

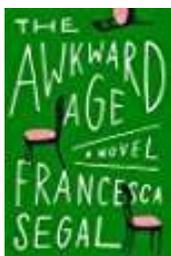
New Arrivals *Early Spring 2018*

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Fiction



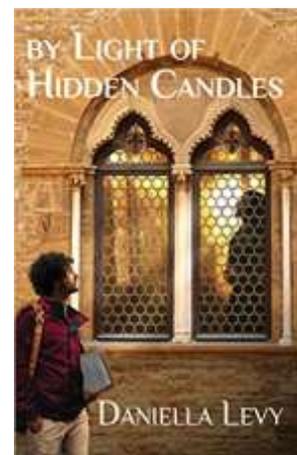
The Awkward Age / Francesca Segal

Julia Alden has fallen deeply, unexpectedly in love. American obstetrician James is everything she didn't know she wanted; if only her teenage daughter, Gwen, didn't hate him so much. Uniting two households is never easy, but when Gwen turns for comfort to James's seventeen-year-old son, Nathan, the consequences will test her mother's loyalty and threaten all their fragile new happiness.

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(Appeals to Teens)



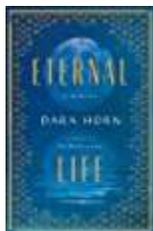
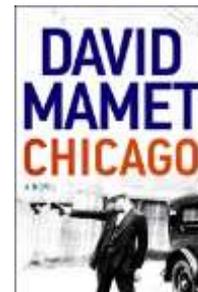
Chateau / Paul Goldberg

Facing daunting prospects after losing a prestigious job, a once-successful science reporter investigates the suspicious death of his college roommate, a Miami Beach plastic surgeon, in an all-or-nothing case that is shaped by the schemes of the reporter's political dissident father. By the author of *The Yid*.

***Chicago: A Novel of Prohibition* / David Mamet**

A big shouldered, big trouble thriller set in mobbed up 1920s Chicago - a city where some people knew too much, and where everyone should have known better. Mike Hodge - veteran of the Great War, big shot of the Chicago Tribune - probably shouldn't have fallen in love with Annie Walsh. Then, again, maybe the man who killed Annie Walsh should have known better than to trifle with Mike Hodge.

Audiobook: *Chicago: A Novel of Prohibition* / David Mamet



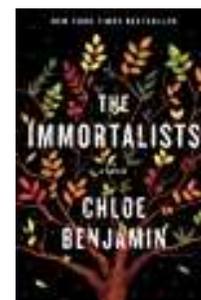
***Eternal Life* / Dara Horn**

Gripping, hilarious, and profoundly moving, *Eternal Life* celebrates the bonds between generations, the power of faith, the purpose of death, and the reasons for being alive. What would it really mean to live forever? “Both heady time travel and a thoughtful meditation on the meaning of life; highly recommended.”

Library Journal (starred review)

***Immortalists* / Chloe Benjamin**

It's 1969 in New York City's Lower East Side, and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman, a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children, four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness, sneak out to hear their fortunes. The prophecies inform their next five decades. *If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life?*

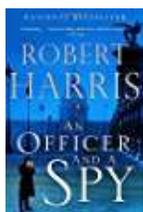


***Jewish Gauchos of the Pampas* / Alberto Gerchunoff**

Reprint, with minor changes, of the 1955 translation of Gerchunoff's 1910 classic volume about Jewish immigrants in rural Argentina; tell stories of customs, love, death, religion, prejudice, and assimilation. Skillful translation captures bilingual (Spanish-Yiddish) flavor of original. Stavan's essay provides useful historical and literary background.

***Kiddush Ladies* / Susan Sofayov**

Life-long Jewish friends Naomi, Miriam, and Becky are approaching middle-age gracefully and are content despite a few hot flashes and mood swings until life tosses each woman a crisis.



***Officer and a Spy* / Robert Harris**

Georges Picquart, the recently promoted head of Paris' late-nineteenth-century counterespionage agency, leads the effort to convict Dreyfus only to succumb to gradual doubts that a high-level spy remains at large in the military.

***Paris in the Present Tense* / Mark Helprin**

When faced with a series of challenges to his principles, livelihood and home, Jules, a 74-year-old maître at Paris-Sorbonne, cellist, widower, veteran of the war in Algeria and child of the Holocaust must confront his complex past and find a way forward. By the author of *Winter's Tale* and *A Soldier of the Great War*.

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***Ruined House* / Ruby Namdar**

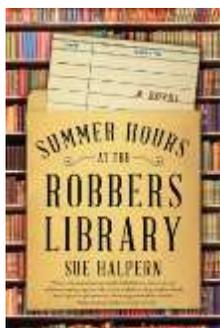
U.S. release of an award-winning first novel from Israel follows the experiences of a successful college professor whose life is upended by a series of strange and inexplicable visions involving an ancient religious ritual.

***Start Without Me* / Joshua Max Feldman**

A recovering alcoholic struggling with esteem issues while trying to return home for Thanksgiving and a pregnant flight attendant from a racially torn family forge an unlikely bond over the course of a day marked by fragile emotions, past reckonings and important decisions about their futures.

By the author of *The Book of Jonah*.

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***Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* / Sue Halpern**

When fifteen-year-old, home-schooled Sunny gets arrested for shoplifting a dictionary at the local library, the judge assigns her to do community service at the library for the summer. Bright, curious, and eager to connect with someone other than her off-the-grid hippie parents, Sunny coaxes librarian Kit out of her self-imposed isolation. They're joined by Rusty, a Wall Street high-flyer suddenly crashed to earth. As they come to terms with how their lives have unraveled, they also discover how they might knit them together again and finally reclaim their stories.

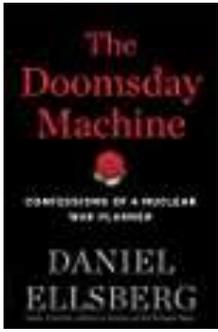
***Three Floors Up* / Eshkol Nevo**

Set in an upper-middle-class Tel Aviv apartment building, this novel examines the interconnected lives of its residents, whose turmoil, secrets, unreliable confessions, and problematic decisions reveal the ills of a society in the midst of an identity crisis.

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Nonfiction



Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner

Daniel Ellsberg

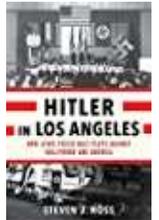
From the legendary whistle-blower who revealed the Pentagon Papers, an eyewitness exposé of the dangers of America's Top Secret, seventy-year-long nuclear policy that continues to this day. Framed as a memoir, a chronicle of madness in which Ellsberg acknowledges participating; this gripping exposé reads like a thriller and offers feasible steps we can take to dismantle the existing "doomsday machine" and avoid nuclear catastrophe, returning Ellsberg to his role as whistle-blower.

Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots against Hollywood and America

Steven J. Ross

The chilling, little-known story of the rise of Nazism in Los Angeles, and the Jewish leaders and spies they recruited who stopped it.

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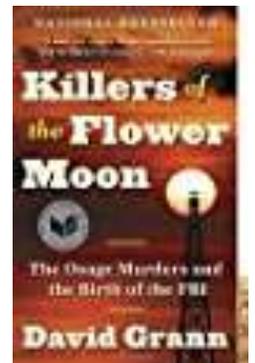
Julius Rosenwald: Repairing the World | Hasia Diner

The portrait of a humble retail magnate whose visionary ideas about charitable giving transformed the practice of philanthropy in America and beyond.

Killers of the Flower Moon | David Grann

David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is utterly compelling, but also emotionally devastating.

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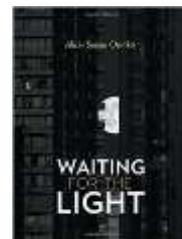


A Twenty Minute Silence Followed by Applause | Shawn Wen

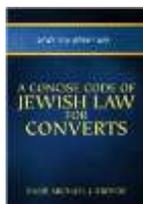
A book-length essay on the mime Marcel Marceau, informed by interviews with his students, closely observed performances, and archival research. The book employs lists, prose poems, syllabi, a travel itinerary, a catalog of his possessions, and more.

***Waiting for the Light* / Alicia Ostriker**

In this cornucopia of a book, Ostriker finds herself immersed in phenomena ranging from a first snowfall in New York City to the Tibetan diaspora, asking questions that have no reply, writing poems in which "the arrow may be blown off course by storm and returned by miracle".



Learning About Judaism

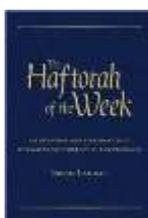
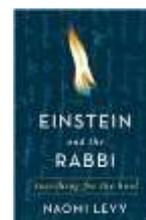


***Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts* / Rabbi Michael J. Broyde**

While the topic of conversion in Judaism has been extensively covered, no single book has explored the particular aspects of Jewish law related to life after conversion. The author explores topics and questions that revolve around the life of a Jewish convert.

***Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul* / Naomi Levy**

When Rabbi Levy came across a poignant letter by Einstein and a grieving rabbi, it shook her to her core. She wondered what had elicited such spiritual wisdom from a man of science, and began a three-year search into the mystery of Einstein's letter, and into the mystery of the human soul.



***Haftorah of the Week: An Overview and Elucidation of the Haftorah Portion of the Prophets* / Ervin Landau.**

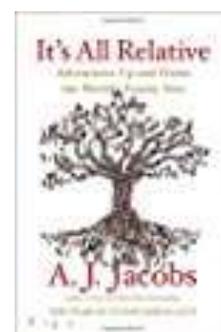
This book examines the relationship between the Haftorah (portion from the Prophets) and the weekly parasha (Torah reading), and how the two texts inform one another to present a broader message.

***It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Tree* / A. J. Jacobs**

"Whether he's posing as a celebrity, outsourcing his chores, or adhering strictly to the Bible, we love reading about the wacky lifestyle experiments of author A.J. Jacobs" (*Entertainment Weekly*). Now Jacobs upends, in ways both meaningful and hilarious, our understanding of genetics and genealogy, tradition and tribalism, identity and connection.

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Jewish Guide to Practical Medical Decision-Making

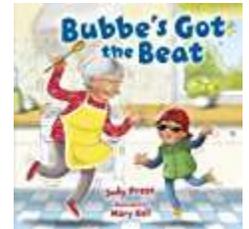
Rabbi Jason Weiner

Rabbi Weiner addresses a broad range of medical circumstances such as surrogacy and egg donation, assisted suicide, and end of life decision making. Based on his extensive training and practical familiarity inside a major hospital, Rabbi Weiner provides clear and concise guidance to facilitate complex decision-making for the most common medical dilemmas that arise in contemporary society.

Preschool

***Bubbe's Got the Beat* / Judy Press**

Grandchild and grandmother make preparations for a family Shabbat meal and celebration.



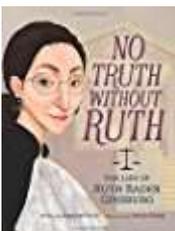
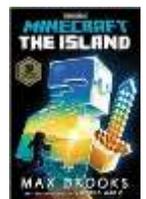
***Welcome* / Barroux**

When the ice on which three polar bears are standing breaks loose, they seek a new home but find they are unwelcome in most places.

Kids Fiction & Nonfiction

***Minecraft the Island* / Max Brooks**

An official tie-in to the globally popular video game traces the story of a new hero stranded in the world of Minecraft who must survive a harsh environment while unraveling the secrets of a mysterious island.



***No Truth without Ruth: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* / Kathleen Krull**

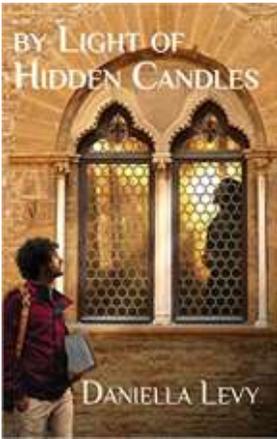
A picture book biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second female justice of the Supreme Court, describes how her fight for equality as a lawyer made an imprint on woman's rights and American history.

***This is Just a Test* / Madelyn Rosenberg**

In 1983 seventh-grader David Da-Wei Horowitz has a lot to worry about; his bar mitzvah is coming soon, his Jewish and Chinese grandmothers argue about everything, his teammates for the upcoming trivia contest, Scott and Hector, do not like each other, he is beginning to notice girls, and Scott has persuaded him to begin digging a fallout shelter just in case the Cold War heats up.



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***The Six-Day Hero* /Tammar Stein**

Twelve-year-old Motti discovers that there are many types of heroes as his tiny young nation of Israel fights for survival in the Six-Day War of 1967.



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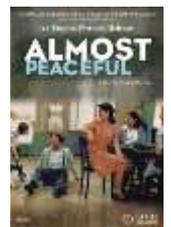


Aftermath

Two brothers, trying to unearth a secret from the days of the German occupation, come into conflict with the people of their village.

Almost Peaceful

At the end of the occupation after the end of the second world war, a Jewish tailor and his wife open a shop in Paris an along with his employees, mostly Jews, attempt to begin a new life despite often hostile treatment from Parisians.



Cadillac Records

This film depicts the development of 1950s R&B label Chess Records by founder Leonard Chess and its roster of stars including Etta James, Chuck Berry, and Muddy Waters.

Darkest Hour

During the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler, or fight on against incredible odds.



Dunkirk



A World War II thriller about the evacuation of Allied troops from the French city of Dunkirk before Nazi forces can take hold. The evacuation was aided by civilians who traversed the English Channel in order to collect the soldiers stranded on the beach. The allied troops included soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire, Canada, and France.

Keep Quiet

As vice-president of Hungary's far-right extremist party, Csanad Szegedi espoused anti-Semitic rhetoric and Holocaust denials, and founded the Hungarian Guard, a now-banned militia inspired by a pro-Nazi group complicit in the murder of thousands of Jews during WWII. But his life was soon upended when Szegedi's maternal grandparents were revealed to be Jewish and his beloved grandmother an Auschwitz survivor who had hidden her faith, fearing further persecution. *Keep Quiet* depicts Szegedi's three-year journey to embrace his newfound religion. But is his transformation genuine? Or does he simply have nowhere else to turn?



Labyrinth of Lies

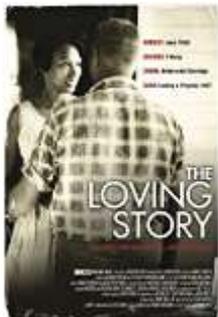
A principled young prosecutor in post-WWII Germany uncovers inconvenient truths about his country's recent past.

Little White Lie

Tells the story of filmmaker Lacey Schwartz who grew up in a middle-class Jewish family, but at eighteen discovers she is the product of an affair her mother had with an African American man.



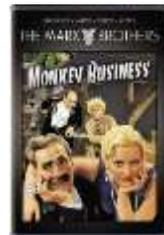
Loving Story



On June 2, 1958, a white man named Richard Loving and his part-black, part-Cherokee fiancée Mildred Jeter traveled from Caroline County, VA, to Washington, D.C. to be married. At the time, interracial marriage was illegal in 21 states, including Virginia. Back home two weeks later, the newlyweds were arrested, tried and convicted of the felony crime of “miscegenation.” Two young ACLU lawyers took on the Loving’s case, fully aware of the challenges posed. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of the Loving’s on June 12, 1967. This precedent-setting decision resulted in 16 states being ordered to overturn their bans on interracial marriage.

Monkey Business

Comedic chaos ensues when the Marx Brothers are stowaways on an ocean liner bound for New York.



Monkey Business Adventure

Featuring a narrow escape from the Nazis on makeshift bicycles, this film explores the extraordinary lives of Hans and Margret Rey, the authors of the beloved Curious George children's books.

No Ordinary Hero

A deaf actor playing a superhero on television helps a deaf boy to define what being normal means for him.



Wedding Plan

When her fiancé bows out on the eve of her wedding, Michal refuses to cancel the wedding arrangements. An Orthodox Jew, she insists that God will supply her a husband as the clock ticks down.

Women's Balcony

A new rabbi wreaks havoc in an Orthodox Jewish community. An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem, in this rousing, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power.



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