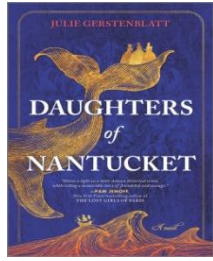


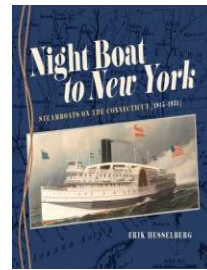
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Daughters of Nantucket, by Julie Gerstenblatt

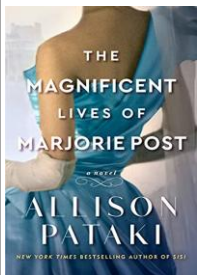
Set against the Great Fire of 1846 Nantucket, this wonderfully written piece of historical fiction brings together three very different women, and the decisions they must make during very difficult circumstances. Living on an island while many of the men are out at sea for long periods of time, these women have learned to fight for survival, while dealing with the romantic, financial, racial problems of the times. My heart ached for each of these thoughtfully developed, relatable, characters and the challenges they faced. I thoroughly enjoyed this book of substance, not soon to be forgotten once read.

~ Christine



Night Boat to New York: Steamboats on the Connecticut (1815-1931) by Erik Hesselberg

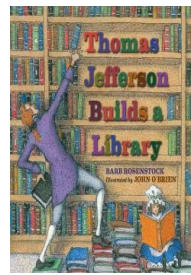
An extensive portrait of the vanished Steamboat days – when a procession of stately sidewheelers traveled regularly between Hartford and New York. Some 60 large steamships were in service on the Connecticut River during this amazing time, bringing both people and goods to New York, and this is captured through many colorful images and stories. Griswold Inn's owner Geoffrey Paul, among others, is acknowledged for his contributions to this volume of historical information through both his extensive maritime art collection, and prodigious knowledge of Connecticut River, shipping and steamboats. ~ Christine



The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post, by Allison Pataki

I learned so much from this wonderful piece of historical fiction! Marjorie Post, the heir to the C.W. Post cereal company, lived a truly magnificent life. She was a mother, wife, businesswoman, and philanthropist. From sitting on the board of General Foods, her marriage to a U.S. ambassador to Russia, to building Mar-a-Lago; she gracefully and intelligently navigated an epic life!

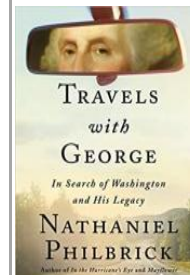
~ Christine



Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library, by Barb Rosenstock

This delightful children's book introduces one of our most important founding fathers to a whole new generation of learners. Intelligently written, easy to read, and wonderfully illustrated, it highlights Jefferson's most important accomplishments. Most importantly though, it leaves the reader with an appreciation of Jefferson's love of books and the knowledge they contain, and how hard he worked to build the Library of Congress!

~ Christine



Travels with George, by Nathaniel Philbrick

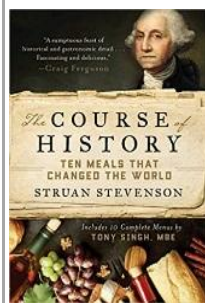
Follow Washington's excursions from Mount Vernon to the new capitol in New York, in a month long tour of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the Carolinas with award-winning author Nathaniel Philbrick. Written at a time when our Founding Fathers are under increased scrutiny, Philbrick takes a tour of Washington's America 299 years later to answer the question, "Does Washington still matter?" ~ Christine



The Pink Hotel, by Liska Jacobs

Fans of the limited movie series, "White Lotus" will love this fast-paced, at times terrifying novel, exposing the dark side of the hospitality industry. Unsuspecting newlywed Kit Collins, is thrust into a weeklong "job interview" by her husband Keith, at a posh resort in Los Angeles where anything goes. Their marriage is tested, as this intense novel reads like a truck with no brakes careening off a cliff!

~ Christine



The Course of History, by Struan Stevenson

Imagine sitting at the dinner table with the likes of Jefferson, Hamilton, Churchill, or Hitler; and listening to history unfold as you dine and drink sumptuous feasts! I felt delightfully transported to ten delicious power dinners in this book – each one rich in historical and culinary detail. It includes recreated recipes from soup to desserts, by celebrity chef Tony Singh - an utterly clever way to portray the importance of food and wine to modern history!

~ Christine



The Forest of Vanishing Stars, by Kristin Harmel

Yona was born from a wealthy German family and stolen as a child at the age of just two to be raised in the wilderness. In 1942 she finds herself alone, and searching for purpose, she comes across a group of Jewish refugees fleeing the ghettos and struggling to survive. Yona finds herself on a journey of teaching survival and finds herself saved in the process. It is equally heartbreaking as it is heartwarming; hard to put down, yet sad when it's over. ~ Jackie