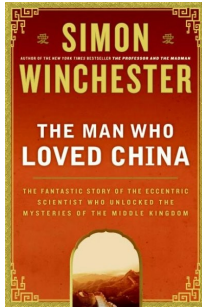




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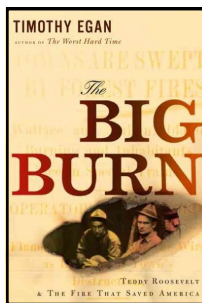
The Man Who Loved China: The fantastic story of the eccentric scientist who unlocked the mysteries of the Middle Kingdom by Simon Winchester

Winchester narrates the story of British biochemist Joseph Needham, who fell in love, first with a Chinese student in 1937 and later with China, its people, and its many contributions to science and technology.

October 20, 2010

The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty

For our discussion of Eudora Welty's work, read this 1973 Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel or another one of her books: a novel, a short story collection, or her memoir, *One Writer's Beginnings*.



November 17, 2010

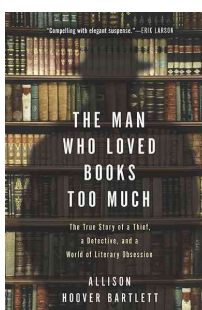
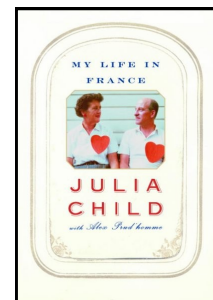
The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America by Timothy Egan

Egan tells how the largest forest fire in American history cemented Teddy Roosevelt's Presidential legacy, because the heroism shown by firefighters turned public opinion permanently in favor of forest conservation.

December 15, 2010

My Life in France by Julia Child with Alex Prud'homme

The legendary food expert describes her journey from a young woman who could not cook or speak any French to the publication of her cookbooks and becoming "The French Chef."



January 19, 2011

The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The true story of a thief, a detective, and a world of literary obsession by Allison Hoover Bartlett

Book dealer and amateur detective Ken Sanders is determined to stop the fanatical crimes of book thief John Charles Gilkey and bring him to justice.



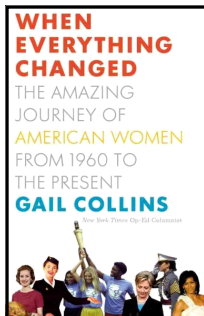
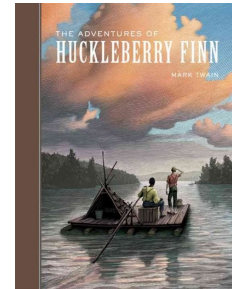
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The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

For our discussion of the American classics written by Mark Twain, read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* or any of his other fiction or nonfiction works.



March 16, 2011

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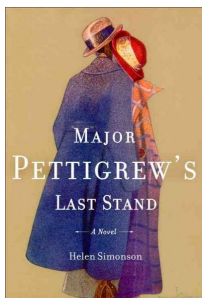
When Everything Changed: The amazing journey of American women, from 1960 to the present by Gail Collins

New York Times columnist Gail Collins chronicles the enormous strides made in American women's civil rights throughout the past half century, drawing on oral history and extensive research.

April 20, 2011

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu

Seventeen years after fleeing the Ethiopian revolution to America, Sepha Stephanos runs a grocery store in a poor African-American neighborhood in Washington, D.C., where he witnesses a series of racially charged incidents.



May 18, 2011

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Sixty-eight-year-old Major Ernest Pettigrew has settled into a genteel life of quiet retirement in the English countryside, when he is gently smitten by Mrs. Ali, a lovely Pakistani widow.

June 15, 2011

NOTE: NEW SELECTION

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

In spite of the racial divides of 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, two African-American and one white, come together for a clandestine project that puts them all at risk.

