

# Book 'Em



## Books and Publishing News

for the Hiram College Library Community

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<b>Fiction:</b>			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments
<b>Bob Fingerman</b>	<b><i>Pariah</i></b>	<a href="#">F F4948p</a>	Another addition to our store of zombie fiction. This time the setting is New York City.
<b>Michael Moorcock</b>	<b><i>The Metatemporal Detective</i></b>	<a href="#">F M780m</a>	Mystery and fantasy are wed seamlessly in this collection of interconnected short stories.
<b>Tom Perrortta (editor)</b>	<b><i>The Best American Short Stories, 2012</i></b>	<a href="#">808.3 Bes</a>	The latest volume in this continuing series.

<b>Juvenile:</b>			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments
<b>Sonya Sones</b>	<b><i>What My Mother Doesn't Know</i></b>	<a href="#">JF So57w</a>	A typical teenaged girl talking about typical teenaged girl stuff (boys, friends, schools, etc.), but she does it in free verse.

<b>Graphic Novels &amp; Comics:</b>			
Author/Artist	Title	Call #	Comments
<b>David Beronä</b>	<b><i>Wordless Books: The Original Graphic Novels</i></b>	<a href="#">769.9041 Ber</a>	A collection of wordless stories from the beginning part of the last century (1918-1951).
<b>Adam Hines</b>	<b><i>Duncan the Wonder Dog</i></b>	<a href="#">F H589d v.1</a>	Just like our world with one minor exception: animals can talk.
<b>Jeff Smith</b>	<b><i>Rasl: The Drift</i></b>	<a href="#">F Sm613r v.1</a>	The protagonist is described as a "dimension jumping art thief." How can you go wrong with a description like that? (Jeff Smith is best known for another work: <a href="#">Bone</a> .)

## Memoir & Biography:

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Lesley Downer	<i>Madame Sadayakko: The Geisha Who Bewitched the West</i>	<a href="#">792.028092 Kaw-D</a>	Madame Sadayakko was the inspiration for <a href="#">Madame Butterfly</a> .
Grandmaster Flash, with David Ritz	<i>The Adventures of Grandmaster Flash: A Memoir: My Life, My Beats</i>	<a href="#">782.421649 Gra</a>	A pioneer of hip-hop djing tells about his experiences.
Queen Noor	<i>Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life</i>	<a href="#">956.95044 Noo</a>	Exactly what you'd expect from the title and author.
Jenna Woginrich	<i>Barnheart: The Incurable Longing for a Farm of One's Own: A Memoir</i>	<a href="#">630.9743 Wog</a>	See extended review below.

## Nonfiction:

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Thomas E. Barden (editor)	<i>Steinbeck in Vietnam: Dispatches from the War</i>	<a href="#">959.7043373 Ste 2012</a>	Collects, in one volume, all that Steinbeck wrote for <i>Newsday</i> when he was a correspondent in Vietnam.
Michael Coffey	<i>27 Men Out: Baseball's Perfect Games</i>	<a href="#">796.35722 Cof</a>	This book goes beyond the statistics and bare facts of these fifteen games.
Library of Congress	<i>Presidential Campaign Posters: Two Hundred Years of Election Art</i>	<a href="#">324.9730075 Pre</a>	This oversized book includes reproductions and explanations of 100 different posters.
Robert P. Crease	<i>The Prism and the Pendulum: The Ten Most Beautiful Experiments in Science</i>	<a href="#">509 Cre 2003</a>	The book's descriptions says that it is "an engrossing journey through nearly 2,500 years of scientific innovation."
Lesley Jacobs Solomonson	<i>Gin: A Global History</i>	<a href="#">641.255 Sol</a>	This is one of the volumes from the " <a href="#">Edible</a> " series that has been added to our collection recently.

## Awards:

Award	Details	Comments
National Book Award	The <a href="#">finalists</a> have been named, and the winners will be announced in mid-November.	We own some, but not all, of the finalists. <a href="#">Let us know</a> if there's something you'd like to see added to the Hiram College Library's collection?
Man Booker Prize	<a href="#">Bring Up the Bodies</a> , by Hilary Mantel	I have ordered a copy for HCL. If you'd like to be notified when it arrives, <a href="#">shoot me an email</a> .

## Obituaries:

Nguyen Chi Thien, 73

The Vietnamese dissident poet who was best known for [Flowers from Hell](#), died in Santa Ana, California earlier this month. NYTimes.com has [a full obituary](#).

## Featured Review:

***Barnheart: The Incurable Longing for a Farm of One's Own: A Memoir*, written by Jenna Woginrich, published in 2011 by Storey Publishing.**

This memoir starts with the author, Woginrich, moving across country from Idaho to a rural community in the southwestern part of Vermont. Once there, she starts to come to terms with suffering from the condition that gives her memoir its title: Acute Barnheart. It's a term that Woginrich coined herself, and the subtitle of the book explains the condition. To assuage the worst of the symptoms, the author slowly works towards having her own homestead/boutique farm. Eventually, she has chickens, sheep, rabbits, a turkey, a couple of dogs, and some geese. But then small town politics and soured relationships with her neighbors start getting in the way of her dream.

Sure, it's a pretty straightforward memoir. There are endearing and infuriating characters, a few hardships, plenty of self-reflection, and lots of local color. (Having lived in the same kind of small town in the southeastern part of the same state, I can guarantee that Woginrich's characterizations of the region are not at all exaggerated.) Even though I've never wanted a farm, the author's story still resonated. Like most people, I've gone through times when we felt like the proverbial fish out of water. I've worked hard towards something only to have it start to slip away. Even if I hadn't had similar experiences, I would have enjoyed this short book (184 pages) because Woginrich's accessible writing style made this a fun journey to take with her.

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 agriculture and farming, under [630.9743 Wog](#).

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