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Austen fans looking for something new will thrill to see familiar characters in a modern setting with a pounding backbeat and electrified vibe. *Train Dreams* transports readers deep into the landscape of American mythology, stripped of heroics (Viking, \$30.) This careful biography presents a more complete and unvarnished version of its subject's life than the one found in "The Autobiography."

THE MEMORY CHALET *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend* Susan Orlean (Simon & Schuster) Orlean follows up her bestselling *The Orchid Thief* with another tale of dedication in the face of adversity, disbelief, even common sense. This one centering on Rin Tin Tin, the German shepherd responsible for a film and TV dynasty. It's a kick in your pants kind of book that's very popular today (I talk about this in my podcast on Christian books. The books on my list are deeper than the average Christian book that one will find in a Christian bookstore (Scribner, \$24.)

DeLillo's first collection of short fiction, compiling stories written between 1979 and 2011, serves as a liberating reminder that terror existed long before there was a war on it.

KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR: How Physics and Scientific Thinking Illuminate the Universe and the Modern World Mary McDonough, Jeane Guyon, Rosalind Rinker, and Ruth Paxson were women.

THE SENSE OF AN ENDING May I highly suggest: *The Practice Of The Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence; *Jerusalem In The Time Of Jesus*, Joachim Jermias; *The Method and Message of Jesus Teachings*, Stein; *Christianity With Power*, Kraft.

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COCKTAIL HOUR UNDER THE TREE OF FORGETFULNESS (Random House, \$26.) This memoir by the chef at the Manhattan restaurant Prune is a story of hungers specific and vague. Read a little, but it didn't grab me.

By John Sayles. By Errol Morris. Holiday Gift Guide. Among other radical notions, Lucretius claimed that all matter is composed of atoms and that human beings simply return to this cosmic atomic dance when we die (Harper/HarperCollins, \$24.99.) Weighed down by grief after the death of his mother, the author makes a pilgrimage to Mount Kailas, venerated by Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and others.

THE SWERVE: How the World Became Modern Jerusalem, Jerusalem: How the Ancient City Ignited Our Modern World James Carroll (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) Carroll brings his powers of observation, intellect, and passion to the city that epitomizes both faith and conflict, incisively raising, and answering, the question of sacred violence that haunts not only history but also contemporary life.

Maybe the most audacious question that's posed by Waldman's novel is the implicit one that lingers long after a reader has finished it: Namely, could it be that a decade after the attacks, America finally has the Sept.

Reply By Helen Schulman. TOP 10 > The Marriage Plot Jeffrey Eugenides (Farrar, Straus and Giroux) Like many of the heroines of the Victorian novels she favors, Madeline Hanna, Brown University class of 1982 English major, must choose between men: the hungry wanderer Mitchell Grammaticus or the brilliant but troubled Leonard Bankhead.

Beauty Queens Libba Bray (Scholastic Press) Few books are as unabashedly outrageous and fun as Bray's story of a plane full of teenage beauty queen contestants that crashes on a deserted island.

ONE DAY I WILL WRITE ABOUT THIS PLACE: A Memoir Translated by Imre Goldstein. But really, that sort of imaginative extrapolation is the whole point of the earlier book, an exercise formalized in this volume with creepy, funny, and provocative entries from the likes of Sherman Alexie, Kate DiCamillo, Gregory Maguire, and Van Allsburg himself.

After the Apocalypse Maureen McHugh (Small Beer) Incisive, contemporary, and always surprising, McHugh's second collection confronts near-future life with an ironic and particular eye.

By Russell Banks

Love and Capital: Karl Marx and Jenny Marx and the Birth of a Revolution Mary Gabriel (Little, Brown) Gabriel offers a magisterial account of the lives of Karl Marx and his wife, Jenny von Westphalen, remarkable for the ease with which it moves between the domestic and the political spheresBy Evgeny MorozovBy Matthew ZapruderThe Illumination by Kevin Brockmeier Hardcover, 257 pages, Random House Inc, \$24.95, published February 1 2011 purchase close overlay Buy Featured Book TitleThe IlluminationAuthorKevin Brockmeier Your purchase helps support NPR programmingReply Frank Viola says April 12, 2012 at 4:00 PM Howie: Love your dad, broRead and lighten upTO END ALL WARS: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918By Haruki Murakami d53ff467a2

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