Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat by Bee Wilson
Published by Basic Books, 2012
643.3 WIL, Audio CD Nonfiction WIL, Overdrive Ebook WIL

In *Consider the Fork*, award-winning food writer Bee Wilson provides a wonderful and witty tour of the evolution of cooking around the world, revealing the hidden history of everyday objects we often take for granted.

Shakespeare’s Restless World: An Unexpected History In 20 Objects by Neil MacGregor
Published by Allen Lane
942 MAC, Audio CD Nonfiction MAC

Neil MacGregor, Director of the British Museum, looks at the world through the eyes of Shakespeare’s audience by exploring objects from that turbulent period. Examining these objects, Neil discusses how Shakespeare's audiences understood and made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

A History of the World in 100 Objects by Neil MacGregor
Published by Viking, 2011
930.1 MAC, Audio CD Nonfiction MAC

The history of humanity is a history of invention and innovation, as we have continually created new items to use, to admire, or to leave our mark on the world.
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**Bringing Up Bebe** by Pamela Druckerman  
Published by Penguin Press, 2012  
649.109 DRU, Audio CD Nonfiction DRU

When American journalist Pamela Druckerman has a baby in Paris, she doesn't aspire to become a "French parent."

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**My Life in France** by Julia Child with Alex Prud’homme  
Published by Knopf, 2006  
B CHILD, Overdrive E-Audiobook

Julia’s unforgettable story – struggles with the head of the Cordon Bleu, rejections from publishers to whom she sent her now-famous cookbook, a wonderful, nearly fifty-year long marriage that took them across the globe – unfolds with the spirit so key to her success as a chef and a writer, brilliantly capturing one of the most endearing American personalities of the last fifty years.

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**On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft** by Stephen King  
Published by Scribner, 2000  
813.54 KIN, Audio CD Nonfiction KIN

Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer’s craft, comprising the basic tools of the trade every writer must have. King’s advice is grounded in his vivid memories from childhood through his emergence as a writer, from his struggling early career to his widely reported, near-fatal accident in 1999—and how the inextricable link between writing and living spurred his recovery.
The Shoemaker’s Wife by Adriana Trigiani
Published by HarperLuxe, 2012
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The Shoemaker’s Wife is a riveting historical epic of love and family, war and loss, and risk and destiny. An epic story spanning two continents and two World Wars, this is the story of the quest of two star-crossed lovers to find each other again as well as their determination to make new lives for themselves in America.

Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker: A Novel by Jennifer Chiaverini
Published by Dutton, 2013
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In Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker, Jennifer Chiaverini presents a stunning account of the friendship that blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth “Lizzie” Keckley, a former slave who gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city’s elite. Keckley made history by sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, and witnessing many private moments between the President and his wife.

Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker
Published by Other Press, 2012
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The Art of Hearing Heartbeats spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman they have never heard of.
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The Garden of Evening Mists by Tan Twan Eng
Published by Weinstein Books, 2012
FIC ENG

Malaya, 1951. Yun Ling Teoh, the scarred lone survivor of a brutal Japanese wartime camp, seeks solace among the jungle-fringed tea plantations of Cameron Highlands.

Freeman by Leonard Pitts, Jr.
Published by Bolden, 2012
FIC PIT

At the end of the Civil War, an escaped slave first returns to his old plantation and then walks across the ravaged South in search of his lost wife.

Mrs. Kimble by Jennifer Haigh
Published by Morrow, 2003
FIC HAI

A portrait of a charming, opportunistic preacher turned real estate agent, presented through chronicles of his three marriages and glimpses into the life of his abandoned son, Charlie.
Red Princess: A Revolutionary Life by Sofka Zinovieff
Published by Pegasus Books, 2007

B DOLGOROUKY

Born in 1907 in St. Petersburg, Princess Sophy "Sofka" Dolgorouky was born into a world of privilege and nobility. Ten short years later, Sofka's world would crumble when the Tsar and his family were overthrown, exiled, and executed. Sofka and her family fled, and her world would soon include Bohemian Paris of the 1920s, internment in a Nazi prison camp, and the embrace of communism.

Born Standing Up: A Comic’s Life by Steve Martin
Published by Scribner, 2007

B Martin, LP B Martin, Audio CD Nonfiction MAR

In the mid-seventies, Steve Martin exploded onto the comedy scene. By 1978 he was the biggest concert draw in the history of stand-up. In 1981 he quit forever. This book is, in his own words, the story of "why I did stand-up and why I walked away."

52 Loaves: One Man's Relentless Pursuit of Truth, Meaning, and a Perfect Crust
by William Alexander
Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill

An original take on the six-thousand-year-old staple of life, 52 Loaves explores the nature of obsession, the meditative quality of ritual, the futility of trying to re-create something perfect, our deep connection to the earth, and the mysterious instinct that makes all of us respond to the aroma of baking bread.
The $64 Tomato by William Alexander
Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill
635.097 ALE

When Alexander runs (just for fun!) a cost benefit analysis, adding up everything from the live animal trap to the Velcro tomato wraps and then amortizing it over the life of his garden, it comes as quite a shock to learn that it cost him a staggering $64 to grow each one of his beloved Brandywine tomatoes. But as any gardener will tell you, you can't put a price on the unparalleled pleasures of providing fresh food for your family.

Blood, Bones and Butter: The Inadvertent Education of Reluctant Chef
By Gabrielle Burton
Published by Random House, 2010
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Before Gabrielle Burton opened her acclaimed New York restaurant Prune, she spent twenty hard-living years trying to find purpose and meaning in her life.

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Published by Broadway Paperbacks, 2011
FIC CLI, Overdrive Ebook and E-Audiobook

In the year 2044, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the Oasis. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines - puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them.
Horns: A Novel by Joe Hill
Published by William & Morrow Co., 2010
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After his childhood sweetheart is brutally killed and suspicion falls on him, Ig Parrish goes on a drinking binge and wakes up with horns on his head, hate in his heart, and an incredible new power which he uses in the name of vengeance.

The Uninvited Guests by Sadie Jones
Published by HarperCollins, 2012
FIC JON

A grand old manor house deep in the English countryside will open its doors to reveal the story of an unexpectedly dramatic day in the life of one eccentric, rather dysfunctional, and entirely unforgettable family.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
Published by Harcourt, 2007
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The Reluctant Fundamentalist is a daring, fast-paced monologue of a young Pakistani man telling his life story to a mysterious American stranger.
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The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty
Published by Riverhead Books, 2012
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*The Chaperone* is a captivating novel about the woman who chaperoned an irreverent Louise Brooks to New York City in 1922, and the summer that would change them both.

A Good American by Alex George
Putnam’s Sons, 2012
FIC GEO, Audio CD Fiction GEO

This is the new novel from the US editor of *The Help* and *The Postmistress*. Alex George’s "A Good American" is a positive and uplifting novel about The Meisenheimer family who struggle to find their place among the colorful residents of their new American hometown, including a giant teenage boy, a pretty schoolteacher whose lessons consist of more than music, and a spiteful, bicycle-riding dwarf.

The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers
Published by Little, Brown and Company, 2012
FIC POW

"The war tried to kill us in the spring." So begins this powerful account of friendship and loss.
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**Restoration** by Olaf Olafsson
Published by Ecco, 2012
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Returning home to La Foce, a crumbling villa in Tuscany, to make amends with her husband, Iris is caught between loyalists and resistors, cruel German forces and Allied troops, and, while struggling to survive, hopes that the life and love she lost can one day be restored.

**The Orchardist: A Novel** by Amanda Coplin
Published by Harper, 2012
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At the turn of the 20th century in a rural stretch of the Pacific Northwest, a gentle solitary orchardist, Talmadge, tends to apples and apricots. Then two feral, pregnant girls and armed gunmen set Talmadge on an irrevocable course not only to save and protect but to reconcile the ghosts of his own troubled past.

**Serena** by Ron Rash
Published by Ecco, 2008
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Set in 1929, in the rugged mountains of North Carolina, Rash's novel is a tightly knit tale of industrial development, greed, and betrayal. George Pemberton and his new bride, Serena, maintain a close watch over a burgeoning logging empire, dealing with their workers while fighting off the efforts of environmental activists to expand the country's network of national parks.
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**Thousand Mile Song: Whale Music In A Sea Of Sound** by David Rothenberg
Published by Basic Books, 2008
599.15 ROT

Biologists know that whale songs change over time and are passed on from one generation to the next, but they don't fully understand what these complex sounds mean. Philosopher and musician Rothenberg decides to play with them, and tells remarkably dramatic and funny stories of his musical encounters with whales in Chicago, British Columbia, Hawaii, and Russia.

**Decade of the Wolf: Returning the Wild to Yellowstone** by Douglas Smith and Gary Ferguson
Published by Lyons Press, 2005
599.773 SMI

Wolf biologist and Recovery Project leader Smith and nature writer Ferguson deliver a compelling inside look at the Yellowstone Wolf Recovery Project, covering the first ten years since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made the controversial decision to reintroduce wolves into the national park. Their book is a detailed look at the return of the wolves- once among the most numerous of North American predators.

**Antifragile: Things That Gain From Disorder** by Nassim Nicholas Taleb
Published by Random House, 2012
155.24 TAL, Audio CD Nonfiction TAL

In *Antifragile*, Taleb stands uncertainty on its head, making it desirable, even necessary, and proposes that things be built in an antifragile manner. The antifragile is beyond the resilient or robust.
Republic Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress and a Plan to Stop it by Lawrence Lessig
Published by Twelve, 2011
328.73 LES

In an era when special interests funnel huge amounts of money into our government- driven by shifts in campaign-finance rules and brought to new levels by the Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*- trust in our government has reached an all-time low.

Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention by Manning Marable
Published by Viking, 2011
B X, Overdrive Ebook

This biography of Malcolm X draws on new research to trace his life from his troubled youth through his involvement in the Nation of Islam, his activism in the world of Black Nationalism, and his assassination.

The Black Count by Tom Reiss
Published by Crown Trade, 2012
B DUMAS

In this extraordinary biography, Tom Reiss traces the almost unbelievable life of the man who inspired not only Monte Cristo, but all three of the Musketeers: the novelist’s own father.
The Garner Files: A Memoir by James Garner  
Published by Simon and Schuster, 2011  
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One of Hollywood’s all-time great leading men, James Garner enjoyed a remarkable career spanning six decades. Few know the real story, now told in this intimate memoir of growing up in Depression-era Oklahoma and triumphing in Hollywood.

The Twelve Little Cakes by Dominika Dery  
Published by Riverhead Books, 2004  
943.7 DER

Dominika Dery was born in 1975 in Prague to former dissidents of the failed Prague Spring in (then) Czechoslovakia. Her memoir collects tales from her early childhood. Dery portrays her exuberant young self and her devoted parents with enormous affection and a contagious, sly humor as she blends political and cultural observations into stories about universal awakenings.

Blasphemy by Sherman Alexie  
Published by Grove Press, 2012  
FIC ALE

Blasphemy combines fifteen of the author’s classic short stories with fifteen new stories in an anthology that features tales involving donkey basketball leagues, lethal wind turbines, and marriage.
Moonlight Mile by Dennis Lehane
Published by William Morrow, 2010
FIC LEH

Amanda McCready was four years old when she vanished from a Boston neighborhood twelve years ago. Desperate pleas for help from the child's aunt led investigators Kenzie and Gennaro to take on the case. The pair risked everything to find the young girl, only to orchestrate her return to a neglectful mother and a broken home. Now Amanda is sixteen and gone again.