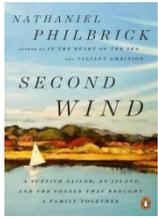
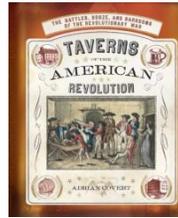


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Second Wind, by Nathaniel Philbrick

An inspiring, re-release of Philbrick's autobiographical memoir about his quest to bring back his glory days of sailing. Sailing aficionados will love the descriptive sailing tips and tactics; and athletes of all types will enjoy getting to know the accomplished author through his heartfelt passion for the sport. From a local perspective, there is even an enjoyable chapter on the author's training race with his son, down the Connecticut River. This book is a must read for anyone who can appreciate the passion and hard work that goes into fighting to be at the top of his sport the second time around. ~Christine



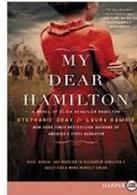
Taverns of the American Revolution, by Adrian Covert

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



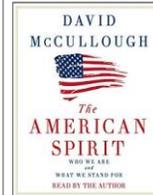
Mr. Boddington's Etiquette, Charm and Civility for Every Occasion, by Mr. Boddington's Studio

Mr. Boddington's Etiquette, Charm and Civility for Every Occasion, is a refreshing resource in our current day culture made up of tweeting and athleisure attire. The back cover sums up this publication nicely - "rules of polite society" including setting an informal table, how to properly hold a wine glass, gracefully exit a party, writing a condolence letter, when to bring a hostess gift, and knowing when to remove your hat. This fun little manual is a helpful resource for people of all ages; a gentle reminder that there is a time and place for everything, and that good manners really do matter! ~Karen



My Dear Hamilton, by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

I could not wait to read this highly anticipated book, after having so enjoyed reading "America's First Daughter", by the same authors - and it did not disappoint! This heart wrenching, informative, historically accurate, novel about the life of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton (Alexander Hamilton's wife) is a true page turner. They say that behind every great man is a strong woman... and Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton is that woman! Founding Fathers, founding wives, and their relationships, struggles, and hardships are detailed in this novel, set in NY and NJ. It richly details the birth of our nation from Eliza's perspective, and the reader gains an incredible link to the past. ~Christine



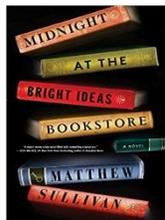
The American Spirit, by David McCullough

This Pulitzer Prize winning author has put together an enjoyable collection of his most important speeches - inspirational and uplifting, at a time when our divided country needs it most. Each speech is a moving, United States history lesson, filled with interesting details. My favorite is of course the Independence Day naturalization speech given at Monticello, where McCullough reminds us, in the spirit of Jefferson, to remain open to new ideas, prize tolerance, common sense, and a love of the earth and its abundance. Sheer perfection! ~Christine



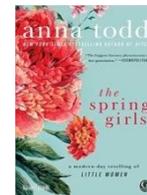
Notes from Old Lyme: Life on the Marsh and Other Essays, By Sydney M. Williams

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



Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore, by Matthew Sullivan

I so loved this debut novel by a talented, fellow bibliophile! It is first and foremost, a captivating murderous thriller...with plot twists and puzzles to keep you spellbound. Book lovers will enjoy the interesting, eclectic character; including the beloved heroine, Lydia who works at the Bright Ideas Bookstore. The details of Lydia's secret past - intertwined with the suicide of a bookstore patron - will keep you absorbed until the very end of this riveting, page turner! ~Christine



The Spring Girls, by Anna Todd

This book beautifully touches on life, love, and the importance of family. The young skilled author, tells a modern version of Alcott's "Little Women" - Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy in the twenty-first century...in a book full of romance. The timeless tale of the four sisters is wonderfully retold, as the girls grow up in modern times, with modern issues, and try and find their place in this world. Fans of "Little Women" will be drawn to this coming of age story, and of course wonder which sister will wind up with Laurie (the boy next door)! Mothers of daughters will want to pass this book down; and I am personally hoping Todd writes another book where this one leaves off. ~Christine