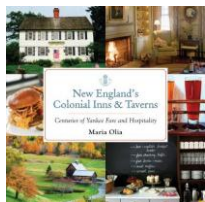
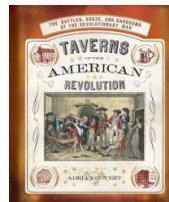


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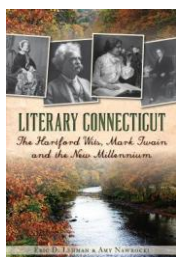
New England's Colonial Inns & Taverns: Centuries of Yankee Fare and Hospitality
By Maria Olia

Nicely coupled with Covert's *Taverns of the American Revolution*, Olia takes us back even further to the northeast's early 1600s inns and taverns, where the very first words of a revolution were uttered among players by the likes of Paul Revere and John Adams. Olia, a history/travel writer herself, has high praise for establishments like the Cliff Lodge in ACK, the Berkshire's Red Lion Inn, and, alongside Mystic's DPI, Essex's Griswold Inn! (Of which, she writes, few come close to "the legendary status" of.) This book is a cozy nook within the New England Americana—though there's nothing quite like being there. (Ellen)



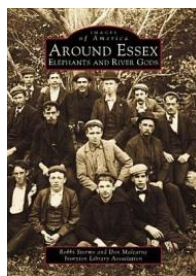
Taverns of the American Revolution
By Adrian Covert

Author Adrian Covert asks, "What better excuse for a road trip than the pursuit of rum, beer, and history at America's oldest bars?" This complete collection of surviving taverns of the American Revolution was compiled as a result of the author's fascination with these taverns as a gathering place for locally relevant events. Noteworthy taverns include Raleigh Tavern in Virginia, where Thomas Jefferson drafted both the Continental Congress and Declaration of Independence, and we are thrilled to find Connecticut's own Griswold Inn of Essex, the oldest continually operating Inn in the United States! Covert successfully weaves historical text regarding the taverns themselves, alongside trivia and anecdotes about the political leaders who frequented them. (Christine)



Literary Connecticut: The Hartford Wits, Mark Twain and the New Millennium
By Eric D. Lehman & Amy Nawrocki

An intimate exploration into the life and times of Connecticut's authors. Jonathan Edwards' sermon "Sinners of an Angry God" was presented in the Connecticut River Valley, 1741. Noah Webster's life-work dictionary was completed in 1828 on Water Street, New Haven. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mark Twain, William Gillette—all of Hartford. Helen Keller reveled in the Litchfield Hills, while Thornton Wilder hiked Sleeping Giant Park to work out writers' block. Entertaining, tragic, iconic. (Christine)



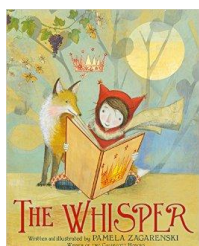
Around Essex: Elephants and River Gods
By Robbi Storms; Don Malcarne

I'm an Ivoryton native, and was oblivious to the over 300-year history of this area. Contributing authorship from the Ivoryton Library Association offers rich accounts of Essex, Centerbrook, and Ivoryton—which comprise Essex village, or "The Point" of Petapoug Quarter. Filled with 19th century photography, history, and storytelling at its best. Come read and visit this village still steeped in a ship building, inn dwelling, British raiding past. (Ellen)



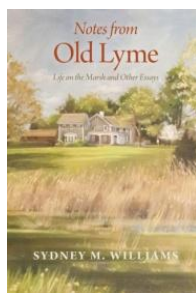
Remembering Katharine Hepburn: Stories of Wit and Wisdom About America's Leading Lady
By Ann Nyberg

Who better to tell the stories of "the CT gal who rose to the stars" than Ann Nyberg, founding member of her Cultural Arts Center and a star journalist herself? Nyberg, with the help of those in Hepburn's closest periphery, tells vignettes of various run-ins with The Great, mostly brief—but all impacting. Her independence and tenacity went beyond the trouser style she coined; she evoked a timelessness that, with her passing, no longer exists. This book is a celebration of this, and a life that, beyond the bright lights and scripts, was very much a down-home New England one. (Ellen)



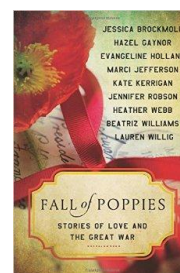
The Whisper
By Pamela Zagarenski

If you're familiar with the CT artist's work and stationary, you'll be happy to know it comes in children's book form. Behold—page by page of pure WHIMSY! This 2015 title is Pam's first venture as both illustrator and writer, and we have much to look forward to. This book is swept with earth tone pastels, dreamy textures, and lots of detail. A young girl receives a mysterious book; it is up to her to create the story and well, you can guess the kind of quest that results. (Ellen)



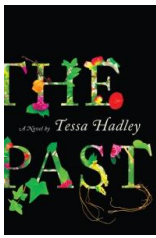
Notes from Old Lyme: Life on the Marsh and Other Essays
By Sydney M. Williams

This is a new publication by the CT author who, after working on Wall Street for 47 years and living in Old Lyme for 25, has become an expert of musing in subjects ranging from land to life cycle. With humor and heart his essays traverse, and so accurately illustrate, the Connecticut River Valley and quintessential New England at-large. In "Notes" you will find a steadfast ally in seeking simple comforts in a space and time that transcends Old Lyme. (Ellen)



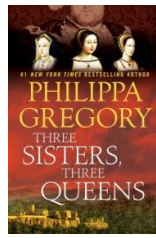
Fall of Poppies, Stories of Love and the Great War
By Jessica Brockmole, et al.

A beautiful collection of short stories from nine different noteworthy historical authors about love and the ending of World War I. Each unique, heart-warming tale has its own perspective and story to tell; yet each one contains the themes of love, great loss, and moving on. I believe these stories are a great way to learn more about this time period, as well as leave you wanting to read more from each of these authors. (Christine)



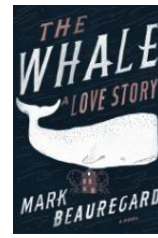
The Past
By Tessa Hadley

British author Tessa Hadley has crafted an exquisite novel about four adult siblings who come together for a vacation in their grandparents' home for conceivably the last time. Unforgettable characters are intimately developed during essentially a three week period. This book insightfully shifts from the present, to the past, and back to the present, giving the reader glimpse of they got to this point in time. The subjects of love, marriage, and children are paramount – yet it is the characters themselves; their thoughts and desires so eloquently written, that will not allow you to put this book down! (Christine)



Three Sisters, Three Queens
By Philippa Gregory

This latest historical novel by this beloved author is sure to please...taking sisterly love and rivalry to a whole new level! This book documents the powerful bonds between the Queens (who are also sisters!) of England, Scotland and France, during the early 1500s. The story is told from Margaret, Queen of Scotland's, point of view, and gives insight to Henry the VIII's childhood. It is every bit a romance novel as it is a historical documentation of the terrifying, heartbreaking, lives these women led - in their quest for power! (Christine)



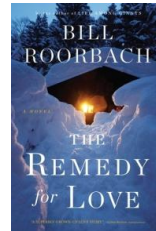
The Whale: A Love Story
By Mark Beauregard

Moby Dick had not arrived as the Great American Novel until after the death of its author (Mr. Herman Melville) who, after meeting him at a picnic in the summer of 1850, had dedicated it to Nathaniel Hawthorne (The Scarlet Letter). Enter: Beauregard! Using the original title of the 1851 classic, he tells the fictional –but thoroughly researched– story of that fateful afternoon, where two literary geniuses met in the Berkshires and a lifelong endearment ensued. This is the emotionally-charged impetus behind a literary classic that, without this meeting, would have likely never been finished. (Ellen)



The Yoga of Max's Discontent
By Karan Bajaj

Max is a late-20-something who came from nothing and worked his way to Wall Street as a head analyst. But after the death of his mother and an incident with a homeless man, he does what crosses all of our minds at some point in our lives: drop everything and go to the Himalayas. Max actually does, and what follows is both an inward and outward journey of transformation that takes us to the furthest corners of India. This is a smart, contemplative novel—and a great escape in the winter months. I would love to see this on the big screen. (Ellen)



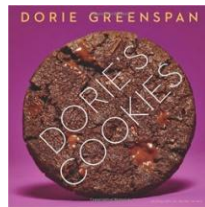
The Remedy for Love
By Bill Roorbach

A small town lawyer in Maine offers a hand with groceries, then a ride, to a woman clearly on the edge of homelessness. The “storm of the century” plus a few mishaps, bury them in snow at a remote summer cabin. The intensity authenticity and intimacy of these two characters is astonishing. The most tender of suspense novels, with a humble original look at the people we love and why. (Linda)



Buenos Nachos!
By Gina Hamadey

This colorful cookbook takes a popular bar snack and transforms it into a three course meal. Expert chefs and television personalities each share their favorite concoctions for this fun food form for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert. My favorite are the Pineapple-Bacon Nachos, which are a wonderful mix of sweet, salty and spicy— but there are plenty of traditional recipes like the Black and Blue Nachos— a yummy take on the vegetarian black bean medley. Enjoy! (Karen)



Dorie's Cookies
By Dorie Greenspan

Culinary guru and baker extraordinaire Greenspan has put together a delightfully delicious cookie compendium in her latest cookbook. It is definitely the book she “dreamed it would be,” filled with the recipes she “loved sharing with family and friends”. This mouthwatering, comprehensive, 170 recipe book is the accomplishment of a lifetime; and includes instructions for desserts for every occasion: cookies, bars, and every sweet concoction you can imagine! (Christine)



Take Heart, My Child: A Mother's Dream
By Ainsley Earhardt;
Illustrated by Jaime Kim

News anchor Ainsley Earhardt, has written this lovely children's book, dedicated to her unborn child. Beautifully illustrated by Jaime Kim, the enchanting paintings will draw you in. Inspired by her dad's advice, the book's timeless message is clear: take that leap and never be afraid to fail. It successfully inspires its' readers to follow their hopes and passions. It surely is a book to treasure. (Christine)