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Director's note

Dear Folks,

It is July and we look to celebrate our freedom. While we are not perfect and neither is our country, we do have freedoms that most people cannot even dream of being theirs. With a quick search through our catalog, there, of course, is a strong emphasis on our nation's freedom. After that, we look at a myriad of personal freedoms – financial freedom, freedom to live a healthy lifestyle, freedom to travel, freedom to choose our own vocation, freedom from toxic relationships, freedom to explore different philosophies, etc.

We are so blessed to enjoy such freedoms. Let's appreciate the many freedoms we do have while we continue to strive for a more cooperative world. Let's make certain that everyone has the freedom that literacy and education bring to us.

Let freedom ring! Come see us. Linda

Linda recommends

Fourteen designated national historic trails wind through the American landscape and through our country's history. Many span miles and miles and have been in use for centuries. Yet

one trail is just 54 miles long and scarcely four decades old. Regardless of the trail's length or age, each has a vivid, vital story to tell of hopes and dreams, of tragedies and triumphs, and above all, of the indomitable spirit that helped create America. Enjoy **America's Historic Trails** by **John Thompson**.

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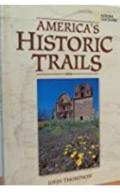
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Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists

June 29, 2021

FICTION

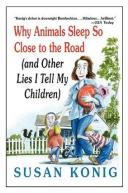
- 1. The President's Daughter: A Thriller, by James Patterson and Bill Clinton
- 2. The Maidens, by Alex Michaelides
- 3. The Last Thing He Told Me, by Laura Dave
- 4. Sooley, by John Grisham
- 5. Golden Girl, by Elin Hilderbrand
- 6. The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig
- 7. **Malibu Rising**, by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- 8. Tom Clancy Target Acquired, by Don Bentley
- 9. Project Hail Mary, by Andy Weir
- 10.The Four Winds, by Kristin Hannah

NONFICTION

- Killing the Mob: The Fight Against Organized Crime in America, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
- 2. Live Your Life: My Story of Loving and Losing Nick Cordero, by Amanda Kloots, and Anna Kloots
- 3. **Greenlights**, by Matthew McConaughey
- 4. The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, a Temptation, and the Longest Night of the Second World War, by Malcolm Gladwell
- 5. What Happened to You?: Conversations on Trauma, Resilience, and Healing, by Oprah Winfrey and Bruce D Perry
- 6. In the Heights: Finding Home, by Lin -Manuel Miranda, Quiara Alegría Hudes, and Jeremy McCarter,
- 7. How to Cook That: Crazy Sweet Creations, by Ann Reardon
- 8. The Premonition: A Pandemic Story, by Michael
- 9. **The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country**, by Amanda Gorman
- 10.**World Travel: An Irreverent Guide**, by Anthony Bourdain

Liz likes—by Liz Coronado

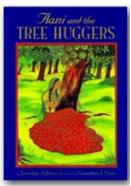
The Konigs can barely turn around in a city apartment that seems to be shrinking. With Baby #3 on the way, they take drastic measures: They buy a house and move to The 'Burbs. Countless sticky adventures ensue. In her hilariously unflinching account of motherhood and domestic pursuits, Konig shares a supermom's little secrets, from the importance of Cheerios to the truth about Bambi's



mother ("she was running an errand"). Why Animals Sleep So Close To The Road (and Other Lies I Tell My Children) takes a funny look at the life of a mom who moves from the big city to the suburbs. Susan Konig shares her trials and tribulation in such a humorous fashion making an otherwise under appreciated occupation (Homemaker) not a burden but a hilarious challenge. As a mom of 4 myself I felt I could relate to a lot to her hiccups as a first time homeowner and the necessary "lies" one must tell their children to survive motherhood.

Choice for children—by Jasmine Moore

Do you love Nature? Do you just sit outside under a tree and wonder what life is all about? Try to figure out your place in the world? Or sometimes do you imagine yourself as an adult? Maybe try to act like your mom or dad. Then you are just like Aani. She would do this often at least once a day. So when men with axes came and began cutting down trees, Aani knew she had to do something.



Aani and the Tree Huggers is written by **Jeannine Atkins** and illustrated by **Venantius J. Pinto**. This book is based on the real events that happened in northern India in the 1970's.

Sunshine State Readers highlight—Grades 3-5

A Field Guide to Getting Lost by Joy McCullough

A girl with a passion for science and a boy who dreams of writing fantasy novels must figure out how to get along now that their parents are dating in this lively, endearing novel.

Sutton is having robot problems. She must have gotten something wrong in the coding. Luis spends his days writing thrilling stories about brave kids, but he's stuck inside all day—allergic and afraid.



MARIA

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Robert recommends—by Robert Anders

While the poker wave of years ago, culminating in none other than James Bond playing poker over baccarat, has passed I could not resist **Maria Konnikova**'s recent release, **The Biggest Bluff: How I Learned to Pay Attention, Master Myself, and Win**. The book takes her from novice to pro in one year and covers the technical aspects of the game and the psychological challenges it presents. There are plenty of surprises and something for everyone in this journey of self discovery.

Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

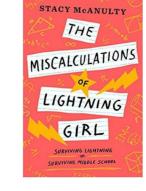
It's Hurricane Season. Why not learn more about some of the hurricanes that have left an imprint? The Storm of the Century: Tragedy, Heroism, Survival, and the Epic True Story of America's Deadliest Natural Disaster: The Great Gulf Hurricane of 1900, by Al Roker and William Hogeland is about the storm that nearly wiped Galveston, TX off the map. This gripping narrative history brings this legendary hurricane and its aftermath into fresh focus. The awesome mix of winds, rain, and flooding that devastated Galveston shocked a young, optimistic nation. The science of predicting hurricanes was just beginning. Weather instruments were crude by today's standards, but a level of accuracy had begun to emerge through corroboration and an early communications system. Add to the drama of howling winds a rivalry between the US and Cuba that resulted in news from that island nation being blocked, and the widespread belief that a storm couldn't hit Texas. On the morning of September 9, 1900, grief-stricken survivors emerged to witness a level of destruction never before seen. It remains America's deadliest natural disaster.

Search the library catalog for the subject hurricanes for more seasonal reading.

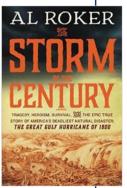
Sunshine State Readers highlight—Grades 6-8

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

If you can survive a bolt of lightning, you can survive middle school...right? Lucy was struck by lightning when she was eight; turning her into a math savant with genius level math skills and some quirky OCD issues. Now that Lucy is twelve, she's technically ready for college. Except Lucy's grandma wants her to survive just one year of middle school. Lucy must: Go to middle school for 1 year. Make 1 friend. Join 1 activity. And read 1 book (that's NOT a math textbook.)







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Saturday: 9:00-2:30

Closed Sunday and Monday





Florida Teens Read highlight—Grades 9-12

This Is My America by Kim Johnson

Tracy Beaumont knows one thing—her father is innocent. She has been writing to Innocent X for seven years to try to get them to take on her father's case before his time runs out on death row. Then one night the police arrive to arrest her track star brother, Jamal, for killing a white girl. With her brother on the run, Tracy is desperately trying to find out what really happened down at the Pike between her brother and Angela. Time is running out for her father and brother; will Tracy be able to uncover truth in time to save them?

