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Fiction
<i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (Dial Press: \$22) A writer's correspondence with an island's inhabitants in the aftermath of German occupation.
<i>American Wife</i> by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House: \$26) A fictional portrait of an American first lady loosely based on Laura Bush
<i>Breaking Dawn</i> by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown: \$22.99) The final book in the "Twilight" saga finds Bella choosing immortality as a vampire.
<i>The Host</i> by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown: \$25.99) Alien invaders take over the minds of humans.
<i>The Story of Edgar Sawtelle</i> by David Wroblewski (Ecco: \$25.95) A mute dog breeder is banished by his uncle in this twist on "Hamlet."
<i>Eclipse</i> by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown: \$19.99) Bella must choose between her lover and a friend, life and death.
<i>The Book of Lies</i> by Brad Meltzer (Grand Central: \$25.99) The connection between the creation of Superman and the biblical story of Cain and Abel.
<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> by Garth Stein (Harper: \$23.95) A dog's-eye view of love, loyalty and sacrifice.
<i>The 19th Wife</i> by David Ebershoff (Random House: \$26) Two narratives intertwine in this story of polygamy, past and present.
<i>Dark Curse</i> by Christine Feehan (Berkley: \$24.95) A Carpathian Dragonseeker seeks to uncover the source of her nightmares.
<i>Devil Bones</i> by Kathy Reichs (Scribner: \$25.95) A forensic anthropologist encounters voodoo and devil worship in her quest to identify two teenage victims.
<i>Silks</i> by Dick Francis and Felix Francis (Putnam: \$25.95) A lawyer defends a man accused of murdering a fellow jockey at a London racetrack.
<i>Home</i> by Marilynne Robinson (Farrar, Straus & Giroux: \$25) A brother and sister return home and attempt to bond while taking care of their sick father.
<i>Blood Memory</i> by Margaret Coel (Berkley: \$24.95) A reporter's investigation into tribal lands leads to a conspiracy involving her family.
<i>Moscow Rules</i> by Daniel Silva (Putnam: \$26.95) The death of a journalist leads Gabriel Allon to a Russian arms dealer.

Non-Fiction
<i>The Last Lecture</i> by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow (Hyperion: \$21.95) A professor's terminal cancer inspires a call to seize life's moments.
<i>Goodnight Bush</i> by Erich Origen and Gan Golan (Little, Brown: \$14.99) A parody of the children's classic "Goodnight Moon."
<i>When You Are Engulfed in Flames</i> by David Sedaris (Little, Brown: \$25.99) Musings on life and smoking.
<i>Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea</i> by Chelsea Handler (Simon Spotlight Entertainment: \$24.95) The talk-show host skewers dating, family and work.
<i>The Secret</i> by Rhonda Byrne (Beyond Words: \$23.95) Life's secrets, distilled from oral tradition, literature, religion and philosophy.
<i>sTORI Telling</i> by Tori Spelling (Simon Spotlight: \$24.95) The old-school "90210" star tells all.
<i>The Dark Side</i> by Jane Mayer (Doubleday: \$27.50) Mayer argues that the White House amassed power in the post-9/11 state of panic to devastating results.
<i>Mother on Fire</i> by Sandra Tsing Loh (Crown: \$23) A humorist's look at the state of schools, society and parenting in dysfunctional L.A.
<i>Hot, Flat, and Crowded</i> by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux: \$27.95) Solutions to overpopulation and the global warming crisis.
<i>The Obama Nation</i> by Jerome R. Corsi (Threshold Editions: \$28) The reasons against an Obama presidency and why he should be defeated.
<i>What I Talk About When I Talk About Running</i> by Haruki Murakami (Knopf: \$21) A writer reflects upon the influence the sport has had on his life.
<i>The 4-Hour Workweek</i> by Timothy Ferriss (Crown: \$19.95) A manifesto for the mobile lifestyle and living life on your own terms.
<i>The War Within</i> by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster: \$32) In his fourth book about the Bush presidency, Woodward reveals the dangers of unwarranted secrecy during the Iraq war.
<i>StrengthsFinder 2.0</i> by Tom Rath (Gallup Press: \$21.95) A guide to assess and assist in uncovering your talents and developing your strengths.
<i>The Limits of Power</i> by Andrew Bacevich (Metropolitan: \$24) A retired army colonel believes a return to traditional realistic principles will solve America's economic, military and political troubles.