

Recommended Reads

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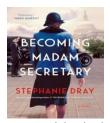
The Store - *Goods & Curiosities*, is participating in the Page Turners section of Shore Publishing's papers including the *Valley Courier* and six other regional newspapers. We want to share these reviews and invite you to drop by the Store. Come browse our outstanding selection of books.



Country House Living, by Nora Murphy

For Nora Murphy, a country house isn't so much a place as it is a state of mind. A country house is warm, welcoming – at once down to earth, yet elegant. Here Nora Murphy explores the tenets of country house style, as illustrated by her own "new"

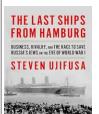
country house, and the many other striking homes she has curated for this book. Common threads weave though the stories: the thrill of the antiques hunt, the role of history, and the priority of comfort.



Becoming Madam Secretary, by Stephanie Dray

Stephanie Dray, best-selling and beloved author of My Dear Hamilton, and America's First Daughter, has written another outstanding novel, this time bringing Frances Perkins into the spotlight! Frances Perkins was a well-educated, strong and determined champion of

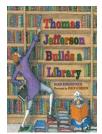
women's rights in the workforce; and most famously served as Secretary of Labor under Roosevelt. She was the first female cabinet member; and developed a Social Security system for this country. I love *Dray's* writing voice because it is so engaging and approachable. Frances Perkins becomes a friend, and you can't wait to see what happens next! Captivating! ~ Christine



The Last Ships from Hamburg, by Steven Ujifusa

"History is a guide to navigation in perilous times", says noted author

David McCullough. His friend and mentee, maritime historian and author Ujifusa, tells the compelling story of Jewish immigration to the US. In this, Ujifusa's third book, the US has become the choice for those seeking religious, political and economic freedom. This is a maritime history of the great transatlantic steamship era; a masterful history read in our own perilous time. \sim Geoffrey



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 he built the Library of Congress! ~ Christine



Founding Partisans, by H.W. Brands

Founding Partisans is a fascinating and thoroughly researched fresh look at the birth of our country and American politics. History

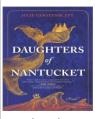
buffs will love this detailed, recounting of the partisan party issues and maneuverings our Founding Fathers faced. It flows from Washington's Presidency to the Anti-Federalists who formed as the Republicans under Jefferson. It reminds us that the problems our founders faced are parallel to the issues that torment our country today! ~ Christine



The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post, by Allison Pataki

I learned so much from this wonderful piece of

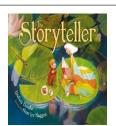
historical fiction! Marjorie Post, the heir to the C.W. Post cereal company, lived a truly magnificent life. She was a mother, wife, businesswoman, and philanthropist. From sitting on the board of General Foods, her marriage to a U.S. ambassador to Russia, to building Mar-a-Lago; she gracefully and intelligently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



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 difficult decisions they must make. 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. ~ Christine



The Storyteller , by Lindsay Bonilla, illustrated by Noar Lee Maggan

Griffin spends his days with his grandmother, who spins

marvelous stories and fills their days with magic. When Griffin's grandmother starts to fade, Griffin worries what his days will be like and whether his memory of her will fade. This stunning children's book, with evocative text, is one to be read again and again. It celebrates the power of stories, as well as the importance of generational bonds, and how they keep memories alive! ~ Christine