



ARNOLD LIBRARY NEWS

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Greetings from the Arnold *FRIENDS* of the Library!

IN THE NEWS.....

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The success of our Holiday Weekend BOOK SALES was the BEST EVER!
THANK YOU to our **VOLUNTEERS**, headed up by Loren Hilden and Susan Schoaf,
and to you, the **COMMUNITY**, for your donations and your purchases.
It takes many hours to prepare for the sale and many people to purchase the books,
we are thankful for all who participated.

From the proceeds, we will be able to continue funding the afterschool programs,
weekly Story Time and we hope to be creating STEAM and GARDEN programs,
along with a few other things the library needs and wants.

We have purchased a **NEW color** printer, scanner, copy machine. It is installed and working! And, there are two new computer desks, allowing more workspace privacy.

Additional THANKS!

Arnold Discount Market - Thank you, April, for donating water and treats to our volunteers

SCARECROW PARTY - ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER 26TH - 2:00 - 4:00

*Please read on for details
and check our website for information*

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS - 10:30 Story Time with Miss Debbie

OCTOBER 3rd, TUESDAY 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Adult and Teen Crafts
a paper folding/origami pumpkin project for October (see below)

OCTOBER 24th, TUESDAY - **ARNOLD READS!
ADULT BOOK CLUB**

4:00-5:00 at the library (yes, after hours!)

The fourth book is: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

Please email arnoldlibraryfriends@gmail.com for information or to join or come to the October meeting

We will meet again November 28th.

OCTOBER 26th, TUESDAY 2:00 – 4:00 **SCARECROW PARTY!**
Everyone welcome, come in costume if you'd like
Fun, games, goodies and BOOKS!

*****We have been asked to start a book club for men...so, if interested, please stop into the library and put your information on the sign up sheet or send an email to the address above. *So far only 1 sign up*

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 (replacing the old ones), and printers
are available at the library for personal use.**

**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

Library Landscape Clean up & bulb planting - TBD November

PAPER PUMPKINS!



Calling all TEENS and ADULTS – join us 3:00– 4:00 on October 3rd for Pumpkin origami.

November 7 – no sew fabric star
December 5– the very popular paper bag snowflake



SCARECROW PARTY!

Get ready for Halloween with a celebration at the library!

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 26th

2:00 - 4:00

EVERYONE is WELCOME

- Wear your Costume
- Activities and Games
- and of course, Free Books!

DONATIONS

Library BOOKSHOP!

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

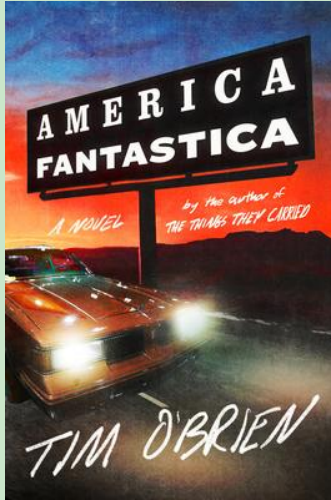


The Friends of the Arnold Library Bookshop, located inside the library, continues its book sales with books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs all

year. We add new books into the library shop every couple of days, so the selection will be new every time you come in.

NEW RELEASES ARE IN and READY FOR CHECK OUT!

(most reviews are taken from Goodreads)



America Fantastica

Tim O'Brien

An American Master returns: The author of *The Things They Carried* delivers his first new novel in two decades, a brilliant and rollicking odyssey, in which a bank robbery by a disgraced journalist sparks a cross-country chase through a nation corroded by shameless delusion and deceit.

At 11:34 a.m. one Saturday in August 2019, Boyd Halverson strode into Community National Bank in northern California.

“How much is on hand, would you say?” he asked the teller. “I’ll want it all.”

Angie Bing, the teller, scraped together \$81,000. Boyd stuffed the cash into a paper grocery bag. “I’m sorry about this,” he said, “but I’ll have to ask you to take a ride with me. ...”

So begins the adventure of Boyd Halverson—star journalist turned notorious online disinformation troll turned JC Penny manager—and his irrepressible hostage, Angie Bing. Haunted by his past and weary of his present, Boyd has one goal before the authorities catch up with him: settle a score with the man who destroyed his life.

America Fantastica marks the triumphant return of an essential voice in American letters. Just as O’Brien’s modern classic, *The Things They Carried*, so brilliantly reflected the unromantic truth of war, *America Fantastica* puts a mirror to a nation and a time that has become dangerously unmoored from truth and greedy for delusion.

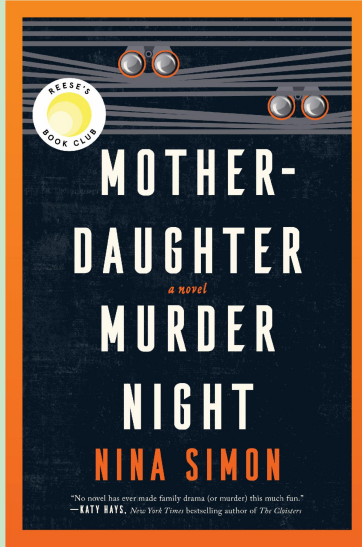
Mother–Daughter Murder Night

Nina Simon

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - REESE’S BOOK CLUB PICK

Nothing brings an estranged family together like a murder next door.

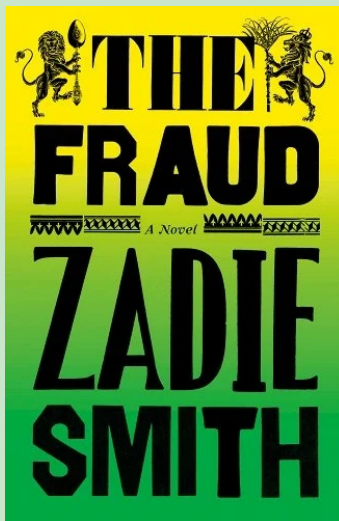
A lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother–mother–daughter trio of amateur sleuths.



Think: *Gilmore Girls*, but with murder.

High-powered businesswoman Lana Rubicon has a lot to be proud of: her keen intelligence, impeccable taste, and the L.A. real estate empire she's built. She finds herself trapped 300 miles north of the city, convalescing in a sleepy coastal town with her adult daughter Beth and teenage granddaughter Jack, who happens upon a dead body while kayaking. Jack quickly becomes a suspect in the homicide investigation, and the Rubicon women are thrown into chaos.

With Jack and Beth's help, Lana uncovers a web of lies, family vendettas, and land disputes lurking beneath the surface of a community populated by folksy conservationists and wealthy ranchers. But as their amateur snooping advances into ever-more dangerous territory, the headstrong Rubicon women must learn to do the one thing they've always resisted: depend on each other.



The Fraud

Zadie Smith

From acclaimed and bestselling novelist Zadie Smith, a kaleidoscopic work of historical fiction set against the legal trial that divided Victorian England, about who deserves to tell their story—and who deserves to be believed

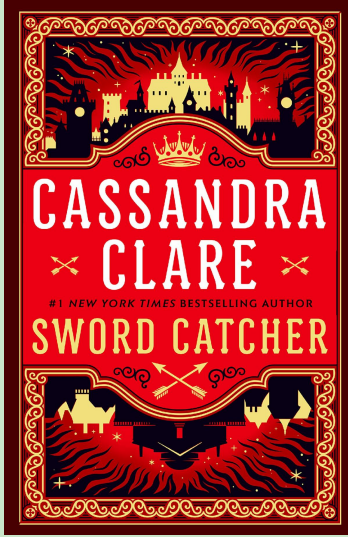
It is 1873. Mrs. Eliza Touchet is the Scottish housekeeper—and cousin by marriage—of a once-famous novelist, now in decline, William Ainsworth, with whom she has lived for thirty years.

Mrs. Touchet is a woman of many interests: literature, justice, abolitionism, class, her cousin, his wives, this life and the next. But she is also sceptical. She suspects her cousin of having no talent; his successful friend, Mr. Charles Dickens, of being a bully and a moralist; and England of being a land of facades, in which nothing is quite what it seems.

The “Tichborne Trial”—wherein a lower-class butcher from Australia claimed he was in fact the rightful heir of a sizable estate and title—captivates Mrs. Touchet and all of England. Is Sir Roger Tichborne really who he says he is? Or is he a fraud?

Based on real historical events, *The Fraud* is a dazzling novel about truth and fiction, Jamaica and Britain, fraudulence and authenticity and the mystery of “other people

Sword Catcher



Cassandra Clare

Two outcasts find themselves at the center of world-altering change in the start of a riveting epic fantasy series from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Shadowhunter Chronicles*.

In the vibrant city-state of Castellane, the richest of nobles and the most debauched of criminals have one thing in common: the constant search for wealth, power, and the next hedonistic thrill.

Kel is an orphan, stolen from the life he knew to become the Sword-Catcher—the body-double of a royal heir, Prince Conor Aurelian. He has been raised alongside the prince, trained in every aspect of combat and statecraft.

Lin Caster is one of the Ashkar, a small community who still possess magical abilities. By law, they must live behind walls in the city, but Lin, a physician, ventures out to tend to the sick and dying of Castellane. Despite her skills, she cannot heal her best friend Mariam without access to forbidden knowledge.

As long-kept secrets begin to unravel, they must ask themselves: Is knowledge worth the price of betrayal? Can forbidden love bring down a kingdom? And will Lin and Kel's discoveries plunge their nation into war—and the world into chaos?



Devil Makes Three

Ben Fountain

From the award-winning, bestselling author of *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* comes a brilliant and propulsive new novel about greed, power, and American complicity set in Haiti

"An engrossing, psychologically complex and politically astute novel." —*The New York Times*

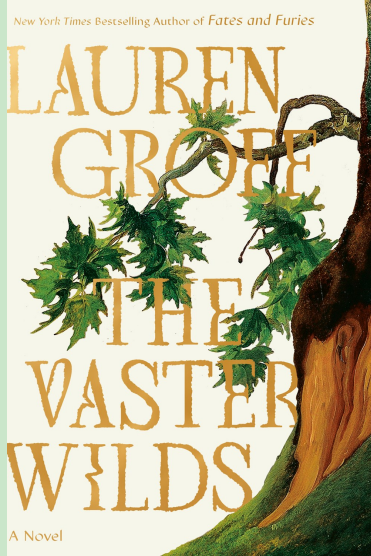
Haiti, 1991. When a violent coup d'état leads to the fall of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, American expat Matt Amaker is forced to abandon his idyllic, beachfront scuba business. With the rise of a brutal military dictatorship and an international embargo threatening to destroy even the country's most powerful players, some are looking to gain an advantage in the chaos—and others are just looking to make it through another day.

Devil Makes Three's depiction of blood politics, the machinations of power, and a country in the midst of upheaval is urgently and insistently resonant.

The Vaster Wilds

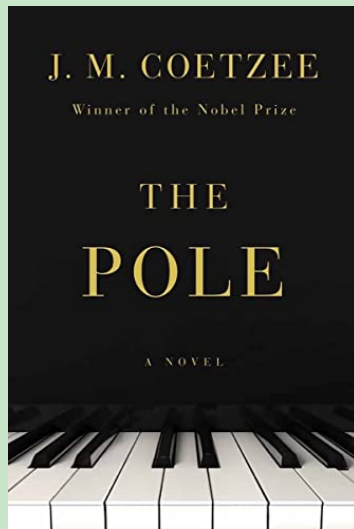
Lauren Groff

A taut and electrifying novel from celebrated bestselling author Lauren Groff, about one spirited girl alone in the wilderness, trying to survive



A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief in everything that her own civilization has taught her.

Lauren Groff's new novel is at once a thrilling adventure story and a penetrating fable about trying to find a new way of living in a world succumbing to the churn of colonialism. *The Vaster Wilds* is a work of raw and prophetic power that tells the story of America in miniature, through one girl at a hinge point in history, to ask how—and if—we can adapt quickly enough to save ourselves.



The Pole

J.M. Coetzee

A psychologically probing, compulsively readable novel about dogged love and the unpredictability of human relationships—from the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Disgrace*.

Exacting yet maddeningly unpredictable, J. M. Coetzee's *The Pole* tells the story of Wittold Walcczykicz, a vigorous, "extravagantly white-haired" Polish pianist who becomes infatuated with Beatriz, a stylish patron of the arts, after she helps organize his Barcelona concert. Although Beatriz, a married woman, is initially unimpressed by Wittold, she soon finds herself pursued and ineluctably swept into the world of the journeyman performer.

As he sends her letters, extends countless invitations to travel, and even visits her husband's summer home in Mallorca, their unlikely relationship blossoms, though, it seems, only on her terms. The power struggle between them intensifies— Is it Beatriz who limits their passion by controlling her emotions? Or is it Wittold, trying to force into life his dream of love?

Evocative of Joyce's "The Dead," *The Pole* is a haunting work, evoking the "inexhaustible palette of sensations, from blind love to compassion" (*El País*) typical of Coetzee's finest novels.

Elon Musk

Walter Isaacson

From the author of *Steve Jobs* and other bestselling biographies, this is the astonishingly intimate story of the most fascinating and controversial innovator of our era—a rule-breaking visionary who helped to lead the world into the era of electric vehicles, private space exploration, and artificial intelligence. Oh, and took over Twitter.

When Elon Musk was a kid in South Africa, he was regularly beaten by bullies. One day a group pushed him down some



concrete steps and kicked him until his face was a swollen ball of flesh. He was in the hospital for a week. But the physical scars were minor compared to the emotional ones inflicted by his father, an engineer, rogue, and charismatic fantasist.

His father's impact on his psyche would linger. He developed into a tough yet vulnerable man-child, prone to abrupt Jekyll-and-Hyde mood swings, with an exceedingly high tolerance for risk, a craving for drama, an epic sense of mission, and a maniacal intensity that was callous and at times destructive.

At the beginning of 2022—after a year marked by SpaceX launching thirty-one rockets into orbit, Tesla selling a million cars, and him becoming the richest man on earth—Musk spoke ruefully about his compulsion to stir up dramas. “I need to shift my mindset away from being in crisis mode, which it has been for about fourteen years now, or arguably most of my life,” he said.

For two years, Isaacson shadowed Musk, attended his meetings, walked his factories with him, and spent hours interviewing him, his family, friends, coworkers, and adversaries. The result is the revealing inside story, filled with amazing tales of triumphs and turmoil, ..

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, Adult Activities and "community" events. Proceeds from Donations, Book Sales, and Fundraisers fund activities.

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