entire orchard, this book will show you how to save time and money and be successful right from the start. A professional orchardist, Susan Poizner guides novices and experts alike through every step of the process. She describes which key elements are necessary in site preparation and offers a basic overview of the anatomy of fruit trees.



## ■◆■ 1979 by Ray Robertson – Biblioasis – 9781771960960 – TP - \$19.95 – Fiction – 250 pp. – March 2018

Tom Buzby is thirteen years old and lives in Chatham. Set in the year that real newspaper headlines told of the rise of Reagan and North America's hard turn to the right, 1979 is a novel of innocence not so much lost as smashed, and experience gained the hard way, the kind that brands memories forever and permanently changes lives.



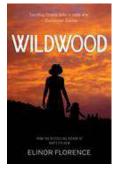
## **Where's Bob?** By Ann Ireland – Biblioasis – 9781771962278 – TP - \$19.95 – Fiction – 296 pp. -April 2018

Lydia's life is in a downward spiral. Looking for respite, she takes her mother on a resort vacation to Mexico. But instead of sun and sand, what she found was a world of cartels and corruption, journalists under threat for revealing the truth, politicians looking to broker peace in exchange for power... and Bob, who works all the angles.



# The Running-Shaped Hole by Robert Earl Stewart – Biblioasis – 9781771962230 – TP - \$19.95 – Sports & Recreation – 304 pp. – April 2018

In November of 2012, Robert Earl Stewart left a cardiologist's office terrified of dying. He was 38 years old and weighed 368 pounds. Not so much an instructional manual on how to run, but a humorous meditation on what not to do, *The Running-Shaped Hole* examines how running affected Stewart as a husband, father, recovered alcoholic, journalist, bookseller, and writer, following him through various adventures, injuries, and spiritual epiphanies had while running.



# **■ Wildwood** by Elinor Florence – Dundurn – 9781459740204 – TP - \$19.99 – Fiction – 328 pp. – February 2018

Broke and desperate, Molly Bannister accepts the ironclad condition laid down in her great-aunt's will: to receive her inheritance, Molly must spend one year in an abandoned, off-the-grid farmhouse in the remote backwoods of northern Alberta. If she does, she will be able to sell the farm and fund her four-year-old daughter's badly needed medical treatment.



# ► Single Girl Problems by Andrea Bain – Dundurn – 9781459739093 – TP - \$16.99 – Family & Relationships – 328 pp. – January 2018

Being single sucks! Well, that's what everyone says, anyway. Single women over the age of twenty-nine are seen as lonely, miserable, undesirable, and cat-crazy. Family members, friends — heck, even perfect strangers ask, "When are you going to get married?" This book flips the script on what it means to be a single woman in the twenty-first century. With dating horror story anecdotes and advice about online dating, self-esteem, sex, money, and freezing your eggs, Andrea Bain takes the edge off being single and encourages women to never settle.



# ► A Fist Around the Heart by Heather Chisvin – Second Story – 9781772600650 – TP - \$19.95 – Fiction/ Historical – 320 pp. – April 2018

The mystery surrounding Anna Grieve and her mentally fragile older sister, Esther, begins in Russia in the 1880s. The persecution of Jews has become so vicious that the girls' mother decides to send her children to Winnipeg with her wealthy employers. Her intention is to join them, but the sisters never see their parents again. Frightened and cut adrift, each girl reacts differently to her new family in North America.



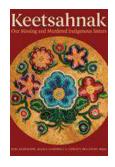
# **Wisdom in Nonsense** by Heather O'Neill – UAP – 9781772123777 – TP - \$10.95 – Biography & Autobiography – 64 pp. – February 2018

Acclaimed novelist Heather O'Neill structures her book around several key lessons she learned in childhood from her father. Wryly humorous and generous, she shares memories and stories that illustrate why it is good to steal things, why one should learn to play the tuba, and why one should never keep a journal, among other things.



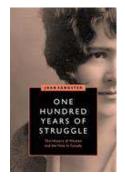
### ■◆■ Margaret Laurence and Jack McClelland, Letter Edited by Laura K. Davis and Linda M. Morra – UAP – 9781772123357 – TP – Literary Collections – 544 pp. – April 2018

Margaret Laurence and Jack McClelland—one of Canada's most beloved writers and one of Canada's most significant publishers—enjoyed an unusual rapport. In this collection of annotated letters, readers gain rare insight into the private side of these literary icons.



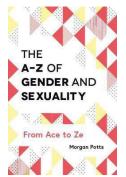
**Keetsahnak/ Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Sisters Edited by Kim Anderson, Christi Belcourt, and Maria Campbell – UAP – 9781772123678 – TP - \$29.95 – Social Science – 400 pp. – April 2017** 

In Keetsahnak / Our Murdered and Missing Indigenous Sisters, the tension between personal, political, and public action is brought home starkly. This important collective volume both witnesses the significance of the travelling exhibition Walking With Our Sisters and creates a model for antiviolence work from an Indigenous perspective.



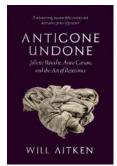
■ \* One Hundred Years of Struggle by Joan Sangster – UBC – 9780774835336 – HC - \$27.95 – History – 224 pp. – March 2018

Written for a general audience by some of the most acclaimed historians in Canada, the series is the first comprehensive national examination of women's role in the fight for political inclusion since Catherine Cleverdon's monumental The Woman Suffrage Movement in Canada (1950) was reissued in 1974. The series extends the history of the struggle up to the modern day, paying long-overdue attention to the roles religion, class, gender, race, sexuality, and indigeneity have played in Canadian politics.



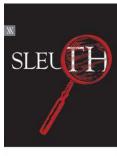
*The A-Z of Gender and Sexuality* by Morgan Potts – Jessica Kingsley – 9781785923425 – TP - \$22.95 – Social Science – 208 pp. – April 2018

There can be confusion around the appropriate terminology for trans and queer identities, even within the trans community itself. As language is constantly evolving, it can be especially difficult to know what to say. As a thorough A-Z glossary of trans and queer words from "ace" to "ze," this dictionary will help to dispel the anxiety around using the "wrong" words, while explaining the weight of using certain labels.



Antigone Undone by Will Aitken – URP – 9780889775213 – HC - \$24.95 – Biography & Autobiography – 240 pp. – January 2018

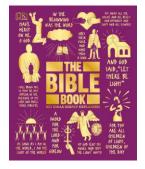
In 2015 Will Aitken journeyed to Luxembourg for the rehearsals and premiere of Anne Carson's translation of Sophokles' 5th-century BCE tragedy *Antigone*, starring Juliette Binoche and directed by theatrical sensation Ivo van Hove. With a backstage view of the action, Aitken illuminates the creative process of Carson, Binoche, and Van Hove and offers a rare glimpse into collaborative genius in action. He also investigates the response to the play by Hegel, Virginia Woolf, Judith Butler, and others, who too, were moved by its timeless protest against injustice.



Sleuth by Gail Bowen – URP – 9780889775244 – TP - \$18.95 – Reference – 144 pp. – March 2018

A smart, practical, and often funny guide for those who aspire to write mysteries, *Sleuth* reveals the secrets behind the curtain from a bestselling and award-winning master of the genre. Gail Bowen shows how to map out a plot, how to plant page-turning clues, how to develop fully-rounded characters, and how to create the scene of the crime. She also looks at the psyche, the power of story, and cultural appropriation, allowing writers to communicate the truth about the human condition.

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#### *The Bible Book* by DK – DK – 9781465468642 – HC - \$32.00 – Religion – 352 pp. – February 2018

The Bible Book explores the ideas and beliefs key to the teachings of the most widely printed religious book of all time. This highly visual book highlights more than 100 of the most important Biblical passages and explains their theological significance and key concepts.



#### *How Science Works* by DK – DK – 9781465464194 – HC – \$26.00 – Science – 256 pp. – March 2018

*How Science Works* uses clear, easy-to-understand graphics to answer common questions and explain difficult concepts—not only the core science topics that eluded us at school, but also the cutting-edge science reported in the news.