

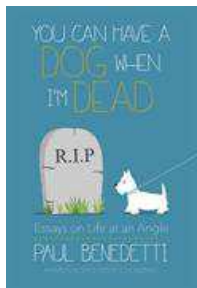
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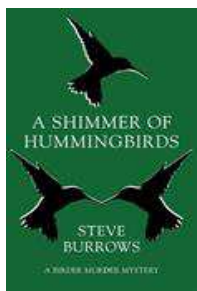
🇨🇦 ***Gone to Pot* by Jennifer Craig - Second Story Press – 9781772600346 – TP – \$19.95 – General Trade – 288 pp. – March 2017**

After losing her job and learning she might also lose her house because of a bad investment, Jess, a fiercely independent and hilariously wry BC grandma, resorts to growing pot in her basement to make ends meet. She then has to juggle her public life as a grandmother and member of the town's senior women's group – The Company of Crones – with her secret life as a pot grower.



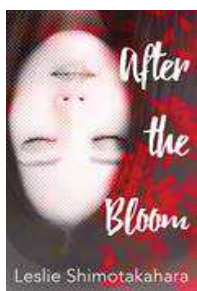
🇨🇦 ***You Can Have a Dog When I'm Dead* by Paul Benedetti - Dundurn – 9781459738119 – TP – \$17.99 – General Trade – 192 pp. – February 2017**

Hamilton Spectator columnist Paul Benedetti's essays paint a wonderfully funny portrait of family life today. Paul Benedetti has a good job, a great family, and successful neighbours — but that doesn't stop him from using it all as grist for a series of funny, real, and touching essays about a world he can't quite navigate.



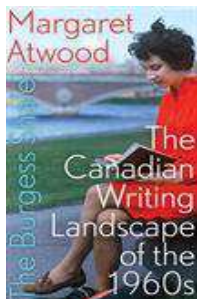
🇨🇦 ***A Shimmer of Hummingbirds* by Steve Burrows - Dundurn – 9781459735309 – TP – \$15.99 – General Trade – 368 pp. – March 2017**

Chief Inspector Domenic Jejeune is hoping an overseas birding trip might hold some answers in his fugitive brother's manslaughter case. But there are people on the tour who seem keen to keep their secrets, and the rainforest can be a dangerous place for those who ask too many questions.



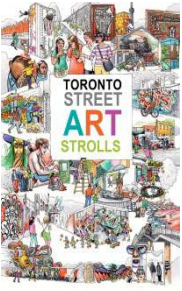
🇨🇦 ***After the Bloom* by Leslie Shimotakahara - Dundurn – 9781459737433 – TP – \$22.99 – General Trade – 304 pp. – April 2017**

Lily Takemitsu goes missing from her home in Toronto. Her daughter Rita knows her mother has a history of dissociation and memory problems, which have led her to wander off before. Unconvinced the police are taking the case seriously, Rita begins to carry out her own investigation. In the course of searching for her mom, she is forced to confront a labyrinth of secrets surrounding the family's internment at a camp in the California desert during the Second World War, their postwar immigration to Toronto, and the father she has never known.



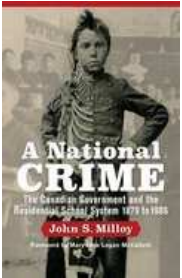
🇨🇦 ***The Burgess Shale* by Margaret Atwood - The University of Alberta Press – 9781772123012 – TP – \$10.95 – General Trade – 88 pp. – February 2017**

Margaret Atwood considers the Canadian literary landscape of the 1960s to be like the Burgess Shale, a geological formation that contains the fossils of many weird and strange early life forms, different from but not unrelated to contemporary writerly ones. The Burgess Shale is not all about writerly pursuits, though. Atwood also gives readers some insight into the fashions and foibles of the times. Her recollections and anecdotes offer a wry and often humorous look at the early days of the institutions taken for granted today—from writers' unions and grant programs to book tours and festivals.



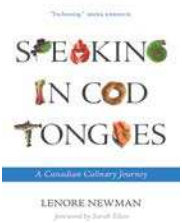
Toronto Street Art Strolls by Nathalie Prezeau - Word of Mouth – 9780968443293 – TP – \$19.95 – General Trade – 192 pp. – February 2017

A self-guide of neighborhood maps that can be used to spot graffiti alleys, hidden murals, and surprising public art in Toronto. The book is filled with glossy full-colour photos, an exhaustive index, and cafe and cool shop references to complement your Toronto strolls!



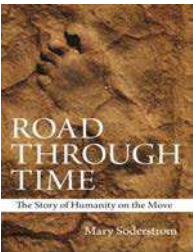
🇨🇦 A National Crime by John S. Milloy - University of Manitoba Press – 9780887557897 – TP – \$26.95 – General Trade – 440 pp. – March 2017

For over 100 years, thousands of Aboriginal children passed through the Canadian residential school system. Begun in the 1870s, it was intended, in the words of government officials, to bring these children into the “circle of civilization,” the results, however, were far different. More often, the schools provided an inferior education in an atmosphere of neglect, disease, and often abuse. Using previously unreleased government documents, historian John S. Milloy provides a full picture of the history and reality of the residential school system.



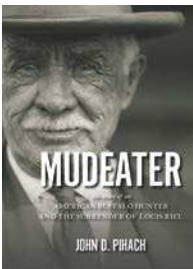
Speaking in Cod Tongues by Lenore Newman - University of Regina Press – 9780889774599 – TP – \$29.95 – General Trade – 288 pp. – January 2017

From oceans to prairie, from baked apples to fiddleheads, from maple syrup to k’aaw, from the height of urban dining to picnics in parks, Newman describes a delicious and emerging melange representing the multifaceted nature of Canada.



Road Through Time by Mary Soderstrom - University of Regina Press – 9780889774773 – TP – \$26.95 – General Trade – 256 pp. – April 2017

In this thoroughly researched and beautifully written history of roads as vectors of change, Mary Soderstrom documents how routes of migration and transport have transformed both humanity and our planet.



Mudeater by John D. Pihach - University of Regina Press – 9780889774582– TP – \$27.95 – General Trade – 308 pp. – March 2017

Born the son of a Wyandot Chief in Kansas in 1849, Irvin Mudeater was one of the last great frontiersmen of the American West. John D. Pihach attempts to resolve the opposing stories of Riel’s surrender/capture, scrutinizes the sensational incidents in Armstrong/Mudeater’s life, and, with the inclusion of Mudeater’s unpublished memoir, allows this consummate storyteller to speak in his own voice.



🇨🇦 The New Spice Box by Ruth Panofsky - New Jewish Press – 9781988326023 – TP – \$22.00 – General Trade – 288 pp. – February 2017

How does the past shape contemporary Jewish experience in Canada? How does it feel to be Jewish today? These are the questions that inform Volume 1 of The New Spice Box, an aromatic blend of poetry, short stories, and creative non-fiction by writers who probe all matters Jewish.



🇨🇦 *The Riot at Christie Pits* by Cyril Levitt - New Jewish Press – 9781988326085 – TP – \$20.00 – General Trade – 320 pp. – February 2017

The riot at Christie Pits remains a disturbing, even legendary part of the city's history. Authors Cyril Levitt and William Shaffir, carefully sifting fact from fiction, provide a compelling perspective on how ordinary Canadians reacted to the intensifying antisemitism in Europe.



Fail Better by Mark Kingwell - Biblioasis – 9781771961530 – TP – \$22.95 – General Trade – 304 pp. – April 2017

Taking seriously the idea that baseball is a study in failure—a very successful batter manages a hit only three of every ten attempts—Mark Kingwell explores ways in which the game teaches us lessons on fragility, contingency, and community. Weaving elements of memoir, philosophical reflection, sports writing, and humour, *Fail Better* serves as an unofficial follow-up to *Catch and Release: Trout Fishing and the Meaning of Life*, which won over readers by offering an intelligent but accessible look into the deep waters of angling.



Revolutions by Alex Good - Biblioasis – 9781771961196 – TP – \$22.95 – General Trade – 304 pp. – January 2017

Written for the common reader, Good's critical focus shifts effortlessly between specific examples and general trends. How has Canadian "prize culture" influenced the novel over the past several decades? Has government funding impacted the form? What influences have specific authors, like Atwood, Ondaatje, and Richler had on our concept of what a Canadian novel is—or should be?



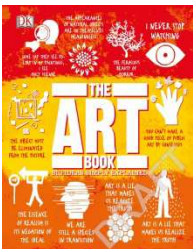
🇨🇦 *The Clothesline Swing* by Ahmad Danny Ramadan - Nightwood Editions – 9780889713321 – TP – \$19.95 – General Trade – 256 pp. – May 2017

The Clothesline Swing is a journey through the troublesome aftermath of the Arab Spring. A former Syrian refugee himself, Ramadan unveils an enthralling tale of courage that weaves through the mountains of Syria, the valleys of Lebanon, the encircling seas of Turkey, the heat of Egypt and finally, the hope of a new home in Canada.



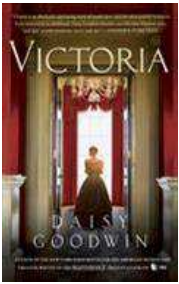
How Money Works by DK - DK – 9781465444271 – HC – \$25.00 – General Trade – 256 pp. – March 2017

A user-friendly guide to understanding key financial concepts, *How Money Works* takes a highly visual approach to this topic, using bold infographics with clear, jargon-free text to make finances and economics easy to understand.



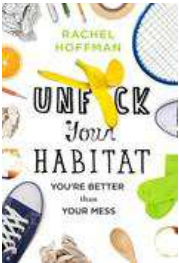
The Art Book by DK - DK – 9781465453372 – HC – \$31.00 – General Trade – 352 pp. – March 2017

An inviting introduction to art history, this book explores the masters of art while breaking down key concepts, periods, movements, and works using DK's innovative visual style.



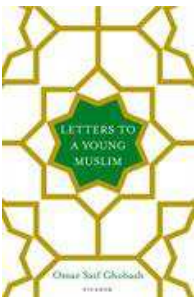
Victoria by Daisy Goodwin - St. Martin's Press – 9781250045461– HC – \$37.99 – General Trade – 416 pp. – November 2016

Early one morning, less than a month after her eighteenth birthday, Alexandrina Victoria is roused from bed with the news that her uncle William IV has died and she is now Queen of England. The men who run the country have doubts about whether this sheltered young woman, who stands less than five feet tall, can rule the greatest nation in the world. Surely she must rely on her mother and her venal advisor, Sir John Conroy, or her uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, who are all too eager to relieve her of the burdens of power.



Unf%ck Your Habitat by Rachel Hoffman - St. Martin's Press – 9781250102959 – HC – \$22.99 – General Trade – 224 pp. – January 2017

Interspersed with lists and challenges, this practical, no-nonsense advice relies on a 20/10 system (20 minutes of cleaning followed by a 10-minute break; no marathon cleaning allowed) to help you develop lifelong habits. It motivates you to embrace a new lifestyle in manageable sections so you can actually start applying the tactics as you progress.



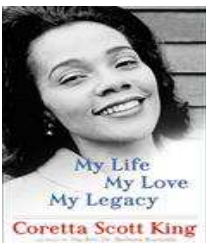
Letters to a Young Muslim by Omar Saif Ghobash - Picador – 9781250119841 – HC – \$31.00 – General Trade – 272 pp. – January 2017

In a series of personal letters to his sons, Omar Saif Ghobash offers a short and highly readable manifesto that tackles our current global crisis with the training of an experienced diplomat and the personal responsibility of a father. The burning question, Ghobash argues, is how moderate Muslims can unite to find a voice that is true to Islam while actively and productively engaging in the modern world. What does it mean to be a good Muslim?



In the Great Green Room by Amy Gary - Flatiron Books – 9781250065360 – HC – \$37.99 – General Trade – 304 pp. – January 2017

For decades children and their parents around the world have cuddled together to read Goodnight Moon and Runaway Bunny. While the lulling words of these stories have formed nighttime rituals for millions, few know that these classic works were part of a publishing revolution led by Margaret Wise Brown, who was renowned not only for her prolific writing and creative genius, but also for her stunning beauty and thirst for adventure.



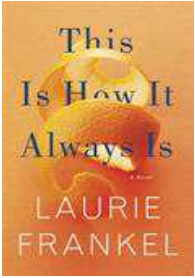
My Life, My Love, My Legacy by Coretta Scott King - Henry Holt and Co. – 9781627795982 – HC – \$42.00 – General Trade – 368 pp. – January 2017

The life story of Coretta Scott King—wife of Martin Luther King Jr., founder of the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, and singular twentieth-century American civil rights activist—as told fully for the first time



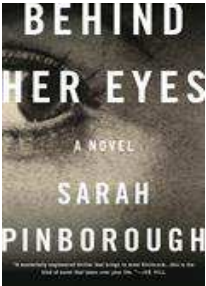
Havana by Mark Kurlansky - Bloomsbury USA – 9781632863911 – HC – \$35.00 – General Trade – 224 pp. – January 2017

Award-winning author Mark Kurlansky presents an insider's view of Havana: the elegant, tattered city he has come to know over more than thirty years. Part cultural history, part travelogue, with recipes, historic engravings, photographs, and Kurlansky's own pen-and-ink drawings throughout, Havana celebrates the city's singular music, literature, baseball, and food; its five centuries of outstanding, neglected architecture; and its extraordinary blend of cultures.



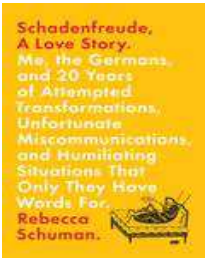
***This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel - Flatiron Books – 9781250088550 – HC – \$36.99 – General Trade – 336 pp. – January 2017**

Claude is not like his brothers. One day he puts on a dress and refuses to take it off. He wants to bring a purse to kindergarten. He wants hair long enough to sit on. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl. Laurie Frankel's *This Is How It Always Is* is a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it's about the ways this is how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again.



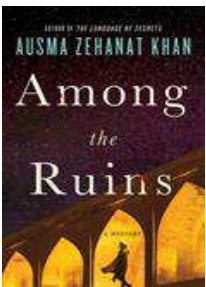
***Behind Her Eyes* by Sarah Pinborough - Flatiron Books – 9781250111173 – HC – \$36.99 – General Trade – 320 pp. – January 2017**

David and Adele seem like the ideal pair. He's a successful psychiatrist, she is his picture-perfect wife who adores him. But why is he so controlling? And why is she keeping things hidden? As Louise, David's new secretary, is drawn into their orbit, she uncovers more puzzling questions than answers. The only thing that is crystal clear is that something in this marriage is very, very wrong. But Louise can't guess how wrong--and how far a person might go to protect their marriage's secrets.



***Schadenfreude, A Love Story* by Rebecca Schuman - Flatiron Books – 9781250077578 – HC – \$37.99 – General Trade – 288 pp. – February 2017**

At once a snapshot of a young woman finding herself, and a country slowly starting to stitch itself back together after nearly a century of war (both hot and cold), *Schadenfreude, A Love Story* is an exhilarating, hilarious, and yes, maybe even heartfelt memoir proving that sometimes the truest loves play hard to get.



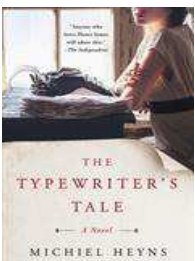
***Among the Ruins* by Ausma Zehanat Khan - Minotaur – 9781250096739 – HC – \$36.99 – General Trade – 368 pp. – February 2017**

In Ausma Khan's next powerful mystery, the murder of a filmmaker in Iran leads Detectives Esa Khattak and Rachel Getty into the heart of Iran's tumultuous politics. From the critically acclaimed author of *The Unquiet Dead* and *The Language of Secrets* comes another powerful novel exploring what it means to be Muslim in the West today through beautifully written characters and a complex mystery.



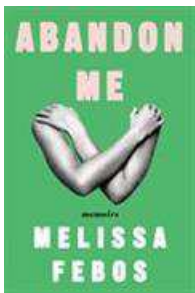
🇨🇦 *Excellence & Inspiration* by Lawrence Scanlan - Figure 1 Publishing – 9781927958766 – HC – \$40.00 – General Trade – 272 pp. – February 2017

To celebrate the Order of Canada's fiftieth anniversary in 2017, the Rideau Hall Foundation commissioned this exceptional book with the aim of encouraging Canadians to learn about some of the remarkable individuals who have garnered this prestigious award.



***The Typewriter's Tale* by Michiel Heyns - St. Martin's Press – 9781250119001 – HC – \$36.99 – General Trade – 288 pp. – February 2017**

"Live all you can; it's a mistake not to." This is the maxim of celebrated author Henry James and one which his typist Frieda Wroth tries to live up to. Admiring of the great author, she nevertheless feels marginalized and undervalued in her role. But when the dashing Morton Fullerton comes to visit, Frieda finds herself at the center of an intrigue every bit as engrossing as the novels she types, bringing her into conflict with the flamboyant Edith Wharton, and compromising her loyalty to James.



***Abandon Me* by Melissa Febos - Bloomsbury USA – 9781632866578 – HC – \$35.00 – General Trade – 320 pp. – February 2017**

In her dazzling book, Febos captures the intense bonds of love and the need for connection -- with family, lovers, and oneself. First, her birth father, who left her with only an inheritance of addiction and Native American blood, its meaning a mystery. At once a fearlessly vulnerable memoir and an incisive investigation of art, love, and identity, *Abandon Me* draws on childhood stories, religion, psychology, mythology, popular culture, and the intimacies of one writer's life to reveal intellectual and emotional truths that feel startlingly universal.



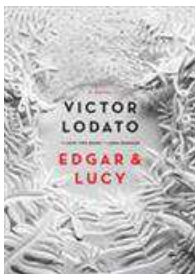
***Terms and Conditions* by Robert Sikoryak - Drawn & Quarterly – 9781770462748 – TP – \$16.95 – General Trade – 108 pp. – February 2017**

For his newest project, R. Sikoryak tackles the monstrously and infamously dense legal document, iTunes Terms and Conditions, the contract everyone agrees to but no one reads. In a word for word 94-page adaptation, Sikoryak hilariously turns the agreement on its head--each page features an avatar of Apple cofounder and legendary visionary Steve Jobs.



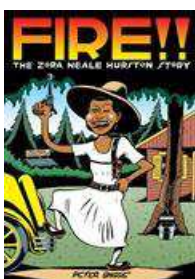
***All Grown Up* by Jami Attenberg - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – 9780544824249 – HC – \$35.50 – General Trade – 208 pp. – March 2017**

When Andrea's niece finally arrives, born with a heartbreaking ailment, the Bern family is forced to re-examine what really matters. Will this drive them together or tear them apart? Told in gut-wrenchingly honest, mordantly comic vignettes, *All Grown Up* is a breathtaking display of Jami Attenberg's power as a storyteller, a whip-smart examination of one woman's life, lived entirely on her own terms.



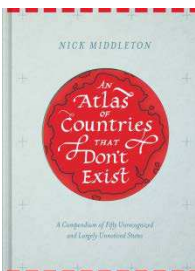
***Edgar and Lucy* by Victor Lodato - St. Martin's Press – 9781250096982 – HC – \$38.99 – General Trade – 544 pp. – March 2017**

A new literary novel from and Weissberg Award winning playwright and PEN USA Award for Fiction winning writer Victor Lodato, *Edgar and Lucy* is a masterfully written story of a broken family struggling to stay together.



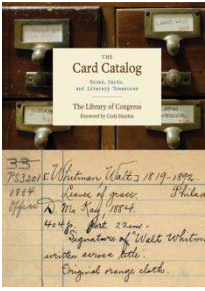
***Fire!* by Peter Bagge - Drawn & Quarterly – 9781770462694 – HC – \$23.95 – General Trade – 104 pp. – March 2017**

Through Bagge's skilled cartooning, he turns what could be a rote biography into a bold and dazzling graphic novel, creating a story as brilliant as the life itself. Hurston challenged the norms of what was expected of an African American woman in early 20th century society.



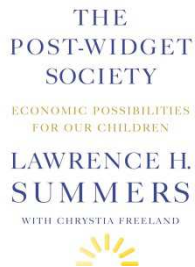
***An Atlas of Countries that Don't Exist* by Nick Middleton - Chronicle Books – 9781452158686 – HC – \$41.95 – General Trade – 184 pp. – March 2017**

What is a country? Acclaimed travel writer and Oxford geography don Nick Middleton takes us on a magical journey through countries that, lacking diplomatic recognition or UN membership, inhabit a world of shifting borders, visionary leaders and forgotten peoples. Most of us think we know what a country is, but in truth the concept is notoriously slippery.



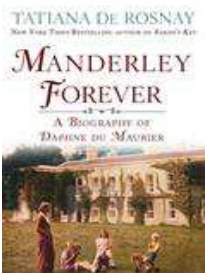
***The Card Catalog* by Library of Congress - Chronicle Books – 9781452145402 – HC – \$50.00 – General Trade – 224 pp. – April 2017**

The Card Catalog highlights the literary treasures in the Library of Congress's immense collection. Featuring more than 200 full-color images of original catalog cards, first edition book covers and photographs from the library's magnificent archives, this is a visual celebration of the rarely-seen treasures in America's most famous library and the brilliant catalog system that has kept it organized for hundreds of years



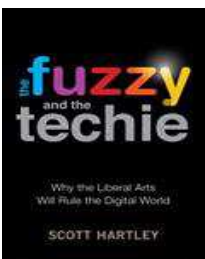
🇨🇦 *The Post-Widget Society* by Lawrence Summers H. - Farrar Straus & Giroux – 9780374115654 – HC – \$38.00 – General Trade – 256 pp. – April 2017

Summers's trenchant analysis of economic and technology trends reveals that they have profound implications not only for the future of jobs and widening income inequality but also for the nature of the state and the very stability of society. A bold, path-breaking book by one of our most important economists, *The Post-Widget Society* is necessary reading for every American concerned about our economic and political future.



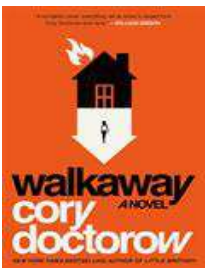
***Manderley Forever* by Tatiana de Rosnay - St. Martin's Press – 9781250099136 – HC – \$38.99 – General Trade – 352 pp. – April 2017**

de Rosnay pays homage to the writer who influenced her so deeply, following Du Maurier from a shy seven-year-old, a rebellious sixteen-year-old, a twenty-something newlywed, and finally a cantankerous old woman. With a rhythm and intimacy to its prose characteristic of all de Rosnay's works, *Manderley Forever* is a vividly compelling portrait and celebration of an intriguing, hugely popular and (at the time) critically underrated writer.



***The Fuzzy and the Techie* by Scott Hartley - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – 9780544944770 – HC – \$40.00 – General Trade – 256 pp. – April 2017**

But in this brilliantly contrarian book, Hartley reveals the counterintuitive reality of business today: it's actually the fuzzies -not the techies- who are playing the key roles in developing the most creative and successful new business ideas. They are often the ones who understand the life issues that need solving and offer the best approaches for doing so. They also bring the management and communication skills that are so vital to spurring growth.



***Walkaway* by Cory Doctorow - Tor/Forge – 9780765392763 – HC – \$34.99 – General Trade – 384 pp. – April 2017**

Fascinating, moving, and darkly humorous, *Walkaway* is a multi-generation SF thriller about the wrenching changes of the next hundred years...and the very human people who will live their consequences.