

Pick Your Pleasure

I'm in the mood for a book that's ...'

Inspiring and Hopeful

The Buddhist on Death Row: How One Man Found Light in the Darkest Place

by David Sheff Jarvis Jay Masters, 58, arrived at San Quentin State Prison as a rage-filled teen and spent decades learning Buddhist principles to free his mind from self-hatred and anger. It's a truly inspiring story by the author of *Beautiful Boy*.

HumanKind: Changing the World One Small Act at a Time

by Brad Aronson The author discusses the simple everyday kindnesses all of us can provide to better our world.

Officer Clemmons

by François S. Clemmons Clemmons, 75, who played Officer Clemmons on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, was the first African American actor with a recurring role on children's TV. His memoir describes the hardships of his youth and his friendship with Fred Rogers.

The Answer Is ...: Reflections on My Life

by Alex Trebek The beloved host of *Jeopardy!*, 80, writes about his show, life of prolonged fame, pancreatic cancer diagnosis and more.

Hello Darkness, My Old Friend

by Sanford D. Greenberg Now 79, Greenberg lost his vision during college. Rather than settle for a quiet life, he went on to study at Harvard and Oxford, invented tools for the blind and operated several businesses.



An Immersion in Nature

Vesper Flights by Helen Macdonald The author of *H Is for Hawk* offers beautiful essays about the natural world and the insight and comfort of observing it.

Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace by Carl Safina Ecologist Safina explores the ways sperm whales, chimpanzees and scarlet macaws learn from their elders and maintain social bonds.

Funny and Affirming

The Hilarious World of Depression

by John Moe The host of a popular podcast about clinical depression details his struggle with the illness and how discussing it, funnily enough, can make people laugh with relief that they're not alone.

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman Fans of *A Man Called Ove* will adore the author's new novel, out September 8. The story, told with zany humor, includes the failed robbery of a cashless bank (oops) and a farcical hostage situation.

A Great Escape

Her Last Flight by Beatriz Williams War correspondent Janey Everett visits Hawaii in 1947 to research a pilot's disappearance and untangles a complicated, passionate story.

The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi In 1950s India, Lakshmi earns her living as an in-demand henna painter for wealthy clients, striving to keep her troubled past at bay. —Christina Lanzito

ALSO OF NOTE



MEMOIR

Chasing the Light: Writing, Directing, and Surviving Platoon, Midnight Express, Scarface, Salvador, and the Movie Game by Oliver Stone



NOVEL

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell



HISTORY

Dewey Defeats Truman: The 1948 Election and the Battle for America's Soul by A.J. Baime