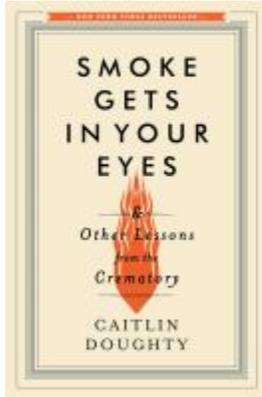


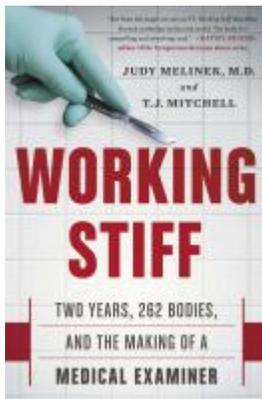
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with Ann Marie White, Cameron Bove & Patricia Moore
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[Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory](#)

by Caitlin Doughty
Published by W.W. Norton & Company, 2014
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Recommended by Patricia Moore

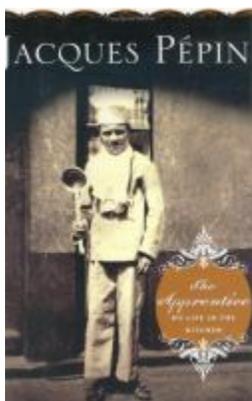
Doughty describes her time in the crematory while interspersing the history of undertaking and cremation and interesting stories of funereal practices from around the world. A book that challenges us to rethink how we deal (or don't deal) with our dead in Western society.



[Working Stiff: Two Years, 262 Bodies, and the Making of a Medical Examiner](#)

by Judy Melinek, MD and T.J. Mitchell
Published by Scribner, 2014
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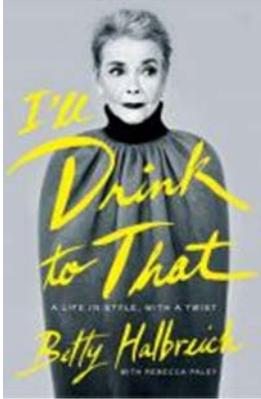
The fearless memoir of a young forensic pathologist's "rookie season" as a NYC medical examiner, and the cases--hair-raising and heartbreaking and impossibly complex--that shaped her.



[The Apprentice: My Life in the Kitchen](#) by Jacques Pépin

Published by Houghton Mifflin, 2003
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Recommended by Ann Marie White

In this captivating memoir, the man whom Julia Child has called "the best chef in America" tells the story of his rise from a frightened apprentice in an exacting Old World kitchen to an Emmy Award winning superstar who taught millions of Americans how to cook and shaped the nation's tastes.



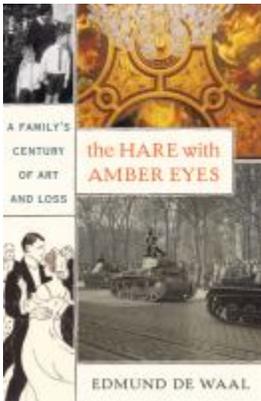
[I'll Drink to That: A Life in Style, with a Twist](#) by Betty Halbreich

Published by The Penguin Press, 2014

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Recommended by Ann Marie White

Eighty-six-year-old Betty Halbreich is a true original. She has spent nearly forty years as the legendary personal shopper at Bergdorf Goodman, where she works with socialites, stars, and ordinary women off the street. She has helped many find their true selves through clothes, frank advice, and her own brand of wisdom.



[The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss](#)

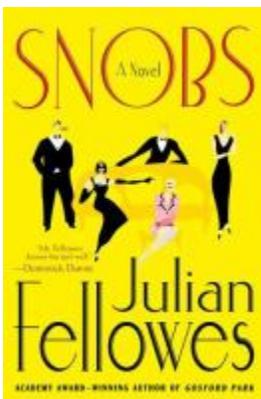
by Edmund de Waal

Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010

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Recommended by Cameron Bove

Traces the parallel stories of nineteenth-century art patron Charles Ephrussi and his unique collection of 360 miniature netsuke Japanese ivory carvings, documenting Ephrussi's relationship with Marcel Proust and the impact of the Holocaust on his cosmopolitan family.



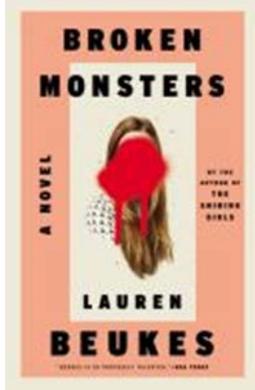
[Snobs: A Novel](#) by Julian Fellowes

Published by St. Martin's Press, 2005

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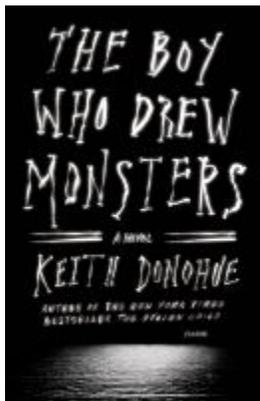
Recommended by Cameron Bove

The best comedies of manners are often deceptively simple, seamlessly blending social critique with character and story. In his superbly observed first novel, Julian Fellowes, winner of an Academy Award for his original screenplay of Gosford Park, brings us an insider's look at a contemporary England that is still not as classless as is popularly supposed.



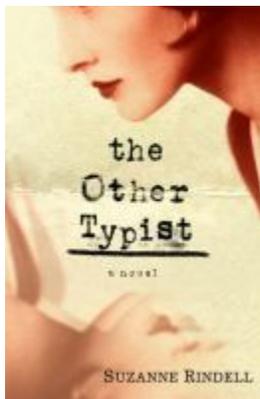
[Broken Monsters](#) by Lauren Beukes
Published by Little Brown and Company, 2014
FIC BEUKES, L
Recommended by Patricia Moore

A genre-redefining thriller about broken cities, broken dreams, and broken people trying to put themselves back together again. A criminal mastermind creates violent tableaux in abandoned Detroit warehouses in Lauren Beukes's new genre-bending novel of suspense.



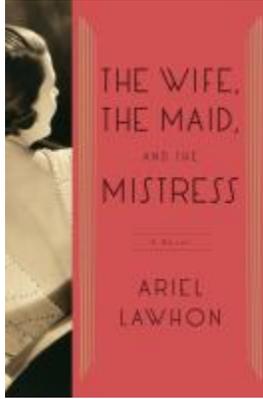
[The Boy Who Drew Monsters: A Novel](#) by Keith Donohue
Published by Picador, 2014
FIC DONOHUE, K
Recommended by Patricia Moore

Ever since he nearly drowned in the ocean three years earlier, 10-year-old Jack Peter Keenan has been deathly afraid to venture outdoors. Refusing to leave his home in a small coastal town in Maine, Jack Peter spends his time drawing monsters. When those drawings take on a life of their own, no one is safe from the terror they inspire.



[The Other Typist: A Novel](#) by Suzanne Rindell
Published by G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013
FIC RINDELL, S; Audio CD Fiction RIN
Recommended by Ann Marie White

Working as a typist for the NYC Police Department in 1923, Rose Baker documents confessions of harrowing crimes and struggles with changing gender roles while clinging to her Victorian ideals and searching for nurturing companionship before becoming obsessed with a glamorous newcomer and her world of bobbed hair, smoking and speakeasies.



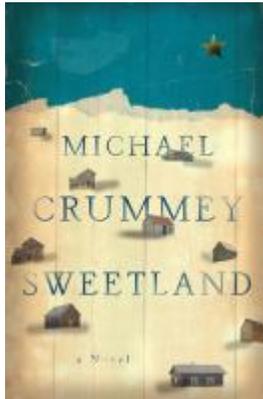
[The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress: A Novel](#) by Ariel Lawhon

Published by Doubleday, 2014

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Recommended by Ann Marie White

With a layered intensity and prose as effervescent as the bubbly that flows every night, *The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress* is a wickedly entertaining historical mystery that will transport readers to a bygone era with tipsy spins through subterranean jazz clubs and backstage dressing rooms.



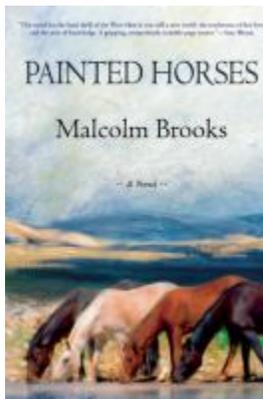
[Sweetland: A Novel](#) by Michael Crummey

Published by Liveright Publishing Corporation, 2015

FIC CRUMMEY, M

Recommended by Cameron Bove

The scarcely populated town of Sweetland rests on the shore of a remote Canadian island. Its slow decline finally reaches a head when the mainland government offers each islander a generous resettlement package--the sole stipulation being that everyone must leave. Fierce and enigmatic Moses Sweetland, whose ancestors founded the village, is the only one to refuse. As he watches his neighbors abandon the island, he recalls the town's rugged history and its eccentric cast of characters.



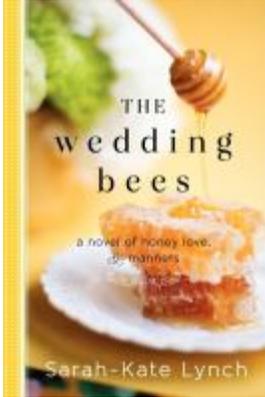
[Painted Horses: A Novel](#) by Malcolm Brooks

Published by Grove Press, 2014

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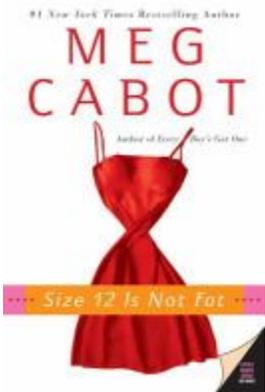
Recommended by Cameron Bove

Catherine Lemay is a young archaeologist on her way to Montana, with a huge task before her--a canyon "as deep as the devil's own appetites." Working ahead of a major dam project, she has one summer to prove nothing of historical value will be lost in the flood.



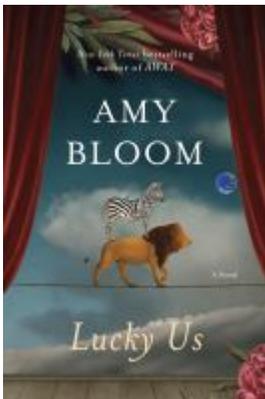
[The Wedding Bees: A Novel of Honey, Love, and Manners](#) by Sarah-Kate Lynch
Published by William Morrow, 2014
FIC LYNCH, S
Recommended by Patricia Moore

Sugar Wallace did not believe in love at first sight, but her bees did. . . . Every spring Sugar Wallace coaxes her sleepy honeybee queen--presently the sixth in a long line of Queen Elizabeths--out of the hive and lets her crawl around a treasured old map. Wherever the queen stops is their next destination, and this year it's New York City. Sugar sets up her honeybees on the balcony of an East Village walk-up and then--as she's done everywhere since leaving South Carolina--she gets to know her neighbors.



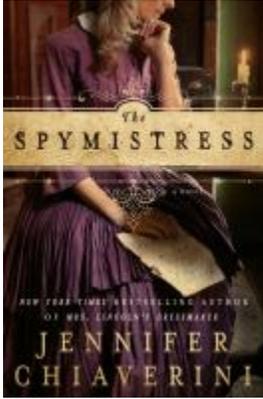
[Size 12 is Not Fat](#) by Meg Cabot
Published by Avon Books, 2006
Recommended by Patricia Moore

Heather Wells Rocks! Or, at least, she did. That was before she left the pop-idol life behind, after she gained a dress size or two -- and lost a boyfriend, a recording contract, and her life savings (when Mom took the money and ran off to Argentina). Now that the glamour and glory days of endless mall appearances are in the past, Heather's perfectly happy with her new size 12 shape and her new job as an assistant dorm director at one of New York's top colleges. That is, until the dead body of a female student from Heather's residence hall is discovered at the bottom of an elevator shaft.



[Lucky Us: A Novel](#) by Amy Bloom
Published by Random House, 2014
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Recommended by Ann Marie White

Forging a life together after being abandoned by their parents, half sisters Eva and Iris share decades in and out of the spotlight in golden-era Hollywood and mid-twentieth-century Long Island.



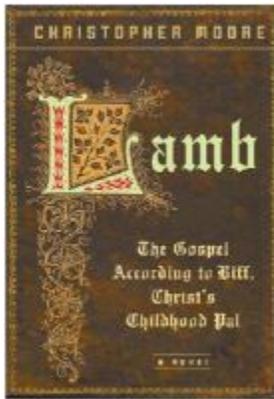
[The Spymistress: A Novel](#) by Jennifer Chiaverini

Published by Dutton, 2013

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Recommended by Ann Marie White

Born to slave-holding aristocracy in Richmond, Virginia, and educated by Northern Quakers, Elizabeth Van Lew was a paradox of her time. When her native state seceded in April 1861, Van Lew's convictions compelled her to defy the new Confederate regime. Pledging her loyalty to the Lincoln White House, her courage would never waver, even as her wartime actions threatened not only her reputation, but also her life.



[Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal](#)

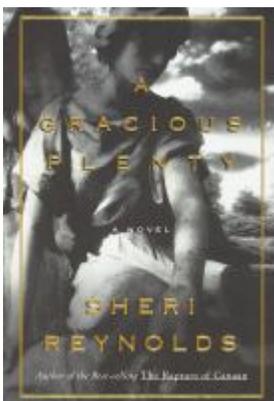
by Christopher Moore

Published by William Morrow, 2002

Recommended by Cameron Bove

The birth of Jesus has been well chronicled, as have his glorious teachings, acts, and divine sacrifice after his thirtieth birthday. But no one knows about the early life of the Son of God, the missing years -- except Biff. Ever since the day when he came upon six-year-old Joshua of Nazareth resurrecting lizards in the village square, Levi bar Alphaeus, called "Biff," had the distinction of being the Messiah's best bud. That's why the angel Raziel has resurrected Biff from the dust of Jerusalem and brought him to America to write a new gospel, one that

tells the real, untold story.



[A Gracious Plenty: A Novel](#) by Sheri Reynolds

Published by Harmony Books, 1997

FIC REYNOLDS, S

Recommended by Cameron Bove

In the lush and isolated cemetery of a small Southern town, Finch Nobles, the narrator of this brilliantly inventive novel, tends to the flowers and shrubs that surround the monuments of people who were not known to her while they lived but who in death have become her lifeline. Badly burned in a household accident when she was just four, Finch grows into a courageous and feisty loner. She eschews the pity and awkward stares of the people of her hometown and discovers that if she listens closely enough, she can hear the

voices of those who have gone before.