



ARNOLD LIBRARY NEWS

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Greetings from the Arnold *FRIENDS* of the Library!
Wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a safe and
joyous New Year!

IN THE NEWS.....

The GARDENING has started!

A big THANK YOU to the kids and adults who participated.

Check out the beautiful barrels lining the walkway of the library.

Come springtime, beautiful bulbs will bloom.

We are planning programs to start in March so stay tuned for more information regarding herbs, seedlings, and clearing space for a reading garden.

If you'd like to help, please let us know-see below.

THE LIBRARY GARDEN PROGRAM
is a joint venture with **Calaveras Public Health & CalFresh**

GRAB & GO BOOK PACKAGES ARE READY FOR PURCHASE AND WRAPPED FOR
GIFTING

NEW ADVENTURE PACKS ARE IN AND AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT
AND ALL THE KIDS KITS ARE NEW TOO.

PLEASE NOTE
The library will be closed
DECEMBER 25 & 26
AND JANUARY 1 & 2

Please read on for details
and check our website for information

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS - 10:30 Story Time with Miss Debbie

DECEMBER 4th - Volunteer & Staff luncheon

DECEMBER 5th, TUESDAY 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Adult and Teen Crafts
Paper bag Snowflakes (see below)

DECEMBER 9th, TUESDAY - [ARNOLD READS!](#)
ADULT BOOK CLUB

Holiday Brunch, Saturday, December 9, 10:30 at a private home

The sixth book is: ***Killers of the Flower Moon, by Davis Grann***

Please email arnoldlibraryfriends@gmail.com for information or to join

DECEMBER 7, SANTA will visit the library,
2:00 - 4:00

Gina has lots of fun planned-

Decorate wooden ornaments, *donated by Gene Dailey*

2:15 - HEAR a STORY, read by Miss GINA

Photo ops with SANTA!

and of course, go home with a good book!

[Always available at the library-](#)

Park Passes – get into the State Parks for free!

Recipe exchange – share your recipe & pick up a new one

Internet, 2 NEW computers and desks, and printers
are available at the library for personal use.

B&W and color copies

Scan your documents– bring your USB or ask the librarian.

Ask the librarians how to join online programs and movies with your
library card – **HOOPLA & KANOPY**
cards available at the library

LIBRARY HOURS

TUESDAY – SATURDAY
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Next Big Events

Enjoying the new year with a good book!



The Bulb planting was a blast!

THANK YOU to HATCHER WINERY and Cathy Gaitlin for the wine barrel planters, ACE HARDWARE and Jody Stern for plants so our planters will not look bare, Calaveras Public Health for the soil and bulbs and community donations for the barrel wheels, and the strength and coordination of some of the board members to put them together and attach them.

We had a fun afternoon loading in the soil, planting, wheeling and watering the barrels.

We look forward to beautiful & colorful spring blooms!



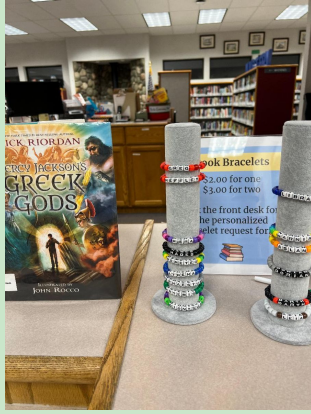
ADULT CRAFTS

December 5th, Tuesday,
3:00 - 4:00

PAPER BAG SNOWFLAKES

NEW BEAD BRACELETS

Sophia, a high school senior and fan of the



Available at the library

Arnold Library, is making bracelets with PERCY JACKSON Greek God mythology and favorite places in Arnold and Calaveras County.

Bracelets are \$2.00 each, proceeds donated to the library.

THANK YOU SOPHIA!

GRAB & GO GIFTS

Miss Gina is very busy getting books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs wrapped and ready for purchase and gifting. Treat yourself to a pack or purchase for your friends and family.

This is the only Book Store in Arnold. All money goes directly to the library.



CHECK OUT our NEW KIDS KITS!

Have fun at home with these and more great projects.



Learn to play the ukulele! Included is an actual wooden Uke, sheet music and how to play provided in this kit



There are 3 new TECH/STEM/STEAM kits

Come make this at the library or take one home. Let us know how you liked the kit.

DONATIONS

Thank you to those who made recent donations . Some funds have been earmarked for new books for our Jr/young adult fiction shelves and the Reading Garden

Program. We are very grateful to our community.

We would also like to start an afterschool STEAM program.

We have started an Amazon wishlist for the Garden Program. Any purchase is greatly appreciated - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GH0BW2PRQYQG?ref_=wl_share

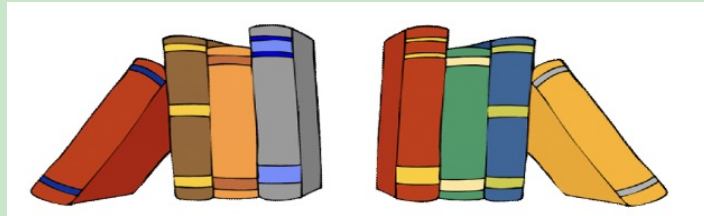
Our Local ACE has donated plants for the winter planters - they also have garden supplies.

Consider becoming a FRIEND of the Library, Arnold receives 25% of membership dues

<https://www.friendsofcclibrary.org/membership-form>

Library BOOKSHOP!

**Always a great place to buy books, etc.
It is the *only* book shop in Arnold**



The Friends of the Arnold Library Bookshop, located inside the library, continues its book sales with books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs all year. We add new books into the library shop every couple of days, so the selection will be new every time you come in.

We will have GRAB N GO books, wrapped with a bow, for holiday gifts!
Look for them as you enter the library
Books make great gifts—for yourself or others!

NEW RELEASES ARE IN and READY FOR CHECK OUT!

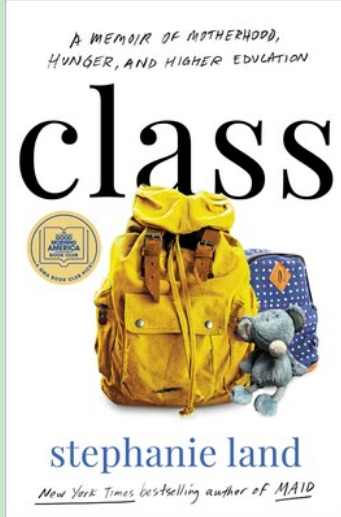
(most reviews are taken from Goodreads)

class

Stephanie Land

From the *New York Times* bestselling author who inspired the hit Netflix series about a struggling mother barely making ends meet as a housecleaner—a gripping memoir about college, motherhood, poverty, and life after *Maid*.

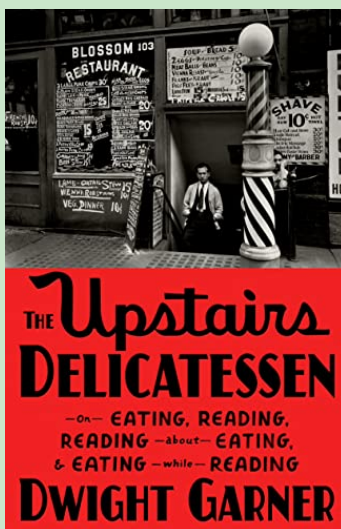
When Stephanie Land set out to write her memoir *Maid*, she never could have imagined what was to come. Netflix's fourth most-watched show in 2021, garnering three Primetime Emmy Award nominations. Stephanie's escape out of poverty and abuse in



search of a better life inspired millions.

Maid was a story about a housecleaner, but it was also a story about a woman with a dream. In *Class*, Land takes us with her as she finishes college and pursues her writing career. Facing barriers at every turn including a byzantine loan system, not having enough money for food, navigating the judgments of professors and fellow students who didn't understand the demands of attending college while under the poverty line—Land finds a way to survive once again, finally graduating in her mid-thirties.

Class paints an intimate and heartbreaking portrait of motherhood as it converges and often conflicts with personal desire and professional ambition. *Who has the right to create art? Who has the right to go to college? And what kind of work is valued in our culture?* In clear, candid, and moving prose, *Class* grapples with these questions, offering a searing indictment of America's educational system and an inspiring testimony of a mother's triumph against all odds.



The Upstairs Delicatessen: On Eating, Reading, Reading About Eating, and Eating While Reading

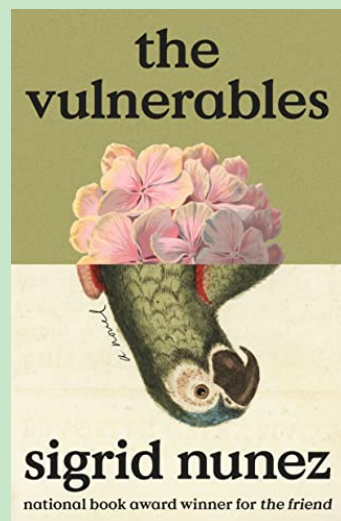
Dwight Garner

Garner gathers a literary chorus to capture the joys of reading and eating in this comic, personal classic.

Reading and eating, like *Krazy and Ignatz*, *Sturm und Drang*, *prosciutto and melon*, *Simon and Schuster*, and *radishes and butter*, have always, for me, simply gone together. The book you're holding is a product of these combined gluttonies.

Dwight Garner, the beloved *New York Times* critic and the author of *Garner's Quotations*, serves up the intertwined pleasures of books and food. In it, he records the voices of great writers and the stories from his life that fill his mind as he moves through the sections of the day and of this breakfast, lunch, shopping, the occasional nap, drinking, and dinner.

This is a book to be savored, though it may just whet your appetite for more.



The Vulnerables

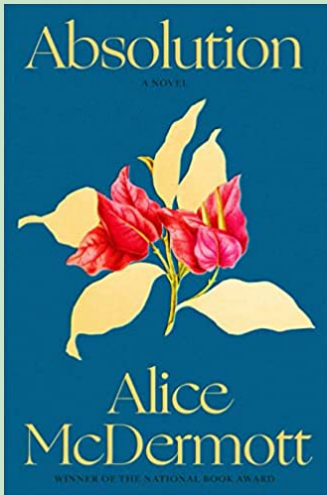
Sigrid Nunez

The *New York Times* –bestselling, National Book Award–winning author of *The Friend* and *What Are You Going Through* brings her singular voice to a story about modern life and connection

Elegy plus comedy is the only way to express how we live in the world today, says a character in Sigrid Nunez's ninth novel. *The Vulnerables* offers a meditation on our contemporary era, as a solitary female narrator asks what it means to be alive at this complex moment in history and considers how our present reality affects the way a person looks back on her past.

Humor, to be sure, is a priceless refuge. Equally vital is connection with others, who here include an adrift member of Gen Z and a

spirited parrot named Eureka. *The Vulnerables* reveals what happens when strangers are willing to open their hearts to each other and how far even small acts of caring can go to ease another's distress. A search for understanding about some of the most critical matters of our time, Nunez's new novel is also an inquiry into the nature and purpose of writing itself.



Absolution

Alice McDermott

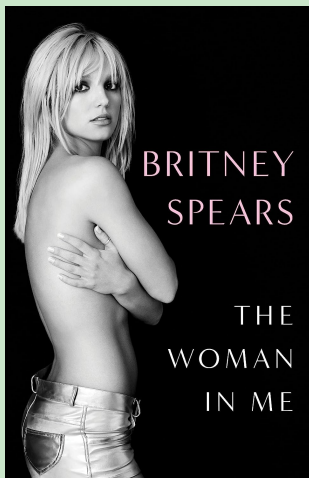
A riveting account of women's lives on the margins of the Vietnam War.

In Saigon in 1963, two young American wives form a wary alliance. Tricia is a starry-eyed newlywed, married to a rising oil engineer "on loan" to US Navy Intelligence. Charlene is a practiced corporate spouse and mother of three, a talented hostess and determined altruist, on a mission to relieve the "wretchedness" she sees all around her.

When Tricia miscarries, Charlene sweeps her into a cabal of well-dressed do-gooder American wives. Armed with baskets filled with candy and toys, they descend on hospitals, orphanages, and a leper colony on the coast, determined to relieve suffering, no matter the cost.

Sixty years later, Charlene's daughter reaches out to Tricia, now widowed and living in Washington. As the two relive their shared experience in Saigon, they are forced to come to terms with the ways their own lives have been shaped and stunted by Charlene's pursuit of "inconsequential good."

With a narrative impact that recalls Graham Greene's *The Quiet American*, Alice McDermott confronts the unresolved mysteries and ironies of America's tragic interference in Southeast Asia.



The Woman in Me

Britney Spears

***The Woman in Me* is a brave and astonishingly moving story about freedom, fame, motherhood, survival, faith, and hope.**

In June 2021, the whole world was listening as Britney Spears spoke in open court. The impact of sharing her voice—her truth—was undeniable, and it changed the course of her life and the lives of countless others. *The Woman in Me* reveals for the first time her incredible journey—and the strength at the core of one of the greatest performers in pop music history.

Written with remarkable candor and humor, Spears's groundbreaking book illuminates the enduring power of music and love—and the importance of a woman telling her own story, on her own terms, at last.

Big Heart Little Stove: Bringing Home Meals & Moments from The Lost Kitchen

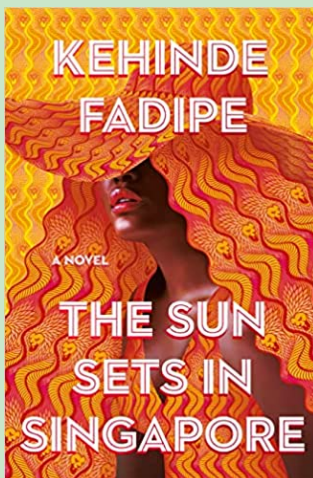


Erin French

***Big Heart Little Stove* is your new go-to inspiration for cooking thoughtful and meaningful, yet refreshingly simple meals. With more than 75 recipes and her favorite hospitality “signatures,” Erin French—author of *The Lost Kitchen* cookbook and the *New York Times*-bestselling memoir *Finding Freedom*—invites readers to bring a piece of her beloved restaurant, *The Lost Kitchen*, home with them.**

With dishes pulled from French’s family recipe box and the menu at *The Lost Kitchen*, ranging from irresistible nibbles like Pecorino Puffs and Gram’s Clam Dip; to luscious soups like Golden Tomato & Peach and Potato & Lentil with Bacon and Herbs; to heaping platters of family-style salads and sides like Peach & Blackberry Salad and Green Beans with Sage, Garlic, and Breadcrumbs; to show-stopping main courses like Pickle-Brined Roast Chicken and Wednesday Night Fish Fry; to French’s favorite all-purpose kitchen staples like Kitchen Sink Pesto and Floral Vinegar, this cookbook has all the tools you need for assembling a seamlessly special meal. To round things out, there are beverages to sip and desserts to make your guests feel truly looked after...

Start with the best ingredients you can find, keep it simple, and serve with love.



The Sun Sets in Singapore

Kehinde Fadipe

Basking in Singapore’s nonstop sunshine, low tax rate, and luxury goods market, Dara, Amaka, and Lillian are living the glamorous expat dream—until their carefully constructed lives are upended by a handsome and mysterious new arrival.

Dara, a workaholic lawyer from the UK, is on the brink of partnership at her firm.

When Lani, a new hire from Geneva (and a fellow British Nigerian), is assigned to work on what should have been her career-making case. Dara can’t help but see Lani as a threat: a privileged man poised to take her place.

Amaka, a sharp-tongued banker from Nigeria, is in the midst of a painful family dispute. Thousands of miles away from home, she’s doing her best to distract herself with a flirtatious workplace romance—An instant attraction to Lani jeopardizes the last shred of stability she has.

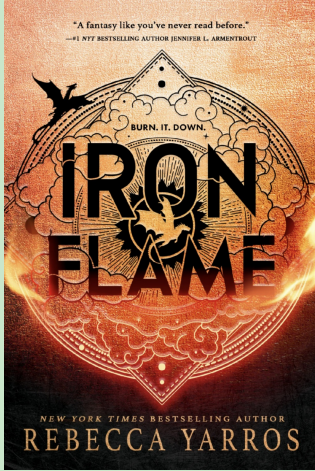
Lillian, a pianist turned “trailing spouse” from the US, is desperately trying to stay in Singapore after her marriage comes to a messy end. A chance encounter with Lani—a man who is inexplicably, impossibly, the spitting image of her late father—triggers a grief she’s spent a lifetime suppressing, leading to an obsession that imperils everything—and everyone—around her.

Forced to confront the ghosts of their pasts, Dara, Amaka, and Lillian soon learn that unfinished history can follow you anywhere, no matter how far you run from home.

The Emphyrean #2

Iron Flame

Rebecca Yarros



“The first year is when some of us lose our lives. The second year is when the rest of us lose our humanity.” — Xaden Riorson

Everyone expected Violet Sorrengail to die during her first year at Basgiath War College—Violet included. But Threshing was only the first impossible test meant to weed out the weak-willed, the unworthy, and the unlucky.

Now the real training begins, and Violet’s already wondering how she’ll get through.

Dragon riders make their own rules.

But a determination to survive won’t be enough this year.



Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin): A Memoir

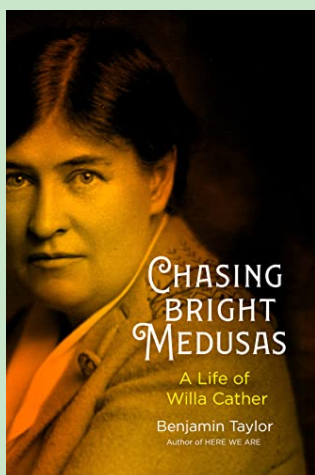
Sly Stone, Questlove (Foreword), Ben Greenman (Primary Contributor)

Not many memoirs are generational events. But when Sly Stone, one of the few true musical geniuses of the last century, decides to finally tell his life story, it can’t be called anything else.

As the front man for the sixties pop-rock-funk band Sly and the Family Stone, a songwriter who created some of the most memorable anthems of the 1960s and 1970s (“Everyday People,” “Family Affair”), and a performer who electrified audiences at Woodstock and elsewhere, Sly Stone’s influence on modern music and culture is indisputable. But as much as people know the music, the man remains a mystery. After a rapid rise to superstardom, Sly spent decades in the grips of addiction.

Now he is ready to relate the ups and downs and ins and outs of his amazing life in his memoir, Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin) .

Written with Ben Greenman, and in collaboration with Arlene Hirschowitz, Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin) is a vivid, gripping, sometimes terrifying, and ultimately affirming tour through Sly’s life and career.



Chasing Bright Medusas: A Life of Willa Cather

Benjamin Taylor

A tender biography of one of the greatest authors of the twentieth century and an elegant exploration of artistic endurance, as told by a lifelong lover of Willa Cather’s work

The story of Willa Cather is defined by a lifetime of determination, struggle, and gradual emergence. Some show their full powers early; yet Cather was the opposite. She took her time and transformed herself by stages. The writer who leapt into the forefront of American letters with *O Pioneers!* (1913), *The Song of the Lark* (1915), and *My*

Ántonia (1918) was already well into middle age. Through years of provincial journalism in Nebraska, brief spells of teaching, and editorial work on magazines, she persevered in pursuit of the ultimate goal—literary immortality. Benjamin Taylor uncovers the reality of Cather’s artistic development, from modest beginnings to the triumphs of her mature years. His book is simultaneously an homage to her character, a warm consideration of her work, and a case being made to read Cather with renewed vigor.

LAST WORD

JOIN THE ARNOLD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY and YOUR FRIENDS BOARD

Join the Arnold Branch of Friends of the Calaveras County Library at <https://www.friendsofcclibrary.org/membership-form> indicating Arnold as your branch. If you wish to make a direct donation to the Arnold Branch, checks may be made out to: “Friends of the Arnold Library” and sent to the address below.

The ARNOLD FRIENDS support:

Story Time, various After School Activities and Celebrations, Subscription for NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS, Non-county operating expenses (snow plow/cleaning), Adult Activities and "community" events.

Proceeds from Donations, Book Sales, and Fundraisers fund activities .

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