

Staff Picks

October 2012

Favorite BOOK Reviews



10/15 Northshire Women Read *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles (\$16 pb)

10/16 History Group *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund De Waal (\$16 pb)

10/17 Dark Side Reading Group *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard (\$16 pb)

10/18 Mystery & Thriller Group *Bluffing Mr. Churchill* by John Lawton (\$14 pb)

NEW! 10/25 Poetry Group led by Rev. Claire North. *Poetry Speaks, Expanded Edition* by Elise Paschen (\$50 pb with cd – for three meetings)

10/29 Northshire Cookbook Reading Group 6 PM at the Inn at Manchester. *Wine Bites: Simple Morsels That Pair Perfectly With Wine* by Barbara Scott-Goodman (\$24.95 hc)

To join a group, email Nancy: nscheemaker@northshire.com

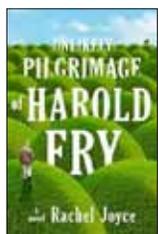
FICTION

NEW HARDCOVER



***Garment of Shadows: A Novel of Suspense* Featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes** by Laurie King (\$26). Mary wakes

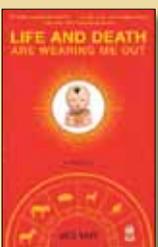
in Morocco with bloodstained hands and amnesia. With few clues, she must rely on her wits to survive. Holmes, on his own mission to quell a revolt, begins investigating her disappearance. Fans of this series will not be disappointed! –Sarah Teunissen



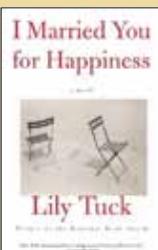
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce (\$25). An unfulfilled man on a strange journey may not be anything new, but in

Joyce's hands it becomes something remarkable. Her warmth fills every perfect line and a tale of goodness is masterfully told. Quite simply wonderful! –Charles Bottomley

NEW PAPERBACK

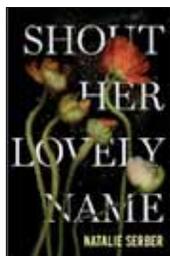


Life and Death Are Wearing Me Out by Mo Yan (\$16.95). As his family is buffeted by the transformation of China over half a century, their patriarch is reincarnated as a series of barnyard animals. Wicked and heartbreaking, this is a zesty, unforgettable saga from one of the world's great storytellers. –Charles Bottomley



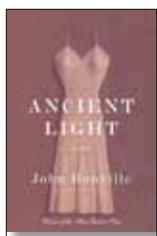
I Married You for Happiness by Lily Tuck (\$14). An intimate, honest, brave portrayal of a 40-year imperfect marriage. Original, poetic, stunning, radiant, nothing

short of genius, but not for the weak of heart. –Nancy Scheemaker



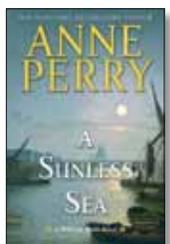
Shout Her Lovely Name by Natalie Serber (\$24). A family negotiates a daughter's anorexia; a single mother and daughter grow up together, entwined, raging, inseparable;

a woman questions her place as her husband and son get tattoos. A perfect set of stories about imperfect people. –Amy Palmer



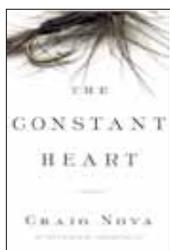
Ancient Light by John Banville (\$25.95). Banville's extraordinary writing, sensory and sensuous, makes this intricate novel about an aging actor, calling recent

and long-ago events, a joy to read. The real protagonist is memory – how it inhabits and forms our lives. –Louise Jones



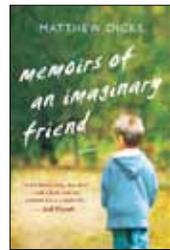
A Sunless Sea by Anne Perry (\$26). A woman is found slaughtered on the London docks. Clues suggest she was a high-end prostitute, but

Superintendent Monk thinks differently. His investigation exposes secrets best left buried and a desperate killer who will do anything to make sure they stay that way. –Sarah Teunissen



The Constant Heart by Craig Nova (\$25). An astronomer describes his relationship with his father in this beautiful novel, with two

compassionate and honorable men (unusual in contemporary fiction), stunning evocation of the natural world and a suspenseful plot driven by an irresistible woman. –Louise Jones



Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend by Matthew Dicks (\$24.99). In this novel narrated by the imaginary friend of an eight

year-old boy, who is somewhere on the autism spectrum, Dicks spins a terrific tale of a child in peril, expertly navigating real and imagined worlds while creating suspense that had me turning pages furiously to the end. –Stan Hynds



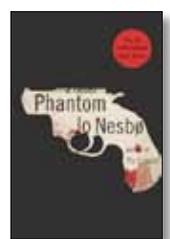
Mrs. Queen Takes The Train by William Kuhn (\$25.99). This is a light and friendly look at the personality of Queen Elizabeth II. The author sends

her on "walkabout" where she interacts with her subjects in amusing and sometimes poignant situations. Great fun and gently insightful. –Karen Frank Available Oct. 16



Goodbye For Now by Laurie Frankel (\$25.95). The creation of a successful algorithm to find the love of your life leads a software designer to create computer

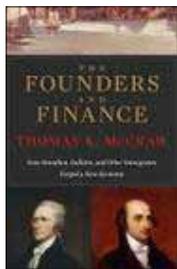
simulations of DLOs (dead loved ones), allowing conversation with the departed. A clever, timely novel, with great characters, that compels consideration of the ethical and emotional price of technology. –Karen Frank



Phantom by Jo Nesbo (\$25.95). A sober Harry Hole returns to Oslo when his surrogate son, Oleg, is accused of murdering a drug dealer and, no longer on the

police force, begins his own investigation. Did I mention Hole tries to slit his throat while sitting at a bar? Nesbo's best yet. –Sarah Knight

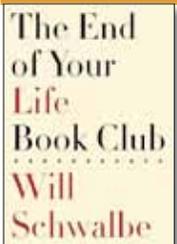
NEW HARDCOVER



The Founders and Finance: How Hamilton, Gallatin, and Other Immigrants Forged a New Economy by Thomas K. McCraw (\$35).

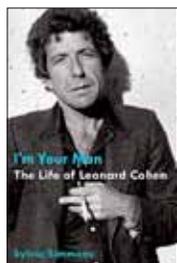
At last: a clearly written study of early American finances, when economic calamity threatened the young republic. For all of their skills and virtues, the native-born leaders of American affairs were woefully deficient in financial matters—unlike the brilliant “foreigners” who saved the day. Superb history. —Bill Lewis

Author event November 9



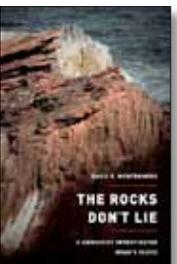
The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe (\$25). An extraordinary memoir, a testament to the author’s mother, underscoring the

enduring bond reading and sharing books can give any two, or more, people. I finished this book with reluctance - it gave me so much to think about and aspire to. —Mary Allen



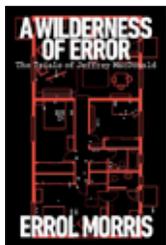
I'm Your Man: The Life of Leonard Cohen by Sylvie Simmons (\$27.99). Poet, monk, clown, lover, song and dance man - Cohen is also an enigma.

Drawing on her own encounters and Cohen’s circle, one of the best music writers today elucidates his lifelong spiritual quest and staggering body of song. —Charles Bottomley

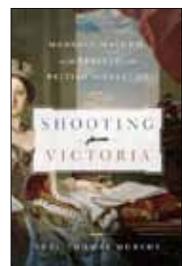


The Rocks Don't Lie: A Geologist Investigates Noah's Flood by David R. Montgomery (\$26.95). A comparison of flood stories from around the world shows how

science, theology, mythology and folklore intersect. The writing is smooth and engrossing, the research impeccable. A fascinating, well-reasoned exploration of how humans explain the natural world. —Louise Jones



A Wilderness of Error: The Trials of Jeffrey MacDonald by Errol Morris (\$29.95). Did a Green Beret really kill his entire family in 1970? Part detective, part philosopher, Morris reopens the *Fatal Vision* case and discovers our justice system is more interested in sustaining fictions than discovering the truth. Compulsive and compelling. —Charles Bottomley

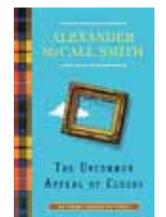


Shooting Victoria: Madness, Mayhem, and the Rebirth of the British Monarchy by Paul Thomas Murphy (\$35). A rich journey into Victorian

England that recounts the multiple attempts to harm Queen Victoria. Each unsuccessful assault served to strengthen the bond between the monarch and her subjects and had great impact on evolving legal procedures regarding insanity defenses, punishment and rehabilitation. Fascinating. —Bill Lewis



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Alexander McCall Smith presents his new novel **The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds**. October 28, 4 PM.



Jeffrey Toobin, *NEW YORKER* contributor and legal analyst for CNN, discusses his new book **The Oath: The Obama White House v. the Supreme Court**. November 17, 7 PM.



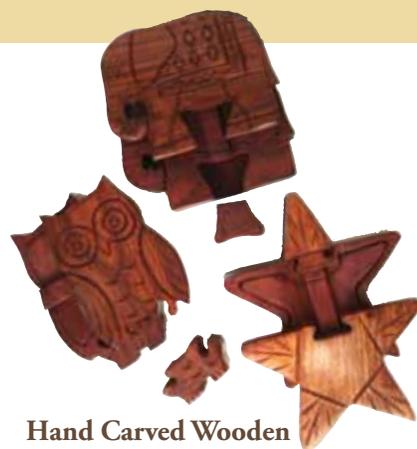
NEW PAPERBACK



Talking Heads' Fear of Music (33 1/3) by Jonathan Lethem (\$12.95). To Lethem’s ears, Talking Heads’ 1979 album is where Andy Warhol meets *The Twilight Zone*. Track by track, *The Fortress of Solitude* novelist gives a master class in close listening. —Charles Bottomley

Looking for Transwonderland: Travels in Nigeria by Noo Saro-Wiwa (\$15.95). The daughter of a slain civil rights activist, Saro-Wiwa tries to make peace with her Nigerian homeland. This fascinating travelogue shows us an Africa that is as much a part of the future as of our past. —Charles Bottomley

FAVORITE THINGS



Hand Carved Wooden Puzzle Boxes (18.99 ea) Just arrived! The perfect receptacles in various shapes for your very special treasures. Before getting to the secret spot you first must learn how to take the box apart – and even more challenging - get it back together again. A fair trade product handmade in India. —Jessica Wood



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