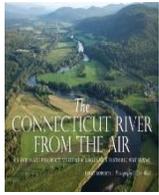
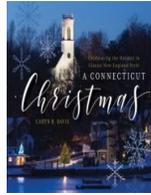


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***The Connecticut River From The Air, by Jerry Roberts, Photography by Tom Walsh***

You have never seen the Connecticut River until you have seen it through the lens of ariel photographer Tom Walsh. This extraordinary visual journey, from the river's mouth to our nation's northern border, brings you to places few have ever seen. This highly anticipated book, told as only Jerry Roberts can, is sure to find a place in any Connecticut history lovers' library collections. ~ Geoffrey



***A Connecticut Christmas: Celebrating the Holiday in Classic New England Style, by Caryn B. Davis***

The quintessential Americana Christmas starts in Connecticut—with its coastal hamlets, 17<sup>th</sup> century villages and old world traditions, there's no other place to be for the Holidays. Customs of bygone eras are still alive today, and Davis's book illuminates these so perfectly, the photographs seem to sparkle off the page. Paired with historical essay, this is an exquisite tour of CT history and holiday—and a celebration of a time and place untouched by modernity. Complete with stately homes, extravagant settings, trees, farms, and festivals, you'll find familiar places therein (Gillette Castle, Essex Steam Train, and of course The Griswold Inn!) ~ Ellen



***America's First Daughter, by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie***

This is an extraordinary book about Thomas Jefferson's oldest daughter, Martha (Patsy) Jefferson. Wife of a governor, mother of 12, and care-taker of her father's legacy – Patsy heroically lived through an amazing time in history, as well as hardships no woman should have to. This entertaining, juicy, historical novel, relies heavily on Thomas Jefferson's personal letters – from Monticello, to Revolutionary Paris. You will learn the dark secrets of the Jefferson family, and how Patsy's personal choices helped shape this nation! ~ Christine



***Love Your Life, Sophie Kinsella***

I loved this romantic comedy about a woman named Ava, who gets rid of her dating app and goes on a writer's retreat in Italy. It is in Italy that she finds Matt, the man of her dreams, and falls madly in love. Neither person knows anything personal about the other; and it is not until they leave Italy and go home, that they find out whether or not they are really compatible. The book is a fun, modern, up-beat romp – that will leave you smiling! ~ Christine



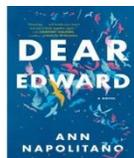
***The Christmas Cookie Cookbook, Cider Mill Press***

This is the perfect little cookie book! At a time when we are home so much more, these recipes will breathe new life into your baking repertoire! Every delicious recipe you've ever wanted to make is in here – orange spice cookies, almond meringues, pfeffernusse, and many children's favorites. There's even a recipe for gluten free cranberry bars! Enjoy! ~ Christine



***The Secrets We Kept, by Lara Prescott***

This exciting piece of literary fiction has it all...Russian spies, forbidden romance, and plot twists! Irina, a young Russian-American secretary, is selected from the CIA typing pool to help smuggle 'Doctor Zhivago', into the USSR. This plot is intertwined with chapters about it's author, Boris Pasternack's affair with his muse Olga Ivinskaya. A clear depiction of the Cold War Era - women like the heroines in this book, have paved the way for the freedoms and opportunities women have today! ~ Christine



***Dear Edward, by Ann Napolitano***

What an emotionally uplifting book this is! It is full of hope - and a testament to living your best life after enormous tragedy and loss. The message is exactly what we need today... and a reminder that life can change unexpectedly. But it is only with the help of others, and for others, that we can be truly healed and find a way back to a life full of purpose and meaning. ~ Christine



***The Time of Green Magic, by Hilary McKay***

This gem of a children's book features Abi and her two step-brothers who find that strange things happen when they are alone in their eerie ivy-covered new house. A mysterious creature visits them at night, and they must figure out together where it has come from, and why. Children and parents alike will delight in this thrilling and magical story. ~ Christine