

Puleo, Steven

Voyage of Mercy: the USS Jamestown, the Irish famine, and the remarkable story of America's first humanitarian mission

The remarkable story of the mission that inspired a nation to donate massive relief to Ireland during the potato famine and began America's tradition of providing humanitarian aid around the world. Also Recommended: Puleo's *Dark Tide*.

Sherman, Casey and Michael Tougas

Above and Beyond: John F. Kennedy and America's most dangerous Cold War spy mission

The riveting, deeply human story of President John F. Kennedy and two U-2 pilots, Rudy Anderson and Chuck Maultsby, who risked their lives to save America during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Snow, Richard

Disney's Land: Walt Disney and the invention of the amusement park that changed the world

A history of the conception and development of the iconic California theme park chronicles how Walt and Roy Disney and a small group of artists endured innumerable setbacks to create one of the world's most popular destinations.

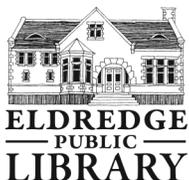
Stolen: the Gardner theft

For the first time in twenty-seven years, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum has authorized a book on the daring theft from the Museum of thirteen priceless works of art, including three Rembrandts and Vermeer's *The Concert*, together worth over \$500 million.

Swiss, Deborah

The Tin Ticket: the heroic journey of Australia's convict women

Focuses on the lives of three extraordinary women to recount the heartbreaking, yet ultimately triumphant, true story of women exiled from the British Isles, who created the most liberated society of their time in Australia.



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Nonfiction that reads like Fiction

Achorn, Edward

Every Drop of Blood

The story of Washington, D.C. on the day of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, revealing a distinct moment in time through the capital's mud, sewage, saloons, underbelly, spies, reporters, social-climbers and power-mad politicians.

Batalion, Judy

The Light of Days : The untold story of women resistance fighters in Hitler's ghettos

A spectacular, searing history that brings to light the extraordinary accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters.

Bell, Richard

Stolen

A gripping and true story about five boys who were kidnapped in the North and smuggled into slavery in the Deep South -- and their daring attempt to escape and bring their captors to justice

Broom, Sarah

The Yellow House

Describes the author's upbringing in a New Orleans East shotgun house as the unruly 13th child of a widowed mother, tracing a century of family history and the impact of class, race and Hurricane Katrina on her sense of identity.

Costa, James

Darwin's Backyard: how small experiments led to a big theory

Costa goes beyond the portrait of Charles Darwin as a brilliant thinker to concentrate on him as a nimble experimenter delving into some of evolution's great mysteries.

Collins, Paul

Blood and Ivy: The 1849 murder that scandalized Harvard

Traces the scandalous murder of a Harvard Medical School graduate and the ensuing trial that riveted mid-nineteenth-century America, exploring how the case established important precedents in medical forensics and the definition of reasonable doubt.

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Dolin, Eric Jay

Black Flags, Blue Waters

In the "Golden Age" of piracy, Dolin describes how exploration-era colonists initially supported, and then violently opposed, pirates that targeted the North American coast, citing the contributions of such figures as Blackbeard, John Winthrop and Benjamin Franklin.

Draper, Deborah Riley

Olympic Pride, American Prejudice

Describes the inspiring story of 18 African Americans, including Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson's brother Mack, who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics despite the racism at home and abroad.

Garrett, Kent

The Last Negroes at Harvard: the class of 1963 and the 18 young men who changed Harvard forever

The untold story of the Harvard class of '63, whose Black students fought to create their own identities on the cusp between integration and affirmative action.

Goodman, Matthew

The City Game: triumph, scandal, and a legendary basketball team

The powerful story of a college basketball team who carried an era's brightest hopes—racial harmony, social mobility, and the triumph of the underdog—but whose success was soon followed by a shocking downfall.

Grann, David

Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI

Presents a true account of the early 20th-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Johnson, Steven

Enemy of All Mankind: A true story of piracy, power, and history's first global manhunt

Henry Avery was the seventeenth century's most notorious pirate. Johnson uses the extraordinary story of Avery and his crimes to explore the emergence of the modern global marketplace.

Larson, Erik

The Splendid and the Vile: a saga of Churchill, family, and defiance during the Blitz

Draws on personal diaries, archival documents and declassified intelligence in a portrait of Winston Churchill that explores his day-to-day experiences during the Blitz and his role in uniting England.

Loftis, Larry

Code Name: Lise

The extraordinary true story of Odette Sansom, the British spy who operated in occupied France and fell in love with her commanding officer during World War II.

Mann, Charles

The Wizard and the Prophet: two remarkable scientists and their dueling visions of tomorrow's world

A dual biography of two significant figures who had little regard for each other's work but were largely responsible for the creation of the basic intellectual blueprints that institutions around the world use today for understanding our environmental dilemmas. Also recommended: Mann's *1491* and *1493*

McCullough, David

The Pioneers: the heroic story of the settlers who brought the American ideal west

Best-selling author David McCullough chronicles the lesser-known settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers whose community ideals shaped a fledgling America.

Mohnhaupt, Jan

The Zookeepers' War: an incredible true story from the Cold War

A quirky piece of Cold War history tells the epic tale of desperate rivalries, human follies and an animal-mad city as head zookeepers on either side of the Berlin Wall started an animal arms race that turned into a political agenda.

Mundy, Liz

Code Girls: the untold story of the American women code breakers who helped win World War II

Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during World War II. Also recommended: *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone