EVENTS

Fall books: 30 top titles for your night table

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Prepare to be swept away by hours of pleasurable reading. This fall's upcoming books include novels by Jonathan Franzen, Salman Rushdie, Geraldine Brooks and John Irving. It's a strong season for memoirs, too, with new books by Gloria Steinem, Carrie Brownstein, Patti Smith and master swimmer Diana Nyad.

Books are listed by month of publication and then alphabetically by author.

Fiction

September

"Purity" by Jonathan Franzen (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). Franzen's long-awaited new novel tells the story of Purity, a young woman who follows a German peace activist to South America to work for the Sunlight Project, a WikiLeaks type of organization. Unsurprisingly, she finds that power corrupts.

"Fear of Dying" by Erica Jong (St. Martin's Press). The author of "Fear of Flying" confronts mortality, as a woman with ailing parents and a pregnant daughter seeks diversion by placing an online ad in search of someone to "come celebrate Eros one afternoon per week."

"The Girl in the Spider's Web: A Lisbeth Salander Novel" by David Lagercrantz (Knopf). This book continues Stieg Larsson's Millennium Series. Larsson died of a heart attack in 2004. Following a court battle over his estate, his father and brother authorized this fourth novel, extending the story of journalist Mikael Blomkvist and computer hacker Lisbeth Salander. Lagercrantz is a Swedish journalist and author.

"Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Days" by Salman Rushdie (Random House). Taking "1,001 Arabian Nights" as his inspiration, Rushdie tells an intricately layered story in which a fantasy world and the real thing collide and converge in New York City.

October

"The Secret Chord" by Geraldine Brooks (Viking). Brooks, a Pulitzer-Prize-winning novelist who has used the history of religion in her fiction ("People of the Book"), bases her new story on the life of King David.

"Career of Evil" by Robert Galbraith (Little Brown/Mulholland). Third in the superb Cormoran Strike mystery series by J.K. Rowling (Galbraith is her pen name for mysteries). Strike, British war veteran-turned-detective, teams with his bright assistant/sidekick Robin Ellacott to try to puzzle out why someone would send him a woman's severed leg in the mail.

"A Banquet of Consequences: A Lynley Novel" by Elizabeth George (Viking). In the Seattle-area novelist's 20th book in this series, Havers and Lynley team up again to solve a mystery set partly in the Dorset town of Shaftesbury.

"100 Years of the Best American Short Stories," edited by Lorrie Moore and Heidi Pitlor (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). An epic volume that collects stories by authors ranging from Edna Ferber to John Cheever to Junot Diaz, among others, including Seattle's Sherman Alexie.

"A Strangeness in My Mind" by Orhan Pamuk (Knopf). In this tale with multiple strands, the Nobel Prize-winning author tells the story of an Istanbul street vendor and his greatest love.

November

"The Japanese Lover" by Isabel Allende (Atria). Allende's latest is a historical novel that moves from Poland and America during World War II to present-day San Francisco, as an elderly designer and her assistant share stories and secrets of their remarkable pasts.

"Avenue of Mysteries" by John Irving (Simon & Schuster). Irving's latest novel chronicles the life of Juan Diego, a Mexican man with a sister who can read minds and perhaps the future. As an adult, a trip to the Philippines sends him back to his dreams and his memories.

Nonfiction

September

"Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear" by Elizabeth Gilbert (Riverhead). Gilbert, author of the wildly successful memoir "Eat, Pray, Love" and a successful novelist ("The Signature of All Things") offers her prescriptions for unlocking the creativity within.

"Writing Across the Landscape: Travel Journals 1950-2013" by Lawrence Ferlinghetti (Liveright/Norton). In his ninth decade, one of the Beat poets publishes his writings on world travel, from the 1960s to 21st-century trips to Mexico and Belize.

"The Art of Memoir" by Mary Karr (Harper). Karr started the memoir craze with her 1995 book "The Liar's Club," about her hair-raising upbringing in southeast Texas, and followed that up with two more. In this book she discusses her own process of writing a memoir and that of other writers in the genre, including Hilary Mantel, Vladimir Nabokov and Frank McCourt.

"Once in a Great City" by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster). How Detroit, a city with a thriving auto industry and the Motown music scene, came to be teetering on the top of a long economic slide it's still trying to recover from.

"The Lost Landscape: A Writer's Coming of Age" by Joyce Carol Oates (Ecco). The prolific and much-honored author recalls her rural upbringing in New York state, her friendships, her family and her early experiences with death.

October

"Classical Seattle" by Melinda Bargreen (University of Washington Press). Bargreen, former classical music critic for The Seattle Times, chronicles the lives of the prominent figures in Seattle's classical music world, including conductors, performing artists, composers, arts organizers and arts leaders from the University of Washington, the Seattle Symphony and the Seattle Opera, among other organizations.

"The Courage to Act: A Memoir of a Crisis and its Aftermath" by Ben Bernanke (Norton). The former Federal Reserve chair tells the inside story of how he and other government leaders helped avert fiscal disaster in the financial crisis of 2008.

"Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl" by Carrie Brownstein (Riverhead). Memoir by the "Portlandia" star and rock musician, who was raised in Redmond and got her start in the riot grrrl era playing with band Sleater-Kinney.

"Unfaithful Music & Disappearing Ink" by Elvis Costello (Penguin/Blue Rider). Memoir from the talented, unconventional musician, songwriter and performer.

"Find a Way: One Wild and Precious Life" by Diana Nyad (Knopf). The super swimmer tells how she finally achieved her lifelong goal of swimming from Cuba to Florida — at age 64, and after four failed attempts.

"The Witches: Salem, 1692" by Stacy Schiff (Little, Brown). Pulitzer Prize winner Stacy Schiff ("Vera") revisits the infamous Salem, Mass., witch trials, which resulted in the execution of 20 men and women, looking at what they portended for the future of the country.

"M Train" by Patti Smith (Knopf). The musician follows her prizewinning memoir "Just Kids" with a chronicle of her favorite haunts.

"My Life on the Road" by Gloria Steinem (Random House). The feminist pioneer's memoir, her first book in 20 years, of her life on the road, the people she has met and what she learned along the way.

"Lafayette in the Somewhat United States" by Sarah Vowell (Riverhead). Vowell, the author of "Unfamiliar Fishes," a revisionist look at 19th century America's Manifest Destiny doctrine as it played out worldwide, puts her own spin on the story of the Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette.

"Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading Empires, and the Coming Collision of the World's Superpowers" by Simon Winchester (Harper) — a history of the Pacific Ocean and its emerging role in the modern world.

November

"Sam Phillips: The Man Who Invented Rock 'n' Roll" by Peter Guralnick (Little, Brown). The author of the critically acclaimed Elvis Presley biography "Last Train to Memphis" explores the life of Sam Phillips, the Sun Records impresario who launched the careers of Presley, Howlin' Wolf, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash, among others.

"Reporting Always: Writing for the New Yorker" by Lillian Ross (Scribner). A range of pieces spanning 60 years in the career of New Yorker writer Ross, with profiles of subjects ranging from a young Julie Andrews to Charlie Chaplin to Ernest Hemingway.

"John le Carre" by Adam Sisman (Harper). An authorized biography of the British intelligence agent who turned from spycraft to writing and became one of the greatest spy novelists of all time.

"The White Road: Journey Into An Obsession" by Edmund de Waal (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). The author of the memoir "The Hare with Amber Eyes" chronicles his lifelong obsession with porcelain.

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A Walk In The Woods (R)	11:20	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15
Transporter: Refuel (PG-13)	11:50	1:40	3:40	5:30	7:20	9:20
No Escape (R)	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30	7:30	9:30
Man from UNCLE (PG-13)	12:45	2:45		5:00	7:15	9:30
Vacation (R)	11:45	1:40	3:35	5:30	7:25	9:20
Pixels (PG-13)	11:20	1:25	3:30	5:35	7:40	9:45
Inside Out (PG)	11:20	1:10	3:00	5:10	7:20	9:10

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Things to Do

BANGOR — Honor Flight Maine will offer a presentation by Joy Asuncion, U.S. Navy retired, 2 p.m. Sept. 5, at Sunbury Village, 922 Ohio St. Asuncion will share veteran responses to their visits to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II Memorial Fountains, Korean War Memorial Garden and Vietnam War Memorial Wall. To RSVP, call 262-9600.

BANGOR — Bangor Historical Society 90-minute Mount Hope Cemetery walking tours, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 5, 19 and 26, starting from the superintendent's house, 1048 State St. Tours will include little-known facts about some of Bangor's residents who have been buried there since it was built in 1834. For information, call 942-1900, email info@bangorhistoricalsociety.org or visit BangorHistoricalSociety.org. Sponsored by Eaton Peabody.

BAR HARBOR — Red Cloak Haunted History Tour of Bar Harbor led by the "Lady in the Red Cloak" and her lantern, 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 1-9. Wind through the back streets and learn the early history of Bar Harbor, hear ancient superstitions, visit the Shore Path, take a trip by the Village Burying Ground and more. The moderate walk, suitable for all ages, lasts approximately 90 minutes and is by reservation only, so call 380-3806 or visit RedCloakHauntedHistoryTours.com to save a spot. Cost is $15 for adults, $7 for children under age 12, and free for children under 5.

BAR HARBOR — ImprovAcadia's 12th season, through Oct. 17, at the 50-seat theater, 15 Cottage St., second floor. The 8 p.m. shows are family-friendly, and 10 p.m. shows may contain adult content. Tickets are $17 for adults, and $12 for children 10 and under. Check improvacadia.com, call 288-2503 or email improvacadia@mindspring.com.

BOOTHBAY — Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, 132 Botanical Gardens Drive, off Barters Island Road, open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily through October. The Kitchen Garden Cafe in the Visitor Center open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Guests can explore miles of waterfront and woodland trails across the 270-acre grounds. Regular admission is $16 for adults, $14 for seniors 65 and older, $8 for children 3-17, and free for members and children under 3. For information and directions, call 633-8000 or visit MaineGardens.org.

BREWER — Join the Brewer Public Library's Knitting Socials to participate in a new community service project, in partnership with the Brewer Police Department, 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 4, 11 and 18, at the library's conference room. All knitters and crocheters welcome. For information, call 989-7943.

CAMDEN — Grammy winner Suzy Bogguss brings her blend of country, folk and acoustic music to the Camden Opera House as part of this year's Windjammer Festival, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at 29 Elm St. For information, call 236-7963 or visit CamdenOperaHouse.com.

EASTPORT — The Eastport Gallery will present the 18th annual Paint Eastport Day Saturday, Sept. 5, at Eastport Art Center, 36 Washington St., rain or shine. The event is open to all painters who wish to paint the city and its environs en plein air. Artists can register beginning at 7 a.m. at Eastport Art Center. Works must be done the day of the event. Media may include paints (acrylic, watercolors, oils, etc.), pastels, ink, pencil and film (photographs must be taken and processed the day of the event). Works are due back no later than 3 p.m. Reception and silent auction begins at 5 p.m., with bidding closing at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served during the bidding process.

EASTPORT — Outdoor movies sponsored by local businesses, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, at Eastport's Overland Park Amphitheater. "Princess Bride," Sept. 4; "Life of Pi," Sept. 18; and "Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Oct. 10. Free for all. Rain date is Saturday.

MONSON — Traditional Finn dance, 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Finn Hall on Route 15. Schottisches, polkas, waltzes and foxtrots to music led by Alexandra Conover Bennett on accordion. Cost is $8 per person, and free for children under 12. For information, call 997-3639.

YARMOUTH — Joseph Conforti, historian and author of "Lizzie Borden on Trial: Murder, Ethnicity, and Gender," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Yarmouth History Center, 118 East Elm St. Conforti is a native of Fall River, Massachusetts, the site of the infamous Borden murders, and he taught American and New England Studies at the University of Southern Maine for 24 years before retiring as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 2011. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing. Free for members of Yarmouth Historical Society and $5 for all others.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Friday prime time

MOVIES

		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC	207	Inside Ed.	America's Got Talent (HD) PG				Dateline NBC PG		News
	4 CBC	Gags	22 Minutes	Like Me	Like Me	The National (N)		News	Coronation	Backstage
	5 CBS	Big Bang	Mike	Elementary (HD)		Hawaii Five-0 (HD)		Blue Bloods (HD)		News
	52 CW	Family Guy	Family Guy	Masters of	Whose Line	Penn & Teller: Fool Us PG		News	Seinfeld PG	Cougar
	6 NBC	207	Inside Ed.	America's Got Talent (HD) PG				Dateline NBC PG		News
	7 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! G	Shark Tank (HD) PG		(:02) Shark Tank (HD) PG		20/20 (HD) PG		News
	WAGM FOX	The Insider	Ent	MasterChef (HD)		Gotham (HD)		News	The Middle	Law-SVU
	8 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! G	Great State	Blitz 8 High	(:02) Shark Tank (HD) PG		20/20 (HD) PG		News
	MPBN PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)		Washington	Charlie	American Masters (N) (HD) PG			Vicious (N)	C. Rose
	9 IND	Blue Bloods (HD)		★★ Warm Bodies (2013) Nicholas Hoult. PG-13				News-Lisa	CTV News	Big Bang
	13 CBS	Ent	The Insider	Elementary (HD)		Hawaii Five-0 (HD)		Blue Bloods (HD)		News
	22 FOX	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	MasterChef (HD)		Gotham (HD)		FOX 22 News at 10 (N)		Bones
	33 IND	M*A*S*H PG	M*A*S*H PG	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	38 IND	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bones (HD)		Bones (HD)		WBZ News (N) (HD)		Seinfeld PG
KIDS	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House G	Full House G	Full House G	Full House G	Friends
	DISN	Austin	Liv-Mad.	★★ Teen Beach Movie (2013)			Star-For.	Gravity Falls	Best Fr.	Jessie G
	FAM	★★★★ One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1961)				★★★ The Jungle Book (1967) Voices of Phil Harris.				700 Club
LEARN	HIST	(6:00) Ancient Aliens PG		Ancient Aliens PG		Ancient Aliens (N) PG		(:03) Ancient Aliens PG		Aliens
	DISC	Bering Sea Gold (ESP)		Bering Sea Gold: Dredged		Bering Sea Gold (N)		(:02) Edge of Alaska (N)		Bering Gold
	TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	ANPL	Mermaids: The Body Found PG				(:02) The Cannibal in the Jungle PG				Mermaids
SPORTS	CSNE	SportsNet	Early	Quick	Blazers	Quick	Felger	Sports	SportsNet	Sports
	ESPN	College Football Baylor at Southern Methodist. (N) L						College Football		
	ESPN2	2015 U.S. Open Tennis Third Round. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) L								SportCtr
	NBCSP	NASCAR	Mobsteel PG		Mobsteel PG		NASCAR Racing			
	NESN	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Boston Red Sox. (N) L						Extra	Red Sox	Sports
NEWS	CNBC	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Greed
	CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 PG		Death Row Stories		Death Row Stories		Death Row
	FNC	Greta Van Susteren		Did You Know That: 3 (N)		The Kelly File (N)		FOX News Reporting		Did You
	MSNBC	Hardball Chris Matthews		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		Lockup: Raw		New Mexico
VARIETY	AMC	★★★ 300 (2007, Action) (ESP) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. R					★★ Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life			
	BRV	(6:00) ★★★ Rocky II (1979) PG			★★★ Rocky III (1982) Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T. PG			(:45) ★★★ Rocky II PG		
	CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cheerlead
	COM	(6:35) ★★★ Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) R				Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Archer
	E!	E! News (N) PG		Fashion	Total Divas		Total Divas	The Soup	Comment	E! News PG
	FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Carnival C.	Diners
	FX	(5:30) ★★ Iron Man 2		★★★ Avatar (2009, Science Fiction) Sam Worthington, Voice of Zoe Saldana. PG-13						
	GAC	Top 20 Countdown		Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market	Flea Market
	HALL	The Waltons G		Cedar Cove G		The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Tiny House	Tiny House	Tiny House	Tiny House	Tiny House	Tiny House	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters
	LIFE	Bring It! PG		Bring It! (N) PG		Bring It! (N) PG		(:02) Atlanta Plastic (N)		Plastic
	MTV	(:10) Catfish: The TV Show			Awkward.	Faking It		2015 MTV Video Music Awards		
	OXY	(6:30) ★★★ In Her Shoes (2005) Cameron Diaz.				Sex-City		(:43) Sex and the City	Sex-City	Sex-City
	SPIKE	Cops PG	Cops PG	Cops PG	Cops	Cops PG	Cops	Cops PG	Cops PG	Cops PG
	SYFY	★★ Aliens vs. Predator: Requiem (2007) NR				★★★ The Fifth Element (1997) Bruce Willis, Ian Holm. PG-13				
	TBN	Supernat.	Potters	Bless Lord	Hal Lindsey	Harvest	Perry Stone	Praise the Lord		
	TBS	Seinfeld PG	Seinfeld PG	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ Men in Black II (2002) PG-13			Pirates of the Caribbean	
	TCM	(6:30) Going Hollywood		★★★ The Bank Dick (1940) NR			★★★ It's a Gift (1934) W.C. Fields.			You Can't
	TMC	Hand That Rocks Cradle		★★★ Snowpiercer (2013) (ESP) Chris Evans. R				(:10) ★★ Da Sweet Blood of Jesus		
	TNT	(5:00) ★★★ The Help		Cold Justice (N)		Cold Justice: Sex Crimes		Cold Justice		Cold Jus.
	TRAVEL	Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Museum		My.- Monument		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at
	TRU	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
	TVL	Gilligan Isle	Gilligan Isle	★★ You've Got Mail (1998, Romance-Comedy) Tom Hanks. PG					Jim Gaffigan	King
	USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
	VH1	(6:30) ★★★ Coming to America (1988, Comedy) R				★ Billy Madison (1995) Adam Sandler. PG-13				Pulp Fiction
	WGN-A	Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Person
PREMIUM	ENC	(6:15) ★★★ Frozen (2013) (ESP) PG		★★★ The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2005, Fantasy) (ESP) Tilda Swinton, Georgie Henley. PG					(:25) ★★ Million Dollar Arm (2014) Jon Hamm.	
	HBO	(5:30) The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies		★★ Dumb and Dumber To (2014) Jim Carrey. Lloyd and Harry set out to find the child Harry never knew.				Real Time With Bill Maher Comic Marc Maron.		Real Time, Bill
	MAX	(6:25) ★★ Final Destination 3 (2006) (ESP) R		Strike Back Ambassador's daughter is kidnapped.		(8:50) Strike Back	(:40) Strike Back (ESP)		Strike Back The team uncovers Li-Na's plans.	
	SHOW	(6:15) ★★★★ Boyhood (2014, Drama) (ESP) Ellar Coltrane, Patricia Arquette, Ethan Hawke. R				Jimi Hendrix: Electric Church The artist's largest U.S. performance. (N)			(:35) All Access (N)	(:05) ★★ The Giver
	STARZ	(:15) ★ Taxi (2004) Queen Latifah. A bumbling policeman and a cabby chase bank robbers. PG-13				★ Home Sweet Hell (2015, Suspense) (ESP) Katherine Heigl, Patrick Wilson. R			(:45) Blunt Talk (ESP)	