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FICTION

Necklace of Kisses by Francesca Lia Block. Forty-year-old Weetzie Bat decides to pack her bag, leave her secret-agent boyfriend, Max, and head out for Los Angeles to find herself. [F BLOCK]

Acts of Faith by Philip Caputo. A group of men and women fighting the civil war in Sudan find themselves thrown into a wall of moral corruption that tries to turn their strengths into weaknesses, forcing them to make ethical compromises in order to survive. [F CAPUTO]

Postcards from No Man's Land by Aidan Chambers. Alternates between two stories--contemporarily, seventeen-year-old Jacob visits a daunting Amsterdam at the request of his English grandmother--and historically, nineteen-year-old Geertrui relates her experience of British soldiers' attempts to liberate Holland from its German occupation. [F CHAMBERS]

Bucking the Sarge by Christopher Paul Curtis. YA. Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher. [F CURTIS]

The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova. A young woman discovers an ancient book and a cache of old letters in her father's library, and thus begins her adventurous quest for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, a search that will span continents and generations, and a confrontation with the darkest powers of evil. [F KOSTOVA]

All Rivers Flow to the Sea by Alison McGhee. YA. After a car accident in the Adirondacks leaves her older sister Ivy brain-dead, seventeen-year-old Rose struggles with her grief and guilt as she slowly learns to let her sister go. [F MCGHEE]

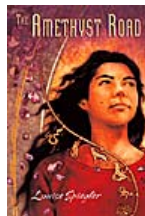
Sentinel : No Hero by Sean McKeever. YA. Graphic Novel. While scavenging in his father's salvage yard, Juston finds the remains of a giant robot and decides to rebuild it and use it against those who have been bullying him. [F MCKEEVER]

The Good Wife by Stewart O'Nan. Patty Dickerson's husband was sentenced to twenty-eight years in prison for the murder of an elderly woman, and now Patty has to raise their son alone amidst the scorn and humiliation within her community. [F ONAN]

My Jim by Nancy Rawles. YA. Ex-slave Sadie Watson reveals to her granddaughter her experiences while in bondage and the love she had for her husband, Jim, who escaped down the Mississippi with Huck Finn when he learned he was to be sold. [F RAWLES]

Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salisbury. YA. Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II. [F SALISBURY]

Girl Got Game by Shizura Seino. YA Graphic Novel. Kyo Aizawa is a teenage girl who just wants to live a normal teenage life, but her father, who used to be a basketball player and wanted to make it to the NBA, is now determined to live his dreams through his daughter. She finds out that her father registered her as a boy and cooked up a scheme so that she would play on the boys' basketball team and become the basketball player he always wanted to be. [F SEINO]



The Amethyst Road by Louise Spiegel. Having fled the city of Oestia after attacking an official, sixteen-year-old Serena--an outcast as well as a mixed-race child of a Gorgio father and Yulang mother--seeks to reunite her family and regain her honor. [F SPIEGLER]

The Book of Mordred by Vivian Vande Velde. YA. As the peaceful King Arthur reigns, the five-year-old daughter of Lady Alayna, newly widowed of the village-wizard Toland, is abducted by knights who leave their barn burning and their only servant dead. [F VANDE VELDE]

Runaways : Teenage Wasteland by Brian K. Vaughan. YA. Graphic Novel. Collects issues seven through twelve of "Runaways" comics in which a group of super-powered teens, still on the run from their super-villain parents, welcome a stranger into their midst, only to learn he harbors a shocking secret, and have an

encounter with crime fighters Cloak and Dagger. [F VAUGHAN]

World of Hartz by Terrence Walker. YA Graphic Novel. After hacking into the new Hartz gaming system, Han finds himself drawn into a virtual world where he matches wits with his closest friends and worst enemies. [F WALKER]

Peeps by Scott Westerfeld. YA. Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected. [F WESTERFELD]

Sky Burial : An Epic Love Story of Tibet by Xinran. Chronicles a Chinese woman's struggles to find the truth about the death of her husband, tracing her journey with a group of nomads who saved her from certain death. World Literature – China & Tibet. [F XINRAN]

STORY COLLECTION

The Prophet of Zongo Street : Stories by Mohammed Naseehu Ali. Ten lively, polished stories from Ghanian-American writer Ali about the transformation of Africa from old country to new. World Literature – Ghana. [SC ALI]

Every Man for Himself : Ten Short Stories About Being a Guy edited by Nancy E. Mercado. An anthology of ten original short stories about such things as family problems, sexuality, and courage, written by well-known authors. [SC EVERY]

BIOGRAPHY

Promises to Keep : How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson. A biography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, as told by his daughter. [B ROBINSON]

REFERENCE

The Constitutional Convention of 1787 : A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of America's Founding by John R. Vile. Two volume set. Drawing on original sources and a wealth of secondary works, the 350 A-Z entries and dozens of sidebars in this encyclopedia present the first-ever comprehensive treatment of all aspects of the Constitutional Convention. [REF 342.73 VIL]

Encyclopedia of 20th-Century Architecture, edited by R. Stephen Sennott. Three volume set. Contains approximately 1,200 alphabetically arranged entries that provide information about significant people, places, and topics in the history of twentieth-century architecture, covering building types, schools and movements, planning, architectural practice, architects and firms, and other subjects. [REF 720.3 ENC]

GENERALITIES

Aim for the Heart : Write for the Ear, Shoot for the Eye, A Guide for TV Producers and Reporters by Al Tompkins. Offers advice to broadcast journalists on how to write clearer and stronger stories, explaining how to connect with the viewer, act ethically, and be interesting, respectful, and relevant. [070.195 TOM]

PHILOSOPHY & PSYCHOLOGY

Blink : The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell. Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology, the author reveals that great decision makers aren't those who process the most information or spend the most time deliberating, but those who have perfected the art of filtering the very few factors that matter from an overwhelming number of variables. [153.44 GLA]

SOCIAL SCIENCES

In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience by Howard Dodson and Sylviane A. Dioue. Chronicles both the forced as well as voluntary migration of African-Americans to, within, and out of the United States beginning with the slave trade, resettlement after the Civil War to Africa and other parts of the Americas, and the northern migration during the twentieth century in search of jobs. [304.8089 DOD]

ARTS & RECREATION



Simpsons Comics Belly Buster. Collection of six issues of "Simpsons Comics," featuring Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie, and their friends and neighbors. [741.59 SIM]

LITERATURE

The Collected Poetry of Nikki Giovanni 1968-1998. Presents more than two hundred poems by African-American Black Arts Movement writer Nikki Giovanni covering 1968-1998. [811.54 GIO]

Worlds Afire by Paul B. Janeczko. In this collection of eyewitness poems, the excitement and anticipation of attending the circus on July 6, 1944 in Hartford, Connecticut, turns to horror when a fire engulfs the circus tent, killing nearly 170 people, mostly women and children. [811.54 JAN]

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

Chain of Command : The Road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib by Seymour M. Hersh. A collection of news articles by Seymour Hersh that originally appeared in "The New Yorker" that address a variety of topics related to the September 11 terrorist attacks. [956.7044 HER]

Assassination Vacation by Sarah Vowell. Presents a humorous exploration of the historical events surrounding the assassinations of three United States presidents--McKinley, Garfield, Lincoln-- and travels to various sites, monuments, and museums, examining the role of death and violence in popular culture. [973.099 VOW]

AUDIOBOOKS

The City, Not Long After by Pat Murphy, read by Marguerite Gavin. A plague has spread across the land and left all but one in a thousand dead. Now San Francisco is haunted by the living and trying to remake itself until men with guns come in conquest. [CDA MURPHY]

COMPACT DISCS

Pete Fountain Presents the Best of Dixieland. Verve, 2001. Pete Fountain, clarinet, with various other musicians including his Maradi Gras Strutters, the Basin Street Six, Santo Pecora and his Dixie-land Jazz Band and various other musicians. [CD 781.653 FOU]

Monty Python's Spamalot. Decca, 2005. A CD lovingly ripped off from the new musical original Broadway cast recording. Based on the film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. [CD 782.14 MON]

A Copland Celebration. Sony, 2000. Famous orchestral and chamber works by Aaron Copland. [CD 784.2 COP]

Hands Across the Sea. Teldec, 1994. Marches by John Phillip Sousa, performed by the Band of the Grenadier Guards. [CD 785.12 SOU]

Mozart : Chamber Music with Piano. Philips, 1995. Including the "Kegelstatt" trio, Brendel, Uchida, And Kovacevich on piano. [CD 785.28 MOZ] +

VIDEOS

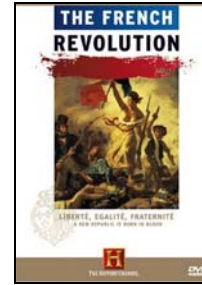
Quiet Rage : The Stanford Prison Experiment. From Stanford University, 2004, in DVD format. Discusses a prison simulation experiment conducted in 1971 with students at Stanford University and considers the causes and effects that make prisons such an emotional issue. Reveals the chronology of the transition of good into evil, of normal into the abnormal. [VIDEO 364.6 QUI]

The Hobart Shakespeareans 2005. From WNET, 2005, in DVD format. A documentary describing a dedicated 5th grade teacher who teaches his students to appreciate learning and to perform "Hamlet". [VIDEO 371.1 HOB]



They Made America. From WGBH Boston, 2004, in DVD format. This series examines innovation in America through the stories of some resourceful men and women whose ideas and inventions have transformed the world. [VIDEO 608.7 THE]

Hockney at the Tate. From LWT, 1988 in DVD format. To mark David Hockney's 50th birthday in the autumn of 1988 London's Tate Gallery staged a major retrospective of his work. Melvyn Bragg joins Hockney for an exclusive, private showing of the exhibition in which they discuss works from all stages of Hockney's remarkable career. [VIDEO 759.2 HOC]

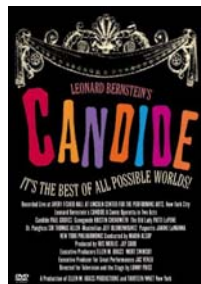


The French Revolution: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité; A New Republic is Born in Blood. From A & E, 2005, in DVD format. Encapsulates this heady (and often headless) period in Western civilization ... vividly unfurls in a maelstrom of violence. King Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, Maximilien Robespierre, and Napoleon Bonaparte lead a cast of thousands. [VIDEO 944.04 FRE] +

Ansel Adams. From PBS, 2004, in DVD format. Portrait of a great artist and ardent environmentalist-for whom life and art, photography and wilderness, creativity and communication, love and expression, were inextricably connected. [VIDEO 770.92 ANS] +

No Direction Home : Bob Dylan. From Paramount, 2005, in DVD format. Martin Scorsese brings the story of Dylan's journey from his roots in Minnesota, to his early days in the coffee houses of Greenwich Village, to his tumultuous ascent to pop stardom. [VIDEO 781.66 NO] +

A.B.C. Africa. From New Yorker video, 2005, in DVD format. Over the course of a 10-day visit to Uganda, Abbas Kiarostami uses his camera to capture and caress the faces of a thousand orphans, whose parents died of AIDS. Alternately heartbreaking and optimistic. [VIDEO 967.6 ABC]



Leonard Bernstein's Candide. From Image Entertainment, 2005, in DVD format. Leonard Bernstein's brilliant comic operetta is based on the classic Voltaire tale of an innocent young man's journey through a life filled with colorful characters and unexpected life lessons. [VIDEO 782.14 BER]

The War of 1812. A & E, 2005. in DVD format. Two disc set. Only 30 years after gaining independence, the upstart country of the United States found itself once again battling Great Britain. Pitted against the world's most powerful nation, victory seemed unlikely. But Andrew Jackson's brilliant leadership, a lone sniper, and one of the most lopsided victories in military history turned the tide of the war. [VIDEO 973.52 WAR]

Richard Wright's Almos' a Man. From Monterey Video, 2004, in DVD format. Based on the short story by Richard Wright. A black teenage farm worker believes that owning a gun is a mark of maturity. [VIDEO 813.54 WRI]

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- * From the publisher.