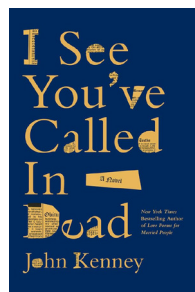


The Things They Carried

Tim O'Brien

March 10

O'Brien's collection of short stories, which he describes as fiction, is one of the most seminal works about the Vietnam War. It follows grunts trudging through hostile country and describes, as one might surmise from the title, the things they carried. These artifacts-comics, possible love letters, Bibles, photographs, and compasses, as well as the necessary array of military items-reflect the character of each man and the world in which he exists as a soldier.



I see You've Called in Dead

John Kenney

May 12

Obituary writer Bud Stanley isn't really living his best life. He's fallen into a funk after a divorce. (She left him for another man, who, in fairness, was far more interesting.) He's not doing his job well. He's given up on dating. And he's about to be fired for accidentally publishing his own obituary one mildly drunken night (though technically the company can't legally fire a dead person).

As Bud awaits his fate at work, he does the only logical thing: He goes to the wakes and funerals of total strangers to learn how to live again.



JOHN STEINBECK

THE PEARL

The Pearl

John Steinbeck

April 14

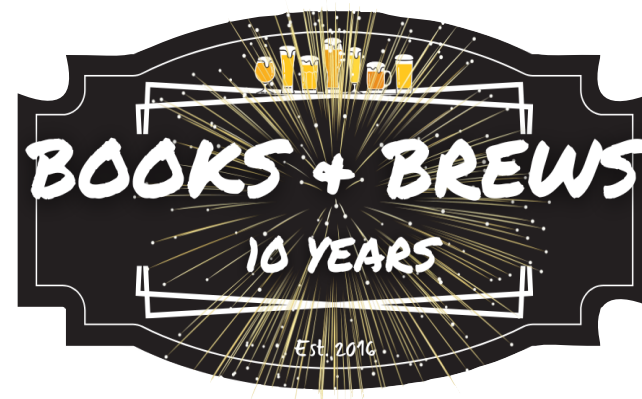
Like his father and grandfather before him, Kino is a poor diver, gathering pearls from the gulf beds that once brought great wealth to the Kings of Spain and now provide Kino, Juana, and their infant son with meager subsistence. Then, on a day like any other, Kino emerges from the sea with a pearl as large as a sea gull's egg, as "perfect as the moon." With the pearl comes hope, the promise of comfort and of security....



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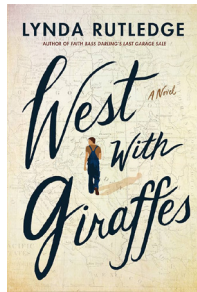


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**West with
Giraffes**

**Lynda
Rutledge**

September 9

**Meets at St. Paul
Episcopal Church
this month!**

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Woodrow. This tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, an old man with a past, a young photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

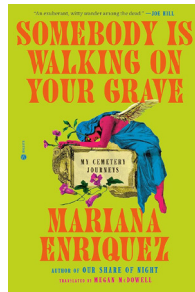


**The Island of
Dr. Moreau**

H.G. Wells

October 14

Adrift in a dinghy, Edward Prendick, the single survivor from the good ship Lady Vain, is rescued by a vessel carrying a profoundly unusual cargo - a menagerie of savage animals. Nursed to recovery by the keeper Montgomery, who gives him dark medicine that tastes of blood, Prendick soon finds himself stranded upon an uncharted island in the Pacific with his rescuer and the beasts. Here, he meets Montgomery's master, the sinister Doctor Moreau - a brilliant scientist whose notorious experiments in vivisection have caused him to abandon the civilized world. It soon becomes clear he has been developing these experiments - with truly horrific results.



**Somebody is
Walking on Your
Grave**

**Mariana
Enriquez**

November 11

Argentinian horror writer Enriquez takes readers on a journey through 21 cemeteries around the world, in cities including Barcelona, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Havana, Lima, London, New Orleans, Paris, and Savannah, plus several places in Argentina. Each chapter offers information about a particular cemetery, its history, and sometimes, background on the people buried there, such as AC/DC lead singer Bon Scott, interred in Australia, and Rabbi Judah Loew, buried in Prague. The book includes Enriquez's own photographs of graves and other landmarks, taken during her visits to the cemeteries. Writing in a candid, sometimes blunt style, she successfully captures the essence of the cemeteries she explores and the people she meets on her travels.



**The Autumn
Springs
Retirement Home
Massacre**

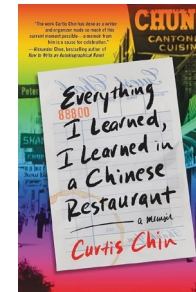
**Philip
Fracassi**

December 9

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Rose is in her late 70s, living out her golden years at the Autumn Springs Retirement Home. When one of her friends dies alone in her apartment, Rose isn't too concerned. Accidents happen, especially at this age! Then another resident drops dead. And another. With bodies stacking up, Rose can't help but wonder: are these accidents? Old age? Or something far more sinister?

Together with her best friend Miller, Rose begins to investigate. The further she digs, the more convinced she becomes: there's a killer on the loose at Autumn Springs, and if she isn't careful, Rose may be their next victim.

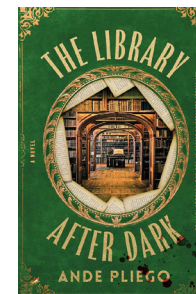


**Everything
I Learned, I
Learned in a
Chinese
Restaurant**

Curtis Chin

January 13

Nineteen eighties Detroit was a volatile place to live, but above the fray stood a safe haven: Chung's Cantonese Cuisine, where anyone-from the city's first Black mayor to the local drag queens, from a big-time Hollywood star to elderly Jewish couples-could sit down for a warm, home-cooked meal. Here was where filmmaker and activist Curtis Chin came of age; where he learned to embrace his identity as a gay ABC, or American-born Chinese; where he navigated the divided city's spiraling misfortunes; and where-between helpings of almond boneless chicken and sweet-and-sour pork, he realized just how much he had to offer to the world, to his beloved family, and to himself.



**The Library After
Dark**

Ande Pliego

February 10

Aria Stokes lives in a tiny New York apartment, works as a bookseller, and is dating bookstore regular Jasper.

As a surprise, Jasper gets tickets to a tour of the Daedalus Library—the grandiose building famed for its reading rooms and its rumored hauntings. While Aria normally loves all things ghostly, this place holds more secrets than she'd prefer Jasper to know. Like that the last time she was here, she left a body behind.

But when the door malfunctions and Aria, Jasper, and five others become trapped in the library, they are forced to venture through rooms and hidden passages in search of escape. And Aria quite literally has nowhere to hide from the shadows of her past.