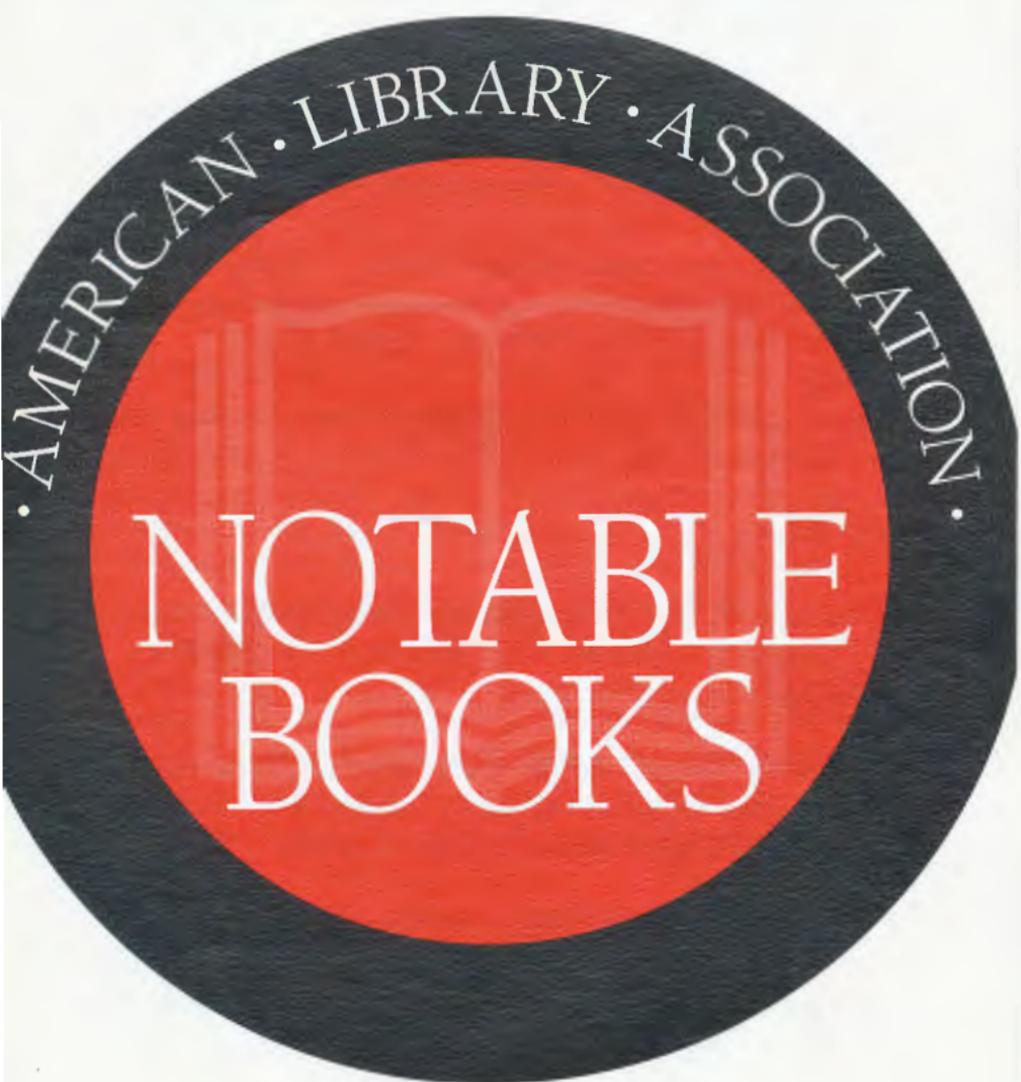


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## FICTION

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- Auster, Paul. **Leviathan**. Viking. In this suspenseful and complex novel, a writer ponders the death of a friend and fellow writer and pieces together the events that defined his life.
- Brown, Rosellen. **Before and After**. Farrar. A family's love and loyalty are sorely tested when the teenage son is accused of murdering his girlfriend.
- Butler, Robert Olen. **A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain**. Holt. These short stories evoke past trauma and express the contemporary vulnerability and joy of Vietnamese living in Louisiana.
- Duncan, David James. **The Brothers K**. Doubleday. This novel set in the 1960s depicts a family torn by its two religions—baseball and Christianity.
- Hoffman, Alice. **Turtle Moon**. Putnam. Danger and love await Lucy Rosen and her son, Keith, as they begin a new life in the magical world of Verity, Florida.
- Kenan, Randall. **Let the Dead Bury Their Dead and Other Stories**. HBJ. Inventive stories of the inhabitants of a place called Tims Creek, North Carolina, explore the emotional, sexual and racial limits of human character.
- Maxwell, William. **Billie Dyer and Other Stories**. Knopf. Charming stories of Lincoln, Illinois, in the early 1900s blend fiction and memoir.
- McCarthy, Cormac. **All the Pretty Horses**. Knopf. This evocative and exuberant novel describes John Grady Cole's coming-of-age in Mexico during the 1940s.
- Moore, Alison. **Small Spaces Between Emergencies**. Mercury House. Compelling short stories of everyday life capture moments of rediscovery that provide hope in the midst of despair.

- Morrison, Toni. **Jazz**. Knopf. Harlem in the 1920s, with its syncopation and excitement, provides the backdrop to this portrait of a marriage gone sour and the perverse behaviors love can engender.
- Naylor, Gloria. **Bailey's Cafe**. HBJ. Wry portraits of the habitués of a Harlem eatery combine the mythic and the mundane.
- Ondaatje, Michael. **The English Patient**. Knopf. Four wounded spirits come together in a deserted Italian villa during the final days of World War II. Three will begin a kind of healing.
- Patchett, Ann. **The Patron Saint of Liars**. Houghton. Sustained by lies, wonderfully realized characters come to terms with the mysteries of love and loss.
- Smiley, Jane. **A Thousand Acres**. Knopf. In this contemporary tragedy the lives of members of an Iowa farm family unravel as a dark secret is revealed.

## POETRY

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- Budbill, David. **Judevine: The Complete Poems, 1970-1990**. Chelsea Green. Poems of dignity and passion spin a tale of rural folk in a poor Vermont town.
- Gallagher, Tess. **Moon Crossing Bridge**. Graywolf. Poet Gallagher confronts the immediacy and intimacy of grief at the death of her husband, Raymond Carver.

## NONFICTION

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- Cook, Blanche Wiesen. **Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life, v.1, 1884-1933**. Viking. A distinguished and lively biography that examines the evolution of Eleanor Roosevelt from an insecure wife into a committed activist.
- Galvin, James. **The Meadow**. Holt. A moving tribute to the courage and endurance of four ranchers in a deserted, hauntingly beautiful meadow on the Colorado-Wyoming border.
- Greider, William B. **Who Will Tell the People: The Betrayal of American Democracy**. Simon & Schuster. An inquiry into the ways members of the power elite undermine the American democratic process.
- MacLean, Norman. **Young Men & Fire**. Univ. of Chicago. A beautifully written record of the struggle to subdue the tragic 1949 Mann Gulch forest fire in Montana.

- McCullough, David. **Truman.** Simon & Schuster. An engaging and carefully researched study of the life and times of former president Harry Truman by the eminent historian.
- Minatoya, Lydia Yuri. **Talking to High Monks in the Snow: An Asian American Odyssey.** HarperCollins. A young Japanese American's search for her family's past as well as her ethnic and personal identity takes her from New York to Asia.
- Monette, Paul. **Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story.** HBJ. In this strikingly honest memoir, the author reveals the pain of growing up gay and not acknowledging it even to himself.
- Postman, Neil. **Technopoly.** Knopf. Illuminating examination of technology's pervasive corruption of contemporary society.
- Selzer, Richard. **Down from Troy: A Doctor Comes of Age.** Morrow. With warm gratitude to his physician father and artist mother, this surgeon-turned-writer re-creates his youth during the Depression in Troy, New York.
- Shelton, Richard. **Going Back to Bisbee.** Univ. of Arizona. A humorous, meandering road trip through the Southern Arizona desert, rich with description and local history.
- Wills, Garry. **Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America.** Simon & Schuster. This insightful analysis breathes new vigor and clarity into the rhetoric, context and ultimate meaning of the Gettysburg Address.

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