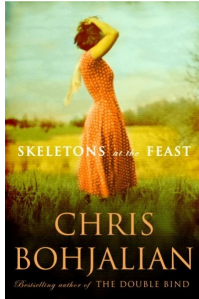


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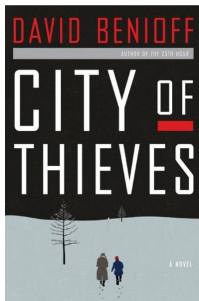
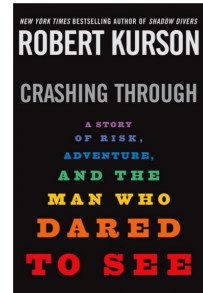
*Skeletons at the Feast* by Chris Bohjalian

During the final months of World War II, a diverse group of refugees make their way westward across a ravaged Europe in a desperate attempt to reach British and American lines.

October 21, 2009

*Crashing Through: A true story of risk, adventure, and the man who dared to see* by Robert Kurson

Blind since he was three, Mike May had grown up determined to do everything sighted people could do, including biking, skiing, and, once, driving a car. His life changes dramatically after he undergoes risky eye surgery.



November 18, 2009

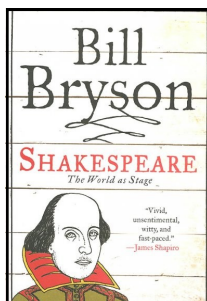
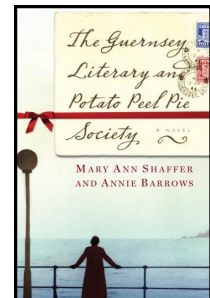
*City of Thieves* by David Benioff

A grandfather reminisces about the siege of Leningrad, when he and a military deserter tried to secure pardons by searching for eggs for the wedding cake of a powerful colonel's daughter.

December 16, 2009

*Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.



January 20, 2010

*Shakespeare: The world as stage* by Bill Bryson

Read Bill Bryson's unique biography of Shakespeare, or choose another book about Shakespeare. Suggested alternatives: *A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare: 1599* by Shapiro; *Shakespeare: The biography* by Ackroyd; *Will in the World* by Greenblatt.

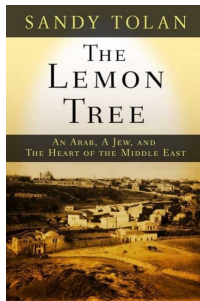
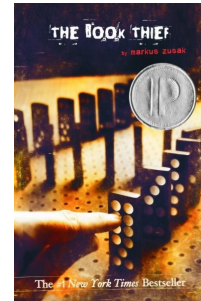
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*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl who discovers the sustaining power of words in terrible times.



March 17, 2010

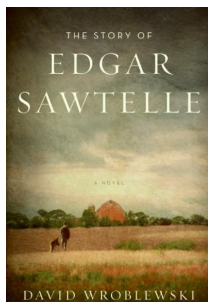
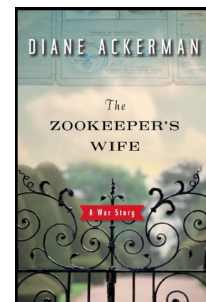
*The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan

The past seventy years of Israeli-Palestinian history are summed up in the true story of two families, one Arab and one Jewish, whose lives symbolize the hope for peace in the Middle East.

April 21, 2010

*The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

Amidst the destruction of World War II, Jan and Antonina Zabinski, Warsaw Zoo keepers and resistance activists, saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish citizens by hiding them in empty animal cages.



May 19, 2010

*The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

In a tale celebrating the alliance between humans and dogs, young Edgar, who speaks only in sign, fights for survival and struggles to prove that his uncle is responsible for his father's death.

June 16, 2010

*The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart

Traces the author's 2002 journey by foot across Afghanistan, during which he survived through the kindness of tribal elders, teen soldiers, Taliban commanders, and foreign-aid workers, whose stories he collected along his way.

