

State of Wonder

Ann Patchett

A researcher at a pharmaceutical company, Marina Singh journeys into the heart of the Amazonian delta to check on a field team that has been silent for two years—a dangerous assignment that forces Marina to confront the ghosts of her past.

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Gorillas in the Mist

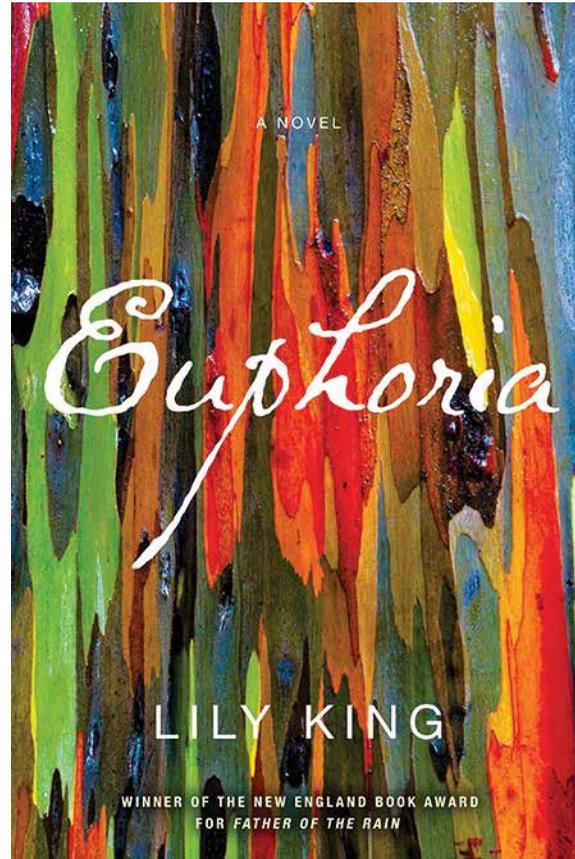
Based on the true story of young anthropologist Dian Fossey who travels to the African mountains to study rare mountain gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla beringei*).

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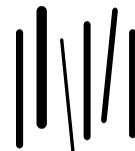
Taboo

Complex and controversial, this mesmerizing hit series offers an insider's view of closed worlds traditionally off-limits to outsiders. Witness stunning stories about rituals and traditions so shocking that you can't help but be attracted.

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FICTION

Heart of Darkness

Conrad Joseph

Horror awaits Marlow, a seaman assigned by an ivory company to retrieve a cargo boat and one of its employees, Mr. Kurtz, who is stranded in the heart of the Africa. Marlow's journey becomes a struggle to maintain his own sanity as he witnesses the brutalization of the natives by white traders. Kurtz, once a genius and the company's most successful representative, has become a savage. His compound is decorated by a row of human heads mounted on spears. The demonic mastermind, liberated from the conventions of European culture, has traded his soul to become ruler of his own horrific dominion.

The Painted Drum

Louise Erdrich

Faye Travers is called upon to appraise the estate of a family in her small New Hampshire town. She isn't surprised to discover a forgotten cache of valuable Native American artifacts. However, she stops dead in her tracks when she finds a rare drum—a powerful yet delicate object, made from a massive moose skin stretched across a hollow of cedar, ornamented with symbols and dressed in red tassels and a beaded belt and skirt—especially since, without touching the instrument, she hears it sound.

The People in the Trees

Hanya Yanagihara

Joining an anthropologist's 1950 expedition to discover a lost tribe on a remote Micronesian island, a young doctor investigates and proves a theory that the tribe's considerable longevity is linked to a rare turtle, a finding that brings worldwide fame and unexpected consequence.

Under the Wide and Starry Sky

Nancy Horan

Chronicles the unconventional love affair of Scottish literary giant Robert Louis Stevenson, author of classics including *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, and American divorcee Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne. (Ebook available.)

The Way of the Flesh

Samuel Butler

Written in the 1880s and not published until 1903 after Butler's death, the semi-autobiographical story of the Pontifex family savages the bourgeois Victorian family and its values.

The White Mary

Kira Salak

Marika Vecera is a young war reporter, recently back from the Congo and venturing into the first serious relationship of her life, when she hears the news that Robert Lewis has committed suicide. Lewis was a famous war correspondent and a hero to Marika. As she begins working on his biography she gets word from a missionary who claims to have seen Lewis alive. Astounded, Marika uproots her life in Boston and heads to Papua New Guinea—the world's least explored frontier—to uncover the truth.

NONFICTION

Ritual and Religion in the Making of Humanity

Roy A. Rappaport

Combining adaptive and cognitive approaches, it is a comprehensive analysis of religion's evolutionary significance, and its inextricable interdependence with language. It is also a detailed study of religion's main component, ritual, which constructs the

conceptions that we take to be religious and therefore central in the making of humanity's adaptation.

203.8 RAPPAPORT

Noble Savages

Napoleon A. Chagnon

The most controversial and famous anthropologist of modern time describes his seminal life-long research among the Yanomamo Indians of the Amazon basin and how his startling observations provoked admiration among many fellow anthropologists and outrage among others.

304.5 CHAGNON NAPOLEON

Coming of Age in Samoa

Margaret Mead

It details her historic journey to American Samoa, when she was just 23, where she did her first fieldwork. Here, for the first time, she presented to the public the idea that the individual experience of developmental stages could be shaped by cultural demands and expectations.

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Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies

Margaret Mead

Focusing on three tribes from New Guinea, the author advances the theory that many so-called masculine and feminine characteristics are not based on fundamental sex differences, but reflect the cultural conditioning of different societies.

599.98 MEAD MARGARET

Beating Back the Devil

Maryn McKenna

In the war against diseases, they are the special forces. They always keep a bag packed. They seldom have more than 24 hours' notice before they are dispatched. The phone calls that tell

them to head to the airport, sometimes in the middle of the night, may give them no more information than the country they are traveling to and the epidemic they will tackle when they get there. The universal human instinct is to run from an outbreak of disease. These doctors run toward it.

614.4 MCKENNA

Modernist Women Poets

The 20th century was a time of great change, particularly in the arts, but seldom explored were the female poets of that time. Robert Hass and Paul Ebenkamp have put together a comprehensive anthology of poetry featuring the poems of Gertrude Stein, Lola Ridge, and Amy Lowell.

811.508 MODERNIST

Four Corners

Kira Salak

Chronicles the author's experiences while trying to become the second person to ever cross the island of Papua New Guinea alone.

910.4 SALAK

Lost in Shangri-La

Mitchell Zuckoff

Award-winning former Boston Globe reporter, Zuckoff unleashes the exhilarating, untold story of an extraordinary World War II rescue mission, where a plane crash in the South Pacific plunged a trio of U.S. military personnel into the jungle-clad land of New Guinea.

940.548 ZUCKOFF MITCHELL

Under the Mountain Wall

Peter Matthiessen

In the Baliem Valley in central New Guinea lived a Stone Age tribe which survived into the 20th century—the Kurelu. This title offers an account of a lost culture—the Kurelu's timeless rhythms of work and play,

of warriorship, feasting and funerals. It illuminates the lives of the Kurelu's, capturing a culture untouched by civilization.

995 MATTHIESSEN

Savage Harvest

Carl Hoffman

Retracing Rockefeller's steps, journalist Carl Hoffman traveled to the jungles of New Guinea to solve a decades-old mystery and illuminate a culture transformed by years of colonial rule.

995.1 HOFFMAN CARL

BIOGRAPHY

With a Daughter's Eye

Mary Catherine Bateson

This writer and cultural anthropologist looks back on her extraordinary childhood with two of the world's legendary anthropologists, Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson. This deeply human and illuminating portrait sheds new light on her parents' prodigious achievements and stands alone as an important contribution for scholars of Mead and Bateson.

MEAD, MARGARET

AUDIO BOOKS

The World Until Yesterday

Jared M. Diamond

Drawing extensively from his field work in the Pacific Islands and with other people groups, Diamond gives a firsthand picture of the human past as it had been for millions of years. It's a past that has mostly vanished, and what the differences between that past and our present modern society mean for our lives today.

305.89912 DIAMOND JARED

The Ghost Mountain Boys

James Campbell

Coveted by the Japanese for its strategic position, New Guinea became the site of one of the South Pacific's most savage campaigns of World War II. Despite their lack of jungle training, the 32nd Division's Ghost Mountain Boys marched 130 miles in six weeks over the Owen Stanley Mountains to the village of Buna. There, during two months of fierce combat, they achieved victory over the Japanese.

940.5426 CAMPBELL JAMES

EBOOK

All the Starts in the Heavens

Adriana Trigiani

The movie business is booming in 1935 when Loretta Young meets Clark Gable on the set of *The Call of the Wild*. Though he's already married, Gable falls for the stunning and vivacious young actress instantly. Far from the glittering lights of Hollywood, Sister Alda Ducci has been forced to leave her convent and begin a new journey that leads her to Loretta. Becoming Miss Young's secretary, the innocent and pious young Alda must navigate the wild terrain of Hollywood with fierce determination and a moral code that derives from her Italian roots.

The Signature of All Things

Elizabeth Gilbert

Spanning much of the 18th and 19th centuries, the novel follows the fortunes of the extraordinary Whittaker family as led by the enterprising Henry Whittaker—a poor-born Englishman who makes a great fortune in the South American quinine trade, eventually becoming the richest man in Philadelphia.