

Titles to Pick Up Now



1 THE DRESSMAKER OF KHAIR KHANA

By Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
Oppressed by the brutal Taliban,
a courageous Afghan woman
and her sisters succeed as
unlikely entrepreneurs in this
inspiring true story.

2 THE RAGGED EDGE OF THE WORLD

By Eugene Linden

From Borneo to sub-Saharan Africa, globalism is dramatically affecting people and cultures—as shown in these firsthand accounts by a veteran environmental journalist.

3 THE FEAR By Peter Godwin

Passionate, personal, and exhaustively researched, this memoir by journalist and Zimbabwe native Peter Godwin exposes the ravages of dictator Robert Mugabe's reign.

4 THE UNCOUPLING
By Meg Wolitzer

Women in a New Jersey community inexplicably stop having sex with their men in this sly homage to the Aristophanes classic Lysistrata.

5 PERFECT LIVES
By Polly Samson

Astutely observed linked stories reveal the pleasures, temptations, secrets, and disappointments of lovers, parents, and children in an English seaside town.

6 SKIPPING A BEAT By Sarah Pekkanen

The materialistic wife at the center of this engaging novel balks when her workaholic husband decides to give everything away. Can this marriage be saved?

7 THE SOCIAL ANIMAL By David Brooks

What's the key to success?
The New York Times columnist—
using a fictional couple to illustrate
reams of research on that
provocative question—argues
that it's the unconscious mind.

8 THE CIVILIZED WORLD
By Susi Wyss

These insightful stories, some set in a beauty salon, explore the moving, often clueless relationships between Ghanaian and American women.

9 ONE HUNDRED NAMES FOR LOVE

By Diane Ackerman

in her memoir of science and medical miracles, Ackerman writes affectionately of her husband's battle to recover from a stroke that robbed him of language.

10 PLEASE LOOK AFTER MOM By Kyung-sook Shin

This best-seller set in the author's native Korea examines a family's history through the story of the matriarch, mysteriously gone missing from a Seoul train station.

-KAREN HOLT