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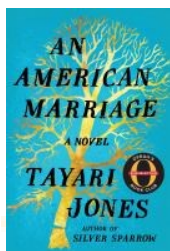
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Holiday gift guide 2018

Got a book, music, or movie lover on your list but not sure what to get them?

Check out these gift suggestions from Belmont Public Library staff.

Books

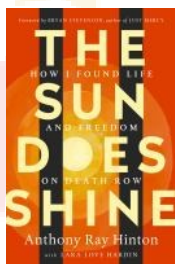


[An American marriage](#) by Tayari Jones

What it's about: The toll that the false conviction of a black man takes on him and his wife.

Who you should get it for: Readers who enjoy books about complex relationships and the effects of institutionalized racism.

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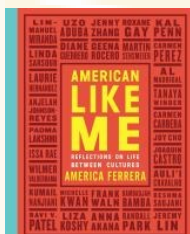


[The sun does shine](#) by Anthony Ray Hinton

What it's about: The memoir of a man who spent 27 years on death row for crimes he did not commit.

Who you should get it for: People with a passion for social justice.

Borrow before you buy: 364.66 HIN



[American like me](#) edited by America Ferrara

What it's about: Actress/activist Ferrara and 31 other celebrities describe their experiences growing up in multicultural households in the U.S.

Who you should get it for: People who can relate to or appreciate multiculturalism and the immigrant experience.

Borrow before you buy: 305.8 FER



[Look alive twenty-five](#) by Janet Evanovich

What it's about: Stephanie Plum must figure out why managers at a world famous New Jersey deli keep disappearing.

Who you should get it for: Any fan of mystery fiction.

Borrow before you buy: MYS EVA



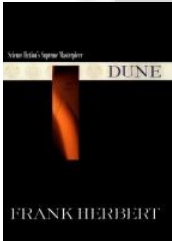
[Led Zeppelin](#) by Led Zeppelin

What it's about: The first illustrated biography of the legendary rock group done with their input.

Who you should get it for: Fans of classic rock.

Borrow before you buy: 780.92 LED ZEPPELIN/LED

If you like this list check out our themed book lists at <https://belmontpubliclibrary.net/services/staff-picks/>

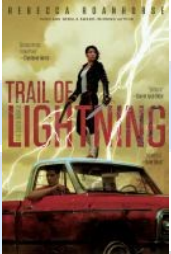


[Dune](#) by Frank Herbert

What it's about: The first entry in Herbert's classic science fiction series set in the distant future where planets are fought over like land is today, filming for a new movie adaptation is set to start in 2019.

Who you should get it for: The friend who insists on reading the book before seeing the movie.

Borrow before you buy: SCI FIC HEB



[Trail of lightning](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse

What it's about: A Dine (the descendants of the Navajo) monster hunter must fight for the survival of her people when a new breed of monsters emerge in a world ravaged by a massive flood where the monsters and gods of Native American legends have come back to Earth.

Who you should get it for: The friend who would totally have your back in the apocalypse.

Borrow before you buy: SCI FIC ROA



[Elevation](#) by Stephen King

What it's about: The scale says Scott is losing weight but he still looks the same, add the issues he's having with his neighbors (who have a crisis of their own) and he's got his hands full in Castle Rock.

Who you should get it for: King fans who have enjoyed his other titles set in Castle Rock.

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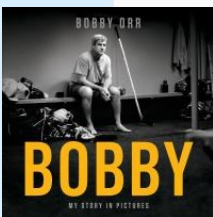


[Witchmark](#) by C.L. Polk

What it's about: In an alternate Edwardian England Miles Singer must hide his identity as a witch to avoid being enslaved by his family or imprisoned for life.

Who you should get it for: The historic fantasy reader on your list.

Borrow before you buy: FIC POL

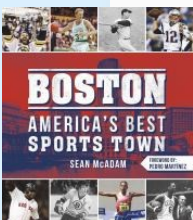


[Bobby: my story in pictures](#) by Bobby Orr

What it's about: The Bruins legend shares photos and stories from his life and career.

Who you should get it for: The hockey fan on your list.

Borrow before you buy: 796.962 ORR, B./ORR



[Boston: America's best sports town](#) by Sean McAdam

What it's about: McAdam explores the highs and lows of the Boston sports scene since 2002, a timespan where the town has seen a plethora of professional championships.

Who you should get it for: Any Boston sports fan who is still enjoying basking in the glow.

Borrow before you buy: 796 MCA



[Belichick: the making of the greatest football coach of all time](#) by Ian O'Connor

What it's about: A biography that delves deeply into the personal and professional life of the Patriots coach.

Who you should get it for: The football fan who isn't giving up his/her Sunday tradition anytime soon.

Borrow before you buy: 796.332 BELICHICK, B./OCO



Cook like a pro by Ina Garten

What it's about: The Barefoot Contessa shares her tips and tricks to take your cooking skills to the next level.

Who you should get it for: Experienced and novice chefs alike who want to improve their skills.

Borrow before you buy: 641.5 GAR

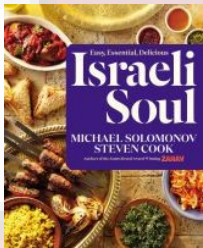


Cravings: hungry for more by Chrissy Teigen

What it's about: In her second cookbook Teigen offers meals designed to maximize flavor while minimizing time.

Who you should get it for: Busy parents who are looking for new meals to add to their rotation.

Borrow before you buy: 641.5 TEI

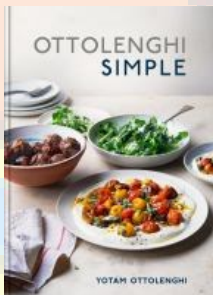


Israeli soul: easy, essential delicious by Michael Solomonov and Stephen Cook

What it's about: A tour of Israeli cuisine that includes photos to help readers master the techniques.

Who you should get it for: Someone who would enjoy culture and history with their recipes.

Borrow before you buy: 641.5956 SOL

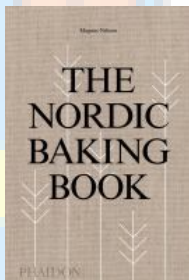


Simple by Yottam Ottolenghi with Tara Wigley and Esme Howarth

What it's about: All of the 130 dishes in this volume can be prepared in under a half hour and with ten or fewer ingredients.

Who you should get it for: Chefs looking to find a *simple* way to incorporate new flavors into their everyday cooking.

Borrow before you buy: 641.5 OTT



The Nordic baking book by Magnus Nilsson

What it's about: Nilsson shows readers how to make traditional Nordic baked goods.

Who you should get it for: The baker on your list who is looking to try a new styles and flavors.

Borrow before you buy: 641.71 NIL



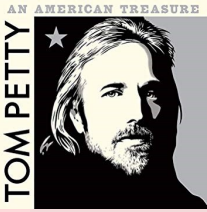
Sister Pie: the recipes and stories of a big-hearted bakery in Detroit by Lisa Ludwinski

What it's about: The Detroit pie shop owner (where no one leaves without a slice, even those without money for one) shares 74 of her favorite variations on the dessert.

Who you should get it for: The baker on your list who isn't afraid to experiment.

Borrow before you buy: 641.5 GAR

Music and movies

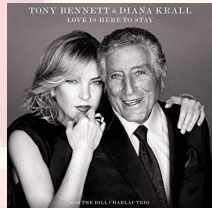


[An American treasure](#) by Tom Petty

What it's about: The career spanning album features never before released original songs and alternate recordings of some of Petty's classics.

Who you should get it for: Music fans who love discovering new work from prolific artists.

Borrow before you buy: CD/POP/PETTY/AME

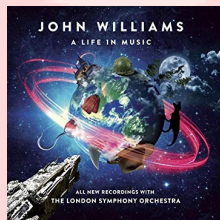


[Love is here to stay](#) by Tony Bennett and Diana Krall

What it's about: The two legendary entertainers perform songs written by Ira and George Gershwin.

Who you should get it for: Fans of musicals and the crooners.

Borrow before you buy: CD/POP/BENNETT/LOV



[John Williams: a life in music](#) performed by the London Symphony Orchestra

What it's about: The London Symphony Orchestra performs selections from Williams' Oscar winning career.

Who you should get it for: Movie buffs and orchestral music fans.

Borrow before you buy: CD/CLASSICAL/WILLIAMS/LIF



[Songs for the saints](#) by Kenny Chesney

What it's about: Chesney's latest album was inspired by the recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

Who you should get it for: The country music fan in your life.

Borrow before you buy: CD/COUNTRY/CHESNEY/SON



[Dirty computer](#) by Janelle Monae

What it's about: Monae's April 2018 release is a reflection of her feelings about being black, LGBTQ, and female in a world where there are barriers for all three demographics.

Who you should get it for: Those looking for great music with a message behind it.

Borrow before you buy: CD/POP/MONAE/DIR



[Won't you be my neighbor?](#)

What it's about: Documentary exploring the life and work of Fred Rogers.

Who you should get it for: Anyone with fond memories of the Mr. Rogers PBS show.

Borrow before you buy: DVD 791.45 Rogers, F./WON



[Sorry to bother you](#)

What it's about: Satirical film set in an alternate present-day Oakland where a call center employee finds a magic key to professional and monetary success.

Who you should get it for: Comedy lovers who love it even more when the film has something to say about society.

Borrow before you buy: DVD SOR