

## BEACON HILL BOOKS BEST SELLERS

**Tom Lake** by *Ann Patchett* : Three sisters discover their mother's interesting past prior to marriage and motherhood.

**The Wager** by *David Grann* : A tale of misery, misfortune, and perseverance on a British naval expedition in the 1740's.

**The Covenant of Water** by *Abraham Verghese* : An unforgettable family saga that begins when British rule in India starts to unravel.

**Cain's Jawbone** by *Edward Powys Mathers* : You may have seen this murder mystery puzzle book on TikTok or remember it from "Knives Out," but can you solve it?

**Demon Copperhead** by *Barbara Kingsolver* : This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is a journey into dark places and an endearing young boy's survival in an uncaring world.

**Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow** by *Gabrielle Zevin* : This part-platonic, part-romantic love story between video game developers is thoughtfully rendered and filled with emotional truths.

**Pineapple Street** by *Jenny Jackson* : Fans of "Gossip Girl" and "Succession" will love this witty domestic drama about a wealthy family in Brooklyn.

**Happy Place** by *Emily Henry* : A group of friends and exes spend a week in Maine; what could go wrong?

**Thursday Night Murder Club** by *Richard Osman* : The Cooper's Chase Retirement Village has everything a septuagenarian could want: an upscale cafe, two (!) scenic ponds, private walking paths, and just enough unsolved murders to keep the mind active.

**Lessons in Chemistry** by *Bonnie Garmus* : You'll fall in love with Elizabeth Zott and her no-nonsense attitude as she takes on chemistry (and the world!) in the 1950's.

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## BEACON HILL BOOKS GIFT GUIDE



### OUR 2023 FAVORITES

**Western Lane** by *Chetna Maroo* : A young girl finds solace and purpose playing squash after her mother's death.

**The World** by *Simon Sebag Montefiore* : The story of the world wryly told through the prism of family.

**Loot** by *Tania James* : Abbas is a gifted woodcarver who builds a gift for the sons of the sultan, only for it to be stolen; what follows is an epic journey as Abbas crosses seas and countries to get it back.

**One Woman Show** by *Christine Coulson* : A 20th century woman's life told through museum wall labels.

**The Art Thief** by *Michael Finkel* : The story of the world's most successful art thief: part thriller, part intriguing character portrait.

**The Ferguson Report** by *Nicole Sealey* : Sealey spent years creating erasure poems of The Ferguson Report; an ambitious, essential, and radicalizing read.

**Rough Sleepers** by *Tracy Kidder* : Jim McConnell teaches us much about mental health, addiction, and the prevalence of homelessness in Boston.

**The Adventures of Amina Al-Serafi** by *Shannon Chakraborty* : A peacefully retired, yet notorious pirate captain is called back for one final rescue adventure for riches and glory.

**The Swifts** by *Beth Lincoln* : Sleuthy, funny, and whip-smart, this whodunit will capture any young reader's heart with its wordplay and plot twists.

story of Suleiman's rise to "Maghificent".

**The Lion House by Christophe de Belliague:** This superbly written book tells the gripping

from the floodwaters of the Aswan Dam.

**Empress of the Nile by Lynne Olson:** The story of Christiane Desroches-Noblecourt, the

group of American women, and how it helped them reject societal expectations.

**Wild Girls by Tanya Mills:** A look at the formative role nature played in the lives of a diverse

civilization told through six era-defining girls.

**History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage:** A fast-paced and insightful history of

## HISTORY

measuring has quietly shaped our world.

**Beyond Measure by James Wixen:** This is a captivating exploration of how measurement and

some little-known and fascinating vignettes as well as major events.

**White House by Kate Story:** Nostalgia reigns in these stories from Haynes Port;

memorial illness and the ways we try—and fail—to support those who struggle.

**Strangers to Ourselves by Rachael Avey:** This collection of essays illuminates the complexity of

germs first, people second.

**Patologenesis by Jonathan Knecht:** A boldly argued tale of how history has been shaped by

UFO by Garren M. Griff: Whether you're a skeptic or a true believer (looking at you, Tom

Crow).

**Kingdom of Prep by Maggie Bullock:** A character-driven look at the rise and (near) fall of J.

Brow.

**Glossy by Marisa Miller:** An essential read for anyone who has ever bought Glossier Boy

illegal abortion in 1960's France.

**Happyending by Anne Fimman:** A searing auto-fictional account of Franoë's journey to find an

poet Phyllis Wheatley.

**The Odyssey of Phyllis Wheatley by David Waddister:** A biography of the extraordinary

queeromed, challenging,

and accepted the complications of her marriage.

**The Marriage Question by Clive Cussler:** A portrait of George Eliot and the ways she

we tell ourselves about America.

## NONFICTION

perfection with insight, irony, and laugh-out-loud humor.

**Wellness by Nahum Hill:** A portrait of a modern marriage that explores our relentless quest for

Italian drives into the mind of Valeria, a housewife in post-WWII Rome.

**The Forbidden Notebook by Alba de Cespedes:** This hidden gem newly translated from the

Sometimes scary, always hilarious, and drawn in Chast's signature colorful style.

**I Must Be Dreaming by Roz Chast:** Join Chast on her quest to catalogue her dreams.

advoicates, friends, and humans everywhere.

**Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe:** A useful, touching guide on gender identity for

Christophers' Columbuses.

Indigenous activists find a time portal and send one of their own to change history by killing

Earthdiggers by Stephen Graham Jones: As the apocalypse rages around them, a group of

specifying indefinitely. But he will get out soon. How will that affect the world?

**Sandman Vol. 1 by Neil Gaiman:** Dream has been captured; effects include never sleeping and

have time for the whole novel!

**Frank Herbert's Dune by Frank Herbert:** For those interested in the world of Dune who don't

protects the kingdom.

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson: Shape-shifting troublemaker Nimona assigns herself as sidekick

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

woracious reader of "Kitties Out" comic.

**Inherimane Games Box Set by Jennifer Lynn Barnes:** Gift the entire best-selling series to any

and a sweeping romance between rival journalists.

**Divine Rivals by Rebecca Ross:** Dive into this TikTok favorite, featuring an ancient, godly war

and familial expectations in 1910's Chicago.

**The Adventurers by Ayala Margus:** Four Black girls of varying social stations navigate love

on the world chess stage.

**Cheek & Mane by Al Hazzouod:** For our older YA readers, a story about rivals-turned-lovers

widerness competition together. Goofy, charming, and (honestly) utterly cute.

**Highly Suspicious and Unlikely Crime by Taliia Hibber:** Ex-best friends are forced to survive a

## YOUNG ADULT

story behind your favorite foods.

**Chinese Menu by Grace Lin:** Blending food, folklore, and history—the perfect way to learn the

we tell ourselves about America.

**American Redux by Arriet Abreg-Pérez:** A dynamic look through visual storytelling at the stories

fundamentals of machinery and explores significant inventions. Perfect for inquisitive children.

**The Way Thinks Workbook by David Macaulay:** A revised edition of the classic that explains the

How to be a Spy by Daniel Meserve: Everything you need to learn about the art of espionage.

**Pilgrim Bell** by *Kaveh Akbar* : Explore the intersection of the divine and the everyday in poems that wrestle with faith, language, and belonging.

**The Forgetting Curve** by *Mollie O'Leary* : O'Leary is a master of metaphor; see for yourself why this powerful exploration of memory, trauma, and growth was one of our top-selling poetry books this year.

#### FOR CHILDREN

**Big** by *Vashti Harrison* : This book teaches you to love the space you take up in the world.

**The Little Book of Brontës** by *Sara O'Leary* : A true tale, illustrated by one of our favorites, about the little books that the Brontë siblings created.

**The Skull** by *Jon Klassen* : A spooky and amusing folktale retelling, which teaches children that even ghost stories have a comforting underbelly.

**Evergreen** by *Matthew Cordell* : Calling all squirrel fans! No, this isn't Paige—it's Evergreen, a brave forest dweller who must face her fears to bring soup to her sick Granny.

**Puppets of Spellhorst** by *Kate DiCamillo* : Five puppets search for their story. One child helps them find it.

**Squire & Knight** by *Scott Chantler* : Squire is smart and under-appreciated. Knight is inept but gets all the glory. Let's see what happens when they split up for a seemingly simple quest.

**Twistwood Tales** by *A. C. Macdonald* : Meet the kind, quirky, and magical inhabitants of Twistwood as they contemplate moral dilemmas and mental health through wholesome stories and witty jokes.

**Once There Was** by *Kiyash Monsef* : A girl learns that her late father was a veterinarian to magical creatures, and now she must take his place.

#### SPORTS FOR KIDS

**The Boy in Number Four** by *Kara Koostra* : Learn how Bobby Orr grew to become a Boston Bruins legend, featuring a message from Bobby himself.

**Key Player** by *Kelly Yang* : Mia Tang is back in book 4, this time focusing on her love of soccer! With the U.S. team playing against China in Southern California, Mia will do anything to meet them.

**Ghost** by *Jason Reynolds* : Running is all he knows, but when he's suddenly recruited by an Olympic coach, Castle Crenshaw must face his past and sprint for the future.

**Fast Pitch** by *Nic Stone* : Softball team captain Shenice is determined to lead her team to victory in the Fastpitch World series, but with prize money and family secrets on the line, she risks losing her goals for the future.

**The Crossover** by *Kwame Alexander* : A coming-of-age story of basketball-playing twins Josh and Jordan told in verse.

**Metropolis** by *Ben Wilson* : "Cities are mankind's greatest invention" and this book is an absorbing, nuanced history of them.

#### SELF DEVELOPMENT

**The Art of Gathering** by *Priya Parker* : Perfect for the holidays, this book will inspire you to turn off your phone and gather with your loved ones.

**How to Do Nothing** by *Jenny Odell* : This guide to reclaiming your time will help you find comfort in unproductiveness.

**A Renaissance of Our Own** by *Rachel Cargle* : Part-memoir, part-manifesto, Cargle illuminates the power of reimagining our realities.

**How to Tell a Story** by *Meg Bowles et al.* : Fans of "The Moth" will love the wisdom shared in this guide to storytelling.

**Build the Life You Want** by *Arthur C. Brooks* : The complex science of self-improvement in digestible terms.

**The Little Frog's Guide to Affirmations** by *Maybell Reiter* : Look at the cover...enough said!

#### FOOD WRITING

**Taste Makers** by *Mayukh Sen* : A group biography chronicling the impact seven immigrant women had on the way we eat in America.

**Wine Girl** by *Victoria James* : The story of one woman's journey from surviving a difficult childhood to becoming one of the youngest, most celebrated sommeliers.

**Fieldwork** by *Iliana Regan* : A memoir by National Book Award-nominee Iliana Regan about foraging, her family, and her career as a chef.

**More is More** by *Molly Baz* : Embrace a fearless mindset in the kitchen with Baz and her trademark approach to cooking with confidence.

**Start Here** by *Sohla El-Waylly* : A comprehensive guide to the hows and whys of cooking, this book goes beyond just recipes, teaching techniques to help you level-up your cooking.

#### FICTION

**I Have Some Questions for You** by *Rebecca Makkai* : A woman returns to the elite boarding school she attended and begins to question if the right person was convicted for the murder of her roommate.

**Hope** by *Andrew Ridker* : Part coming-of-age novel, part family saga; a humorous tale of a Jewish family in Brookline.

**Land of Milk and Honey** by *C Pam Zhang* : In the not-so-distant future, a young chef accepts a job at a mountaintop colony in the Alps for the uber-wealthy.

**The Fraud** by *Zadie Smith* : Fact and fiction blur in this story of a female abolitionist, her literary husband, and a criminal trial in Victorian England.

<b>She Who Became the Sun by Shelly Parker-Chan</b> : When young Zhu Chongqba dies, his sister seizes the opportunity to assume his identity and fulfill his prophecy of greatness.	<b>The Kauai Preservation Society by John Scalzi</b> : For fans of Dr. Newton Geisler from "Pacific Rim," join Jamie on his spontaneous job to study and protect giant creatures from extinction.	<b>The Vanished Birds by Simon Jimenez</b> : Nia is unaffectionate by nature and thus alone traveling through space, until she meets a haunted boy who can only communicate with music.	<b>Ascension by Nicholas DiMeo</b> : A mind-bending speculative sci-fi thriller about an expedition up the frozen, mysterious mountain, where all is not as it seems.	<b>Kiss Her Once for Me by Alison Goldin</b> : Meet-cutie in a bookstore, fall in love overnight, betrayal, engagement to her brother a year later, winter romance...what more do you need to hear?	<b>One Day in December by Josie Silver</b> : What happens when your soulmate is dating your best friend? Perfect winter read about near misses and kisses.	<b>Judas Goat by Gabrielle Basso</b> : Tightly controlled lyricalism delivers incisive truths about our capacity for violence, even toward those we love, while still affirming the centrality of human connection.	<b>Winter Stranger by Jackson Holder</b> : In this award-winning debut, the landscape of Eastern Canada is as human as the people within it.					
<b>Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane</b> : This mystery tackles racism and segregation in 1970's Boston.	<b>The Guest by Emma Cline</b> : After a break-up, a young woman drifts through the Hamptons leaving a wake of destruction behind her.	<b>Mystery</b>	<b>The Christmas Guest by Peter S. Beagle</b> : An American is invited to spend Christmas in a Quaint country house with a classmate, but not everything is as picture-perfect as it seems.	<b>Holly by Stephen King</b> : Now a full-fledged detective, Holly takes on the case of a missing daughter, only to be confronted by her most savvy and ruthless adversaries yet.	<b>A Quiet Life in the Country by T. E. Kinsey</b> : Lady Emily Hardcastle has just retired from daugher, only to be confronted by her most savvy and ruthless adversaries yet.	<b>Last Word to Wise by Ann Cleeve</b> : Set in a charming Colorado ski town where the Christie Bragency craze.	<b>Golden Spoon by Jessica Maruelli</b> : A baking show turns deadly in this cozy mystery.	<b>Chaos Terminal by Mur Lafferty</b> : The second book in one of our favorite series about amateur detective who lives in a sentient space station.	<b>All the Smiles by S.A. Cosby</b> : The first Black sheriff in a rural Southern town must catch a serial killer hiding in plain sight.	<b>Booksshops &amp; Bone dust by Tracie Baddele</b> : Our favorite high-fantasy with low-stakes is back!	<b>The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet by Becky Chambers</b> : This smart favorite introduces you to the witty, sassy crew of the Wayfarer.	<b>The Shadow of the Gods by John Gwynne</b> : The gods are dead, having battled each other into extinction, their bones scattered across the land. We follow three renegade women at the beginning of a new war.
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