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A CIRCLE OF WIVES ALICE LAPLANTE











The Bees by Laline Paull- HarperCollins Canada- 9780062331151-HC- \$31.99- Fiction-Fiction- 320 pp.- May 2014 Born into the lowest class of an ancient hierarchical society, Flora 717 is an Untouchable. As part of the collective, she is taught to accept, obey and serve. Questions are forbidden. But Flora is not like other bees. Her curiosity is a dangerous flaw, especially once she is exposed to the mysteries of the Queen's Library. Simultaneous TPB (9781443433587, \$21.99) also available

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A Circle of Wives by Alice LaPlante – HarperCollins Canada- 9781443433662- TPB Original-\$21.99- Fiction- 272 pp.- February 2014 When Dr. John Taylor is found dead in a hotel room in his own hometown, the local police suspect foul play. A renowned plastic surgeon, this respected family man was well loved and admired. But, hidden from the public eye, he led several secret lives, as it becomes apparent when his three unsuspecting wives meet at his funeral...

The Girl with a Clock for a Heart by Peter Swanson- William Morrow- 9780062267498-HC- \$31.99- Fiction- 304 pp. – February 2014 George Foss is a forty-year-old employee of a Boston literary magazine. He has passed the age when he thinks he might really fall in love, or have anything truly surprising happen to him. But then the girl he loved and lost in college reappears to ask for his help...

The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden by Jonas Jonasson- HarperCollins Canada-9780062329127- HC- \$31.99- Fiction- 384 pp. -April 2014 On June 14th, 2007, the King and Prime Minister of Sweden went missing from a gala banquet at the Royal Castle. Later it was said that both had fallen ill: the truth is different. The real story starts much earlier, in 1961, with the birth of Nombeko Mayeki in a shack in Soweto. Simultaneous TP also available (9781443431590, \$21.99)

The Good Luck of Right Now by Matthew Quick- HarperCollins Canada- 9780062285539-HC- \$29.99- Fiction- 304 pp. – February 2014 For thirty-eight years, Bartholomew Neil has lived with his mother. When she gets sick and dies, he has no idea how to be on his own. How does a man whose whole life has been grounded in his mom, Saturday mass, and the library learn how to fly? Also available in TPB (9781443425858, \$19.99) & Large Print (9780062298744, \$29.99)

The Hotel on Place Vendome by Tilar J. Mazzeo Harper- 9780061791086- HC- 33.99-352 pp. – March 2014 The mysterious and remarkable story of what happened at the Hôtel Ritz during a pivotal historical moment, the German occupation of France, from the New York Times bestselling author of The Widow Clicquot and The Secret of Chanel No. 5. Simultaneous PB (9780062323347)

Last Night at the Blue Angel by Rebecca Rotert- William Morrow- 9780062315281- HC-\$31.99- Fiction/Literary- 336pp. – July 2014 Set against the turbulence of 1960's Chicago—a city in transformation—and its legendary jazz scene, Last Night at the Blue Angel is a lush and immensely heartfelt mother-daughter tale about a talented but troubled singer's relationship with her precocious ten-year-old daughter.



The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg – HarperCollins Canada -9781443428262- TP-\$19.99 – Fiction- 400 pp.- February 2014 Meet the Senior League: five residents of the Diamond Retirement Home who turn to a life of crime after new management implements cost-cutting changes with the idea that they'd be better off in prison. But when they run afoul of the local Mafia, soon they have both the law and the lawless on their heels!



The Lost Sisterhood by Anne Fortier - HarperCollins Canada- 9781443412469- TP-\$22.99- Fiction- 480 pages- March 2014 Diana, an aspiring professor at Oxford has always been fascinated with the history of the Amazons, the legendary warrior women of ancient Greece. When Diana is invited to consult on an archaeological excavation, she realizes that she may be able to prove that the Amazons were real- and deeply connected with her own family's history.

The Pearl That Broke It's Shell by Nadia Hashimi- William Morrow – 9780062244758- HC-\$31.99- Fiction- 464 pp. – May 2014 Debut Afghan-American author Nadia Hashimi's THE PEARL THAT BROKE ITS SHELL, the entwined stories of two Afghan women separated by a century who find freedom in the tradition of bacha posh, which allows girls to dress and live as boys...until they are of marriageable age. **Simultaneous TPB also available (9780062338518, \$21.99)**

The Queen of the Tearling by Erika Johansen- Harper- 9780062290366- HC- \$33.50-Fiction/Fantasy- 448 pp. - July 2014 Kelsea Glynn has been raised in secret by foster parents after her mother-- Queen Elyssa--died. For 18 years, the Tearling has been ruled by Kelsea's uncle, who has sold his people out to the ruler of neighboring Mortmesne. But today, the







The Road is How by Trevor HerriotHarperCollins Canada- 9781443417914- HC-\$27.99- Nature- 272 pp. – April 2014 Prairie naturalist Trevor Herriot decides "the road is how." Recovering from a misstep that could have been his last, he decides to go for a three-day walk to sort through questions that rushed in upon the enforced stillness as he waited for his body to heal.

remnants of her mother's guard have arrived to bring this most un-Queenly young woman home to reclaim her throne. Simultaneous TP (9780062328090, \$25.00) and Large Print (9780062326744, \$33.50)

The Road to Reckoning by Robert Lautner- HarperCollins UK- 9780007511310- HC-\$26.99- Fiction/Historical- 288 pp. – March 2014 A novel that hits right to the heart of fans of Cold Mountain and True Grit! Set in 1837, this is the completely compelling story of 12-year-old orphan Thomas Walker and his treacherous journey home through the wide open lands of America after his salesman father is murdered. Simultaneous TP edition (978-0-00-751132-7, \$19.99)



The Vintner's Daughter by Kristen Harnisch- HarperCollins Canada- 9781443426435- TP Original- \$22.99- Fiction- 368 pp. – June 2014 Loire Valley, 1895. When seventeen-year-old Sara Thibault's father is killed, her mother sells their vineyard to a rival family. When a violent tragedy compels Sara and her sister to flee to America, Sara's dream to be a master winemaker seems ruined. But in California she meets the one man who may have the power to return her family's vineyard to her- or send her straight to the guillotine...

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The Bear: A Novel by Claire Cameron -- Doubleday Canada -- 978-0-385-67902-2 -- \$22.95TP Original –Fiction -- 240 pages -- February 2014 Told from the point of view of a six-year-old child, *The Bear* is the story of Anna and her little brother, Stick--two young children forced to fend for themselves in Algonquin Park after a black bear attacks their parents. More fiction from up-and-coming Canadian women: *The Age, Circus, Smoke River*.

Medicine Walk by Richard Wagamese -- McClelland & Stewart -- 978-0-7710-8918-3 -- \$29.95HC – Fiction -- 256 pages -- April 2014 The universal story of a father/son struggle, set in the dramatic landscape of the BC Interior. Franklin Starlight is called to visit his father. He finds Eldon decimated after years of drinking, dying of liver failure in a small town flophouse. Eldon asks his son to take him into the mountains, so he may be buried in the traditional Ojibway manner. More novels from male Canlit stalwarts: *Crimes Against My Brother, Moving Forwards Sideways Like a Crab, No Relation*.

Wake by Anna Hope -- McClelland & Stewart -- 978-0-7710-3966-9 -- \$29.95HC – Fiction -- 304 pages -- February 2014 A debut set just after WWI, as Britain's Unknown Warrior is being brought home from France. Three very different women try to find ways to live after devastating losses and amid the residual damage, while their tragic connection is gradually revealed. Delve deeper into the past with *Treachery, Plague* and *Licence of War*.

Landing Gear by Kate Pullinger -- Doubleday Canada -- 978-0-385-68120-9 -- \$29.95HC – Fiction -- 304 pages -- April 2014 Several lives collide – and change -- dramatically when a stowaway falls out of the landing gear of an airplane coming into Heathrow and lands on a car in a supermarket car park. Another novel with an appealingly quirky premise: *Book of Jonah*.

The Martian: A Novel by Andy Weir – Crown -- 978-0-8041-3902-1 -- \$28.00HC – Science Fiction --384 pages – February 2014 Astronaut Mark Watney, stranded on Mars by a space storm and unable to contact Earth, depends on his ingenuity, engineering skills and an endless supply of black humour to survive. Commander Chris Hadfield says it "reads like "MacGyver" meets "Mysterious Island." One of the funniest books I have read; sci fi for people who don't read sci fi. More of the same: *Red Rising, Shovel Ready, Shattered: Iron Druid #*7.

The Divorce Papers: A Novel by Susan Rieger – Crown -- 978-0-8041-3744-7 -- \$29.95HC -- 480 pages -- March 2014 This debut romantic comedy brilliantly tells the story of one very messy, very high-profile divorce, and the endearingly cynical young lawyer dragooned into handling it. Told through personal correspondence, office memos, emails, articles, and legal papers, this playful reinvention of the epistolary form explores the complicated dynamic that results when marriage fails – rarely anyone's finest hour. More domestic duress: *Unwitting, Remember Me Like This*.

The Deepest Secret: A Novel by Carla Buckley – Bantam -- 978-0-345-53524-5 -- \$30.00HC --Fiction -- 448 pages -- February 2014 Eve Lattimore's son Tyler has a rare medical condition that makes him fatally sensitive to light, which means he can never leave the house except at night. Only constant vigilance stands between an increasingly restless teenage son and the dangers of the outside world, until the unthinkable happens and it becomes clear that this family is not the only one on the quiet cul-de-sac that is more complicated than it appears. By the author of *Invisible*. More family-oriented mysteries: *Ruin Falls, Bittersweet, Weight of Blood*. Life Drawing: A Novel by Robin Black -- Random House -- 978-1-4000-6856-2 -- \$29.95HC --Fiction – 256 pages – July 2014 Augusta and Owen have moved to the country, and live a quiet, and rather solitary life, Gus as a painter, Owen as a writer. They have left behind the city, and its associations to a troubled past, devoting their days to each other and their art. But beneath the surface of this tranquil existence lies the heavy truth of Gus's past betrayal, an affair that ended, but that quietly haunts both of them. More anatomies of marriages: *Keep Your Friends Close, If I Loved You, I Would Tell You This.*

Smoke River by Krista Foss -- McClelland & Stewart -- 978-0-7710-3609-5 -- \$29.95HC – Fiction -- 352 pages -- May 2014 After a proposed southern Ontario subdivision becomes the site of a Mohawk protest -- the land, which has long formed a kind of neutral border between a reserve and the neighbouring town, is contested -- tensions escalate through three sweltering summer months, exposing old wounds, as well as forging new and sometimes surprising connections. This compelling contemporary story is told in the voices of several vivid, unforgettable characters.

Summer House with Swimming Pool: A Novel by Herman Koch – Hogarth -- 978-0-8041-3881-9 -- \$27.00HC – Fiction -- 304 pages -- June 2014 When a medical procedure goes horribly wrong and famous actor Ralph Meier winds up dead, Dr. Marc Schlosser needs to come up with some answers. After all, reputation is everything in this business. Personally, he's not exactly upset that Ralph is gone, but as a high profile doctor to the stars, Marc can't hide from the truth forever. From the author of *The Dinner*. More tales of culpability: *Andrew's Brain, Ballad of a Small Player*.

The Accident by Chris Pavone – Crown -- 978-0-385-34845-4 -- \$30.00HC – Fiction/Thriller --400 pages -- March 2014 As dawn approaches in New York, literary agent Isabel Reed is turning the final pages of a mysterious, anonymous manuscript, racing through the explosive revelations about powerful people, as well as long-hidden secrets about her own past. In Copenhagen, veteran CIA operative Hayden Gray, determined that this sweeping story be buried, is suddenly staring down the barrel of an unexpected gun. And in Zurich, the author himself is hiding in a shadowy expat life. From the author of *The Expats*. Similar, but nonfiction: *A Spy Among Friends*

The Tastemakers: Why Some Food Trends Catch on and Others Don't by David Sax -- McClelland & Stewart -- 978-0-7710-7912-2 -- \$29.95HC -- Nonfiction -- 320 pages -- May 2014 Greek yogurt. Honeycrisp apples. Pomegranate juice. In this eye-opening, witty work of reportage, David Sax uncovers the world of food trends: where they come from, how they grow, and where they end up. More breezy nonfiction: *The News: A User's Guide*.

Persona Non Grata: The Death of Free Speech in the Internet Age by Tom Flanagan -- Signal -- **978-0-7710-3053-6** -- **\$29.95HC** – **Nonfiction/Political Science -- 256 pages -- April 2014** In February 2013, Tom Flanagan, acclaimed academic and former advisor to Stephen Harper, made comments surrounding the issue of viewing child pornography that were tweeted from the event he was speaking at and broadcast worldwide. In the time it took to drive from Lethbridge to his home in Calgary, Flanagan's career and reputation were virtually in tatters. This book is two things: The author's side of the story, and a passionate and convincing defense of free speech, not just in Canada but everywhere.

Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less by Greg McKeown -- Crown Business -- 978-0-8041-3738-6 – **\$26.95HC -- Nonfiction/Business -- 272 pages -- April 2014** Have you ever found yourself stretched too thin? Do you simultaneously feel overworked and underutilized? Are you often busy but not productive? Is your time is constantly being hijacked by other people's agendas? If you answered yes to any of these, you need this book. It isn't about getting more done in less time. It's about getting *only the right things* done. It is not a time management strategy, or a productivity technique. It is a *systematic discipline* for discerning what is absolutely essential, then eliminating everything that is not. This season's *Quiet*.

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