

Fireside Book Chats: Winter 2019



“Can’t Wait nonfiction” - Jeff’s suggestions for titles coming out this spring

Brinkley, Douglas. *American moonshot : John F. Kennedy and the great space race*, (Apr 2019). Bestselling historian Brinkley spins a political, cultural, and scientific history of the U.S. victory in the 1960s space race that includes new primary source material and interviews with participants.

Burtka, David. *Life is a party : deliciously doable recipes to make every day a celebration*, (Apr 2019). Actor and chef Burtka (and Neil Patrick Harris’ husband) shares 100 recipes, party themes, music lists, and decor tips for all budgets.

Cullen, Dave. *Parkland*, (Feb 2019). The author of *Columbine* returns with an account of the survivor-activists spurred to action by the February 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Diamond, Jared. *Upheaval : turning points for nations in crisis*, (May 2019). The author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel* returns with a comparison of nations’ abilities to recover from cataclysms, arguing that countries that survive do so by self-reflecting and adapting.

Druyan, Ann. *Cosmos : possible worlds*, (Apr 2019). Druyan celebrates her late husband, astrophysicist Carl Sagan, with a sequel to his 1980 bestseller, *Cosmos*. Neil deGrasse Tyson—today’s Sagan—contributes a foreword.

Gates, Melinda. *The moment of lift : how empowering women changes the world*, (Apr 2019). The cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation argues that successful societies are those that empower women and make sure that they have the same opportunities as men.

Gopnik, Adam. *A thousand small sanities : the moral adventure of liberalism*, (May 2019). New Yorker staff writer Gopnik offers a liberal manifesto structured around the lives of the tradition’s notables, from Montaigne to civil rights leaders.

Harris, Kamala. *The truths we hold : an American journey*, (Jan 2019). Senator Kamala Harris’ memoir is incredible, tracing her journey from childhood to becoming a prosecutor and fostering her passion for justice. No matter where you fall politically, there’s no denying that Kamala’s story is worth the read.

Land, Stephanie. *Maid : hard work, low pay, and a mother’s will to survive*, (Jan 2019). In this memoir about her years spent working as a maid while raising her daughter, Land explores the underbelly of upper-middle class America and the reality of those people in service to them. It’s an eye-opening exploration of poverty in America, with a foreword by Barbara Ehrenreich.



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Mezrich, Ben. *Bitcoin billionaires : a true story of genius, betrayal, and redemption*, (May 2019). From bestselling author of *The accidental billionaires* and *Bringing down the house*, comes the fascinating story of brothers Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss's big bet on crypto-currency and its dazzling pay-off.

Quindlen, Anna. *Nanaville : adventures in grandparenting*, (Apr 2019). Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and bestselling author Quindlen considers the different roles we play throughout our lives. With the help of personal stories, the author offers advice on the unique joys and problems of middle age.

Robertson, Cara. *The trial of Lizzie Borden*, (Mar 2019). If you think you know the story of Lizzie Borden, think again. In this remarkable new account, Robertson takes readers behind-the-scenes of the trial that captivated a nation to reveal why and how the sensational story of the Borden murders — and the question of Lizzie's innocence — continue to endure over a century later.

Roe, Amy. *Becoming Boston strong : one woman's race to run and conquer the world's greatest marathon*, (Apr 2019). An inspiring story of author Amy Roe's journey from a non-runner to qualifying for the Boston Marathon — and eventually running it. Let's just say it'll motivate you.

Shapiro, Dani. *Inheritance : a memoir of genealogy, paternity, and love*. (Apr 2019). In her follow-up to *Hourglass*, Shapiro shares the emotional and genealogical journey she took after learning, to her utter surprise, that her father was not her biological father. It's a powerful memoir about identity, paternity, family, and, ultimately, love.

Union, Gabrielle. *We're going to need more wine*, (Jan 2019). This isn't just a regular memoir — this is a collection of super powerful essays about everything from fame to feminism. As anyone who's read her work before knows, Gabrielle Union's writing is funny, emotional, witty, and deeply thought-provoking.

Winfrey, Oprah. *The path made clear : discovering your life's direction and purpose*, (Mar 2019). Winfrey shares guidance for finding and following a vision. Mining her years of experience, she sets out milestones for creating a personalized definition of contentment.

Wohlleben, Peter. *The secret wisdom of nature : trees, animals, and the extraordinary balance of all living things*, (Mar 2019).

The bestselling author of *The secret life of trees* and *The inner life of animals* completes his trilogy with a captivating look at the amazing natural connections that hold our world together.

