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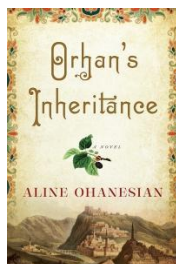
OK folks.... I know that your eagle eyes will quickly pick up on the absence of children's and YA titles in this edition of the Update (other than my daughter's, natch!).

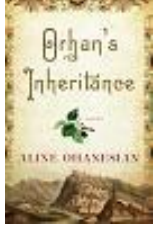
That is because, at the end of the American Librarian Association Convention in June, I will be retiring from Workman Publishing. It has been a joy, and I count myself lucky to have ended my full-time book career at this particular address.

As part of the run-up to my retirement, we have hired Trevor Ingerson to take over school & library responsibilities for children's and YA titles. He comes to us, with much experience, from Penguin Random House. They are quite bereft at his leaving, let me tell you!

You can reach him at trevor@workman.com or (800) 722-7202 X5604. Trevor will be doing his own e-letter, so mine will (for the duration) focus on adult titles, only. If you already get my juvenile and YA update, you will be grandfathered onto Trevor's list. If you have been relying on this more general e-letter for information about the young readers' world, you may want to have your name added to Trevor's list. If so, just let me know.

Now, on to the business at hand, including our favorite pick for Library Reads, ORHAN'S INHERITANCE!





ORHAN'S INHERITANCE, by Aline Ohanesian (Algonquin hardcover/
ISBN: 9781616203740/\$25.95/Due to pub on 4/7/15)

Yes, I KNOW you just saw this jacket, but it bears repeating!

When Orhan's brilliant and eccentric grandfather Kemal—a man who built a dynasty out of making *kilim* rugs—is found dead, submerged in a vat of dye, Orhan inherits the decades-old business. But Kemal's will raises more questions than it answers. He has left the family estate to a stranger thousands of miles away.

Runner up for the prestigious Pen-Bellwether Prize, a B&N Discover Title, a *Library Journal* Editor's Pick, and #1 Indie Pick, this book reminded me (early on in my reading) how much it's a love for the well-turned phrase that's kept me in this business for over 50 years.

Here's a sample... “Seda takes a deep breath and picks up the embroidery in her lap. She hunches over her hands, letting her fingers work the delicate stitching. Three rows of red and yellow diamonds mark the pattern as Anatolian in origin. **Despite her resolve, the past is bleeding out of her fingers, staining everything it touches.**”

Now, if that gets your juices going (as it did mine) click below for your free e-galley. You won't likely regret it, & please don't forget Library Reads!

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STARRED Kirkus: “A harrowing tale of unimaginable sacrifice...A novel that delves into the darkest corners of human history and emerges with a tenuous sense of hope.”

DINOSAURS: The Grand Tour- Everything Worth Knowing About Dinosaurs from Aardonyx to Zuniceratops, by Keiron Pim; Contributions by Jack Horner (The Experiment hardcover/ ISBN: 9781615192120/\$24.95) **“Packed with brief descriptions of every type of dinosaur currently known to man, this book would make a good starting point for middle- and high-school research. This title has been recommended for young adult readers.”**
– **Booklist** (It's pretty damned good for grown-ups too, let's not forget!)



MY GRANDFATHER WOULD HAVE SHOT ME: A Black Woman

Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past, by Jennifer Teege and Nikola Sellmair;

Translated by Carolin Sommer (The Experiment hardcover/ ISBN:

9781615192533/\$24.95/Due to pub on 4/15/15)

Our hottest ARC from ALA Midwinter, now picked up by NPR, *The Daily News*, & *The Forward*... and she hasn't even arrived on our shores yet!

“An **authentically shocking** memoir by a German-Nigerian woman who learns that her grandfather was the Nazi commandant depicted in Schindler’s List.”

– *Library Journal Midwinter Galley Preview*

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OLD DOGS, NEW MATH: Homework Help for Puzzled Parents

by Mike Askew and Rob Eastaway (The Experiment original paperback/ISBN: 9781615190270/\$15.95) At

the **Association for Middle Level Educators Convention**, this title was a

surprise hit of the show... **People were literally texting colleagues, taking pictures, & bringing back friends to show them the book.**”

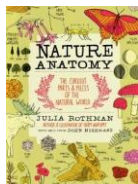
HOW I SHED MY SKIN: Unlearning the Racist Lessons of a Southern Childhood

by Jim Grimsley (Algonquin hardcover/ISBN: 9781616203764/

\$23.95/Due to pub on 4/14/15)

“White people declared that the South would rise again. Black people raised a fist and chanted for Black Power. Somehow we negotiated a space between those poles and learned to sit in classrooms together.”

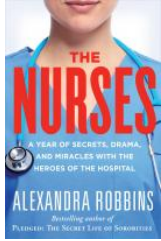
- **“A beautifully written coming-of-age recollection from the era of racial desegregation.” - *Booklist* STARRED**



NATURE ANATOMY: The Curious Parts and Pieces of the Natural

World, by Julia Rothman (Storey original paperback/ ISBN: 9781612122311/\$16.95)

“delightfully whimsical and scientifically sound ... this title is an informative charmer from start to finish. More, please.” - *Booklist*



THE NURSES: A Year of Secrets, Drama, and Miracles with the Heroes of the Hospital, by Alexandra Robbins (Workman hardcover/
ISBN: 9780761171713/\$24.95/Due to pub on 5/5/15)

OK, full disclosure... I am a sucker for any book about nurses, having been married to one for 47 years! I learned early on, that nurses have a very particular view of life. It comes, I think, from living (as one of the nurses in the book calls it) “permanent whitewater.”

We married, just as I became the youngest sales rep on the Random House sales force. Hard to imagine, I know! Anyway, I came home one day from work, all upset at having made a terrible mistake with an important account. As I poured my heart out to her, Carla sat there, listening impassively. When I finished, she just said “Did anybody die?” That’s nurses in a nutshell!

***New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning journalist Alexandra Robbins peers behind the staff-only door to write a lively, fast-paced story and a riveting work of investigative journalism.**

Robbins followed real-life nurses in four hospitals and interviewed hundreds of others in a captivating book filled with joy and violence, miracles and heartbreak, dark humor and narrow victories, gripping drama and unsung heroism. **Herewith, your link to a free e-galley...**

[The Nurses](#)

MOSAIC GARDEN PROJECTS: Add Color to Your Garden with Tables, Fountains, Bird Baths, and More, by Mark Brody; With Sheila Ashdown
(Timber Press original paperback/ISBN: 9781604694871/\$19.95)

“What a lovely book! Planting art in a garden is “a creative finishing touch” that brings colors, textures, and **eye-popping vitality** to the scene, especially in the drab winter months... **With richly detailed color photographs, illustrations, and reader-friendly page layouts, Mosaic Garden Projects is a pleasure**, whether one leaves through it for ideas or gives it a thorough, cover-to-cover read. The back matter includes design templates for each project and a list of resources.” - **Booklist**



FIND THE GOOD, by Heather Lende (Algonquin hardcover/ ISBN: 9781616201678/\$16.95/Due to pub on 4/28/15)

Helen Blowers, a librarian who picked up the ARC at ALA Midwinter finished the book in her hotel room during the blizzard that hit Chicago that weekend and wrote to the author immediately, saying she...
“found myself snuggled under the covers all afternoon reading **one of the warmest, uplifting & reaffirming books that I've ever read.**”

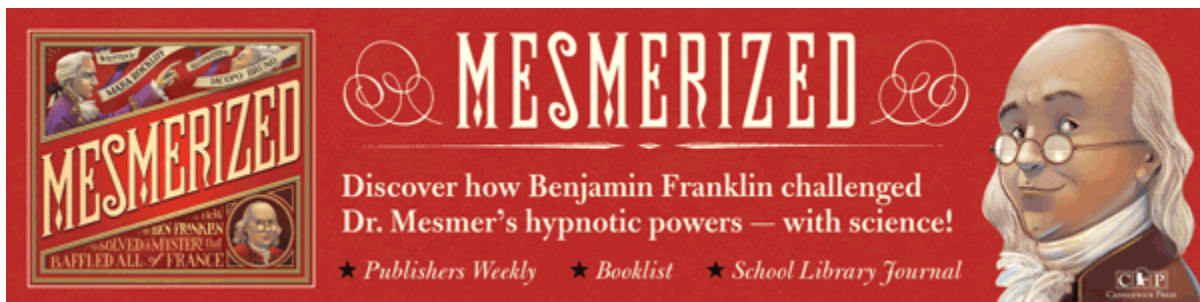
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All the following books have been nominated for the
Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries' Annual Award for Outstanding Literature in Botany or Horticulture!

- **THE WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY VEGETABLE GARDENER** (Storey)
- **EPIC TOMATOES** (Storey)
- **DEEP-ROOTED WISDOM** (Timber)
- **TREES & SHRUBS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST** (Timber)
- **APPLES OF NORTH AMERICA** (Timber)
- **THE LIVING LANDSCAPE** (Timber)
- **BEATRIX POTTER'S GARDENING LIFE** (Timber)
- **LANDSCAPES OF CHANGE** (Timber)

For more details on each title, go to www.workman.com

To wrap up, the latest on our daughter Mara's newest title, which *The New York Times* has called “**ingenious!**” Well, who am I to argue?



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