

# Book 'Em



## Books and Publishing News

for the Hiram College Library Community

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<b>Fiction:</b>			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments
<b>Roberto Ampuero</b>	<b><i>The Neruda Case</i></b>	<a href="#">F Am75c</a>	An internationally bestselling piece of detective fiction, set in pre-Pinochet Chile. (Translated from the original Spanish by Caroline de Robertis.)
<b>Gillian Flynn</b>	<b><i>Gone Girl</i></b>	<a href="#">F F6793g</a>	A man's wife disappears, and though he's the primary suspect, he swears he had nothing to do with her disappearance. #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestseller.
<b>Amos Oz</b>	<b><i>Scenes From Village Life</i></b>	<a href="#">F Oz1t</a>	Interlocking short stories, all about the small village of Tel Ilan. (Translated from the original Hebrew by Nicholas de Lange.)
<b>Rebecca Stott</b>	<b><i>Ghostwalk</i></b>	<a href="#">F St766g</a>	A Cambridge historian drowns, and the woman hired to finish the historian's work on Sir Isaac Newton quickly realizes the drowning wasn't an accident.
<b>Wendy Wallace</b>	<b><i>The Painted Bridge</i></b>	<a href="#">F W1558p</a>	A woman is tricked into an asylum by her husband. Set in Victorian England.

<b>Juvenile:</b>			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments
<b>Sarah Creese</b>	<b><i>Sneak-a-Peek-a-boo! Where's My Puppy?</i></b>	<a href="#">JF C8618w</a>	Adorable baby animals figure prominently in this cleverly designed, interactive board book. Designed by Jane Horne. (Reading level: ages 0 & up.)

Garth Nix	<i>Shade's Children</i>	<a href="#">JF N650s</a>	A group of young people try to overthrow a regime in a post-nuclear setting.
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<b>Memoir &amp; Biography:</b>			
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Amir Alexander	<i>Duel at Dawn: Heroes, Martyrs, and the Rise of Modern Mathematics</i>	<a href="#">510.9 Ale</a>	From the book flap: "Arguing that not even the purest mathematics can be separated from its cultural background, Alexander shows how popular stories about mathematicians are really morality tales about their craft as it relates to the world."
James Barr	<i>Setting the Desert on Fire</i>	<a href="#">940.4153 Law-B</a>	The subtitle tells it best: "T. E. Lawrence and Britain's Secret War in Arabia, 1916-1918."
Nicholas Dawidoff	<i>The Catcher Was a Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg</i>	<a href="#">940.548673 Ber-D</a>	Baseball, espionage, and history? Does a biography get any better than this?
D. T. Max	<i>Every Love Story is a Ghost Story: A Life of David Foster Wallace</i>	<a href="#">813.54 Wal-M</a>	356 pages, all about the author of <i>Infinite Jest</i> and other texts.
Eilat Negev and Yehuda Koren	<i>The First Lady of Fleet Street: The Life of Rachel Beer: Crusading Heiress and newspaper Pioneer</i>	<a href="#">070.5092 Bee-N</a>	This book "chronicles the meteoric rise and tragic fall of Rachel Beer."

<b>Nonfiction:</b>			
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Janine Barchas	<i>Matters of Fact in Jane Austen: History, Location, and Celebrity</i>	<a href="#">823.74 Bar</a>	Exactly what you'd expect from the title.
Umberto Eco	<i>On Literature</i>	<a href="#">809 Eco</a>	If you need more than that title combined with that author to induce you to read this book, then there's probably nothing I could say to convince you.
Ro Khanna	<i>Entrepreneurial Nation: Why Manufacturing is Still Key to America's Future</i>	<a href="#">338.040973 Kha</a>	The author is a former deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce and is currently a visiting lecturer in the Department of Economics at Stanford University.

Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne	<b><i>Knit Your Own Cat: Easy-to-Follow Patterns for 16 Frisky Felines</i></b>	<a href="#">746.432 Mui</a>	Extended review below.
John H. Parmelee and Shannon L. Bichard	<b><i>Politics and the Twitter Revolution: How Tweets Influence the Relationship Between Political Leaders and the Public</i></b>	<a href="#">320.973014 Par</a>	Is Twitter really that important in modern politics? The authors of this text say, "Yes."

### Awards:

Award	Details	Comments
Man Asian Literary Prize	The <a href="#">long list of finalists</a> has been announced.	Let us know if there's something on the list that you want to see in our collection?
Golden PEN Award for a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature	<a href="#">Linton Kwesi Johnson</a>	We don't own a lot, but we do have a <a href="#">couple of collections that include some of his writing</a> .

### Obituaries:

Davie Oliver Relin, 49	The author of <a href="#">Three Cups of Tea reportedly committed suicide</a> earlier this month. The controversy around the fabricated material in his book has been cited as the cause.
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## Featured Review:

***Knit Your Own Cat: Easy-to-Follow Patterns for 16 Frisky Felines*, written by Sally Muir and Joanna Osborne, published in 2011 by Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers.**

It's a gift giving season, so it seemed appropriate to review this book for the December issue, especially since this is the last issue of *Book 'Em* for which I'll be responsible. Before I get into the body of the review, though, let me share an example of one of the projects in the book:



The sheer ridiculousness of this title is what appeals most to me. There are patterns for long-haired cats, short-haired, exotic, and "street" breeds. With many, you have an option for a sitting or a standing version of the cat. In a couple of cases, such as with the calico, the end product looks like the cat is curled up on its side, sleeping. A word of warning, though: as adorable as the end results are, the patterns are not for beginning knitters.

Unless it has been checked out, you will find this title, and many others, on the new bookshelf on the first floor of the library. Once it has moved to its permanent home, you will find it on the second floor, with the rest of the books about crafting, under [746.432 Muir](#).

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