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Holiday gift guide 2020

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Check out these gift suggestions from Belmont Public Library staff.

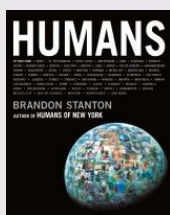


JFK: coming of age in the American Century by Fredrik Logevall

What it's about: Logevall details Kennedy's life up to 1956, dispelling some myths and looking at the events that would shape his worldview.

Who you should get it for: The history buff on your list who can't get enough of one of America's most famous families.

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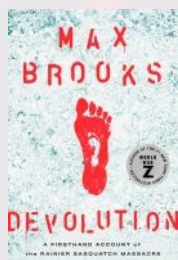


Humans by Brandon Stanton

What it's about: Stanton shares his collection of photographs of everyday people from over forty countries, each with their own story to tell.

Who you should get it for: Anyone who is interested in learning about the human experience on many levels..

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Devolution by Max Brooks

What it's about: Brooks is at his horror and intensity best as a Washington community is attacked by Sasquatches in the wake of an eruption of Mount Rainier.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who believes.

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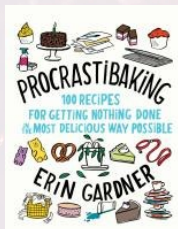


Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid

What it's about: A novel telling the behind the scenes story of a rock band in the '70s.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who watched every episode of *Behind the Music*.

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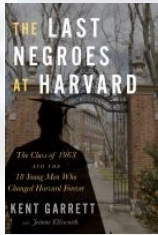
Procrastibaking by Erin Gardner

What it's about: A fun collection of recipes to pick up and bake when you should be doing something else...

Who you should get it for: That family member who can't seem to stay on task.

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The last negroes at Harvard by Kent Garrett

What it's about: The author describes the journey for himself and the 17 black students admitted to Harvard in 1959.

Who you should get it for: People motivated to learn more about civil rights.

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Ties that tether by Jane Igharo

What it's about: A Nigerian-Canadian woman must choose between her heart and her promise to her family in this romance.

Who you should get it for: The person with a big family and a stack of romance novels on their nightstand.

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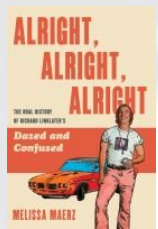


Over the top by Jonathan Van Ness

What it's about: The *Queer Eye* star shares what life was like growing up in the Midwest while embracing being different.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who can be accurately described by the title.

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Alright, alright, alright by Melissa Maerz

What it's about: Maerz looks at the cult classic *Dazed and Confused* in this oral history.

Who you should get it for: Your family member who is constantly talking about the indie film scene.

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Modern comfort food by Ina Garten

What it's about: The Barefoot Contessa shares her collections of recipes derived from classic childhood favorites.

Who you should get it for: Anyone who can appreciate some nostalgia and hearty food.

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Black sun by Rebecca Roanhorse

What it's about: The first entry in Roanhorse's new *Between Earth and Sky* trilogy is an epic fantasy story inspired by the beliefs of Central and South America.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who won't stop talking about the *Game of Thrones* finale.

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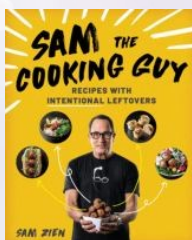


The switch by Beth O'Leary

What it's about: Each in desperate need of a change, a grandmother and granddaughter swap homes to reinvigorate their lives.

Who you should get it for: Fans of light and humorous romance.

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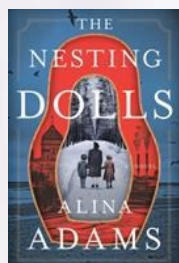


Sam the cooking guy by Sam Zien

What it's about: The YouTube star presents a collection of recipes that encourage you to cook too much and shows you how to breathe new life into those leftovers.

Who you should get it for: The person with no time to cook from scratch daily but is getting bored by the same meal each night.

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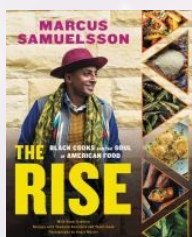


The nesting dolls by Alina Adams

What it's about: This epic family tale spans three generations of Russian women, looking at the choices they're faced with and what those choices mean for their descendants.

Who you should get it for: Anyone who loves history or a realistic story about family

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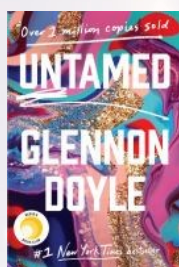


The rise by Marcus Samuelsson

What it's about: Samuelsson looks at the historic and current contributions of black cooks in the US in this recipe book full of history.

Who you should get it for: The history buff who spends all day in the kitchen.

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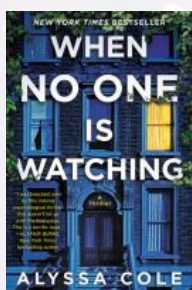


Untamed by Glennon Doyle

What it's about: Doyle's riveting memoir tracks her self discovery and rails against the societal expectations for women that they experience from the day they are born.

Who you should get it for: People who are not afraid to be themselves.

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When no one is watching by Alyssa Cole

What it's about: While designing a walking tour of her historically black Brooklyn neighborhood, Sydney discovers that the recent gentrification might have more nefarious operations behind it than just pricing out longtime residents.

Who you should get it for: The person who enjoys a thriller with social commentary.

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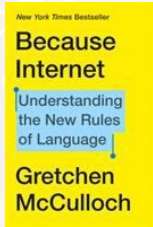


The worst best man by Mia Sosa

What it's about: A wedding planner who got left at the altar must now work with her would be groom's brother if she wants the job of a lifetime, all while realizing she's attracted to the man she despises.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who likes romances that don't leave you wondering what happens once the bedroom door closes.

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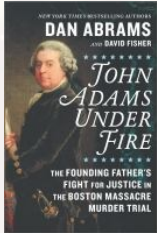


Because Internet by Gretchen McCulloch

What it's about: An entertaining look at how the English language has evolved since the advent of the Internet.

Who you should get it for: Your favorite word nerd.

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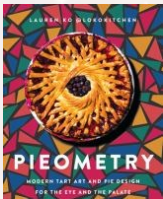


John Adams under fire by Dan Abrams and David Fisher

What it's about: Abrams and Fisher look at the trial where Adams defended the British troops accused of murder in the wake of the Boston Massacre.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who could give a guided tour of The Freedom Trail.

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Pieometry by Lauren Ko

What it's about: Ko, who has a following on Instagram because of her artistic pies, shares her secrets for making her pastries both delicious and aesthetically pleasing.

Who you should get it for: Someone looking to take their food art to the next level.

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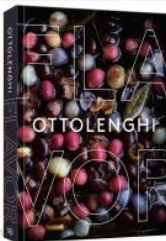


Boyfriend material by Alexis Hall

What it's about: Two mismatched men create a fake relationship because of each's dire need for a date for their upcoming big events, only to find opposites do attract.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who has been watching Hallmark movies nonstop since the beginning of November.

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Ottolenghi flavor by Yotam Ottolenghi

What it's about: The award winning chef is back with another collection of recipes and techniques to get the most out of cooking with vegetables.

Who you should get it for: Your family member who has sworn they're getting off of red meat for decades.

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Movies and TV



The Grand Budapest Hotel (New Director's Edition)

What it's about: Set in a hotel in the Alps between the World Wars, this Wes Anderson film follows a legendary concierge and his most trusted friend and colleague.

Who you should get it for: Your friend who's always telling you about the genius of Wes Anderson.

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Schitt's Creek. The Complete Collection

What it's about: The sitcom follows the formerly super wealthy Rose family as they piece their lives back together when all they have left is the rural town they purchased in jest.

Who you should get it for: Your sibling who giggled the second they heard the name of the show.

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