



Street Party to Kick Off Summer Reading Program

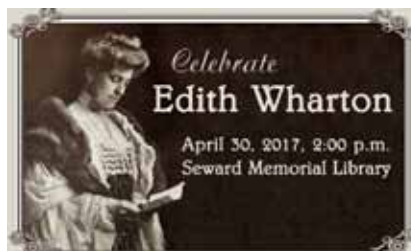


On May 20 Fifth Street will be blocked off along with the city parking lot so that Seward Memorial Library can host the 2017 summer program family kick-off party. The activities begin at 11 a.m. Nebraska Bounce will be providing play equipment for children. Several community organizations will have booths. Balloon artists will join the party and guests can listen to the popular Firehouse Five. Friends of Seward Library will host a cookie walk. There will be games and other activities related to the summer program theme of "Build a Better World." Lunch will be available to purchase. Summer program calendars will be passed out and parents can sign up their children. The party ends at 1:00 p.m. but the fun at the library is just beginning!



Celebrate Edith Wharton

Seward Memorial Library will host a program celebrating the author Edith Wharton, who will be featured at the June Chautauqua. Teagan Dinslage will discuss Wharton's life and her writing on Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. One of the short stories which will be highlighted is "The Marne." Copies are available to read as eBooks (the link is on the library catalog) and free paper copies can also be picked up at the front circulation desk. Everyone is welcome and you are not required to read ahead for this one-hour gathering.



Summer Hours May 1 - August 14

Monday	9 - 6
Tuesday	9 - 6
Wednesday	9 - 6
Thursday	9 - 8
Friday	9 - 5
Saturday	9 - noon
Sunday	Closed

(drive-up window opens at 8:00 am)



**The library will
be closed
Monday, May 29
to observe
Memorial Day.**

**Seward Memorial Library
233 South Fifth Street
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3318**

www.sewardlibrary.org

April 2017

All Seward Reads Together in 2017



During National Library Week Seward Memorial Library announced the 2017 *All Seward Reads Together* title. The community is encouraged to read April Smith's historical novel, *A Star for Mrs. Blake*. Smith's touching story describes the journey of five courageous World War I Gold Star Mothers who travel to France to say a final good-bye to their sons who are buried overseas. Congress funded their trip in 1929 and the mothers, who are strangers from different backgrounds, develop friendships as they face a variety of circumstances on their pilgrimage. The library has multiple formats available. Pick up a copy at the library and read about a little-known episode in our American history. Watch for more programs in conjunction with this book during the coming months.

Fit4Seward

On April 10 the annual Fit4Seward program returned. Many of your favorite games and fitness tools are available for checkout. The library has also added some new items. Stop by the lower level desk and see what you can enjoy with your friends and family during the summer months. The library is offering a new challenge as part of the sesquicentennial celebration. Pick up an activity sheet for recording your 150 minutes or 150 completed actions from a variety of listed exercises. Sheets turned in by August 1 will be in a drawing for prizes! Adults and children in kindergarten and older are invited to participate.



Summer Volunteers

The staff is looking for dependable volunteers to help with the summer program. If you love children and willing to donate time during the mornings or afternoons in June and July, please contact the library at 402-643-3318. Volunteers must have finished at least 6th grade and will be required to attend one of two training sessions held in the library on May 23 and May 25.

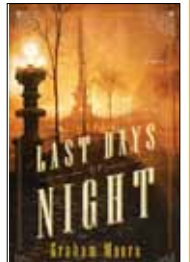


Titles being read for May:

New York Times Best Sellers

May 8 at 7 p.m.

The Last Days of Night
by Graham Moore



Midday Mysteries

May 16 at noon

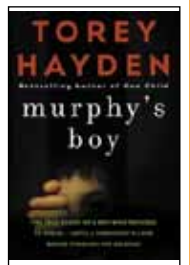
The Cuckoo's Calling
by Robert Galbraith



Random Reads

May 22 at noon

Murphy's Boy
by Torey Hayden



If any of these selections interest you, or if you would like to visit or join a club, please call the library at 402-643-3318.

A library is...

"...the place where READERS RULE!"
- Walter Dean Myers

The Library Appreciates Volunteers

The library staff and Board would like to thank the team of regular volunteers who generously share their time to help make Seward Memorial Library an exceptional library. Appreciation goes to the following faithful volunteers: Marlene Block, Lois Dietsch, Jewell Grasmick, Nancy Held, Juanita Hill, Phyllis Hronik, Sue Imig, Marj Komenda, Sandi Rocker and Sandra Schmidt.



The Long Shadow



In conjunction with the June Chautauqua Seward Memorial Library is hosting a program which focuses on the powerful effects of the First World War. David Reynolds has written a book bringing a new perspective to this historical world-changing event. Dr. Jerrald Pfabe will lead a discussion on *The Long Shadow* as well as share information surrounding World War I on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Come and learn about this milestone in history as we celebrate its one hundredth anniversary. Humanities Nebraska has provided multiple copies of *The Long Shadow* and they are available for readers to borrow. Stop at the front circulation desk and pick one up.

Smackdown 2017

Yes, the summer Smackdown with Kilgore Memorial Library in York will continue! We thought they had decided to end this competition, but the challenge will start again on June 1. Seward Memorial Library won last year, but York would like to see the trophy again. Sign up to be included in this competition between adult readers in two counties. Keep track of the number of books you read for rewards and the privilege of saying “We Read More on Highway 34!”



Photos Will Be Required

Children who come to the library without a parent this summer will need to have a photo on their account in order to check out library materials. Please review the new library circulation policy adopted by the Library Board earlier this month.



Mid-Week Movies in May

Come to Seward Memorial Library to enjoy two recently released DVDs on two dates in May. Watch *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, a fantasy story produced and written by J.K. Rowling who created the popular Harry Potter series. The adventure is set in New York City in the 1920s and is full of magical creatures. You can view this enchanting film on Thursday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. If you are a fan of musicals come to the library on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m. to watch *La La Land*, the movie that almost won the Academy Award for Best Picture earlier this year. For specific titles and more information contact the library at 402-643-3318.



A library is...

“...a window on the past and a pathway to the future.”
– Sharyn McCrumb

Build a Better World

Seward Memorial Library will challenge children of all ages to “Build a Better World” during the 2017 summer library program. Whether it’s improving our health or strengthening our community or preserving our environment the library will provide opportunities for all ages to impact their world. Building can be delightful when using books, play, art, and music. The library will encourage creativity and thinking outside of the box. The staff is busy preparing for participants from pre-school age through eighth grade. Sign-up for the Summer Reading Club for children and teens begins on May 20. Registration is required and can be done in person, by calling 402-643-3318 or visiting the library website: www.sewardlibrary.org.



All of this information may be viewed on the summer “Build a Better World” calendar which is now available at the library front desk and on the website.

“Celebrate Health”

The 2017 theme for the annual Memorial Health Care Systems Health Fair was “Let’s Party! Celebrate Health!” Almost 300 people visited the library table during the fair. The library promoted reading and healthy eating by handing out books, bookmarks, food coupons and other prizes on the special spinning wheel which visitors spun. Seward Memorial Library would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations:

Amigos	Dairy Queen
Godfather’s Pizza	JD’s Coffee Shop
La Carreta	McDonalds
Nate’s on the Nine	Pac N Save
R O’s	Runza
Spare Time	Subway

Summer Supplies Needed

The library staff appreciates donations for the children’s summer reading program. You can help by adding any of these items to your shopping list and dropping them off at the library. Thank you for your support!

Cherry Kool-Aid Powder
Grape Kool-Aid Powder
Tropical Punch Kool-Aid Powder
Food Coloring
Oil Pastels
Paper Bowls
Plastic Spoons
Rulers



Empty Pop Cartons

Seward Memorial Library needs the long 12 can pop boxes for their summer program. When you empty your box please save it for a summer library project. If possible try to preserve the ends of the box. Drop them off whenever it is convenient. The staff will take your trash and turn it into a treasure for the children. Boxes are needed by May 17.



A library is...

“...where the bird of intellect takes flight.” – Ed Young

Scrabble Club Begins in May

Seward Memorial Library will host an evening of Scrabble on May 15. The new Scrabble Club will meet the third Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Snacks will be provided with an opportunity to enjoy the company of other word lovers. Participants must be 18 years or older. This is not a tournament with a running score, but a social event. Extra boards are welcome. During the summer months, please use the west entrance. No registration is necessary; just arrive ready for some friendly competition.



Library Circulation Policy FAQ

The Seward Library Board, in an effort to better protect all library accounts, has adopted new policies regarding issuance and use of library cards. Included in the change is that only individual cards will be issued after April 1, 2017. Please read through the questions below for help in understanding what this new policy means. If you have a question that is not answered on this page please call the library.

1. Do I need to change my family account to an individual account right away?

If your family account already has a photo in our system you can continue to use your family account until it expires. (All accounts expire every two years so that we can verify current contact information.) If your family account does not yet have a photo in our system you will need to switch to individual accounts now.

2. Will I need to get an individual account for each of my children when my family account expires?

Children ages 8-16 who come to the library to check out items without a parent present will need to have their own individual accounts. They cannot use their parent's account to check items out without that parent present. A parent or legal guardian must sign the application form to set up an individual account for a child ages 8-16. Because children who are age seven and younger must be supervised by a person age 13 or older while in the library, individual accounts will not be issued to children under age 8.

3. Can I send a babysitter or grandparent with my kids to check out books?

A child 8-16 years old is able to check out items without a parent, using their own account that a parent or legal guardian has signed for. Any child younger than 8, who will be checking out items with an adult other than a parent (i.e.: babysitter or grandparent), MUST be included in the photo on the responsible parent's account.

4. If I live outside of the city limits of Seward will each member of my family have to pay for an account?

Family members living at the same address will have individual accounts that are related on the circulation computer system. Only one fee will need to be paid for all related non-resident accounts.

5. If my spouse or child's library account is restricted because of fines over \$5 will my account be affected?

Yes. All individual accounts of family members living at the same address (adult/spouse/child/other legal ward) WILL be connected on the circulation computer system. If one account is restricted, all related accounts will be restricted and any fines accrued will show on all accounts.

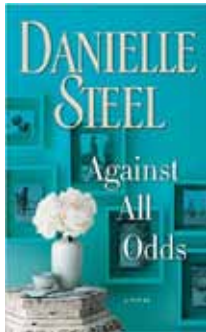
6. Can someone else check out an item for me on my card?

If you are unable to physically come to the library to pick up a reserved item, only members of your immediate family (living at the same address) that are linked to your account on the library circulation system will be able to pick up those items. If you wish for someone else to pick up a reserved item, you must call the library each time to give permission for this to happen. You may not give permission for others to use your account for checking out, but only to pick up reserved items. Violation of this policy may result in suspension of your account.

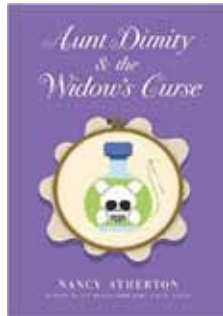
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"...the place where you can find who you most want to be." – Celia Rees

New Fiction Books Coming Soon



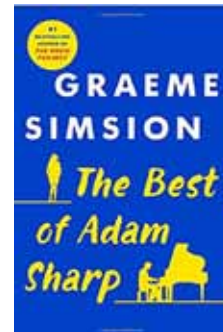
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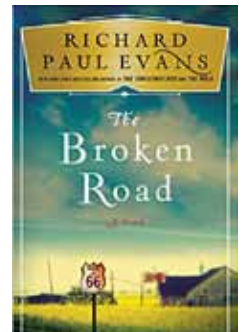
Aunt Dimity & the Widow's Curse
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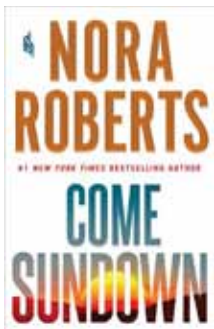
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The Best of Adam Sharp
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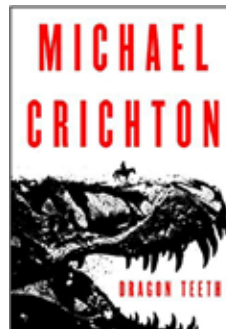
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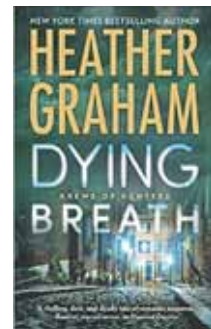
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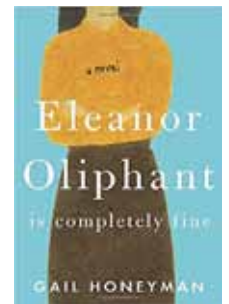
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Dragon Teeth
by Michael Crichton



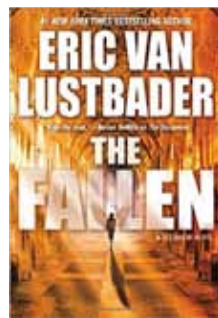
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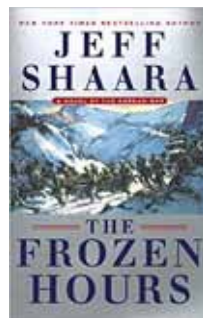
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by Gail Honeyman



Exit Strategy
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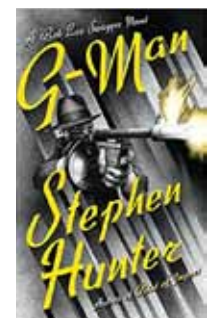
The Fallen
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The Frozen Hours
by Jeff Shaara



Full Wolf Moon
by Lincoln Child



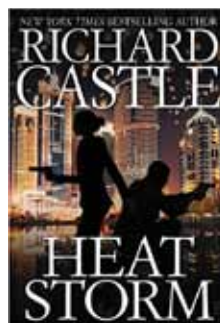
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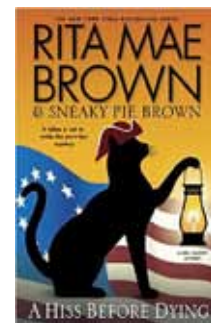
The Girl Who Knew Too Much
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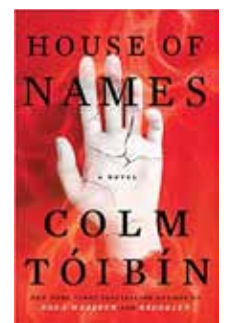
Gwendy's Button Box
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Heat Storm
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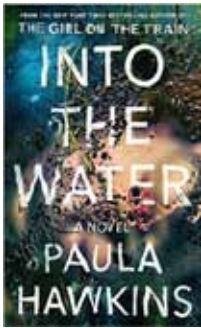


A Hiss Before Dying
by Rita Mae Brown



House of Names
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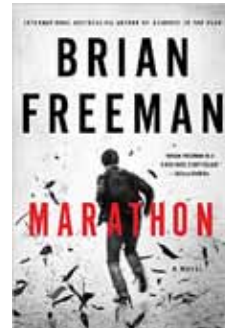
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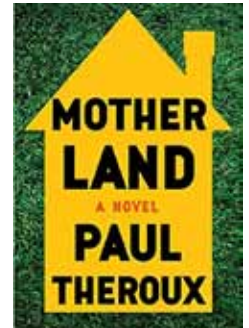
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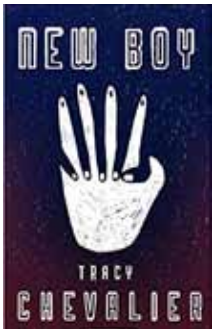
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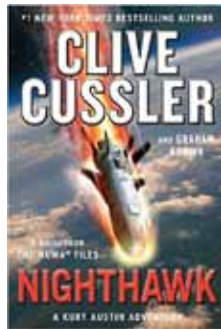
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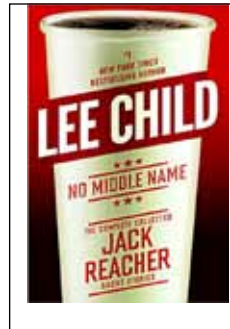
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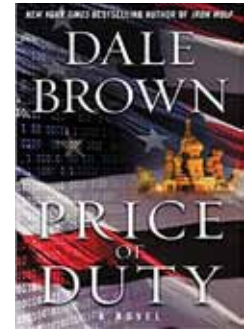
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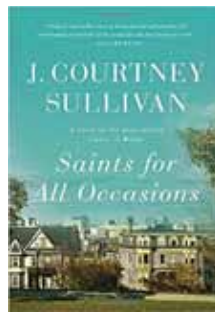
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Price of Duty
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Rich People Problems
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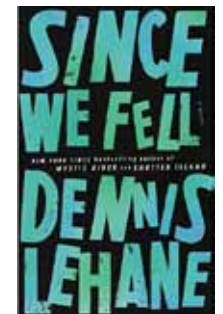
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Same Beach, Next Year
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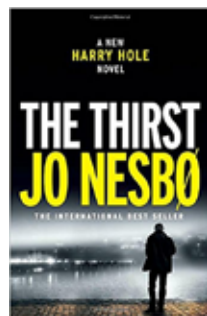
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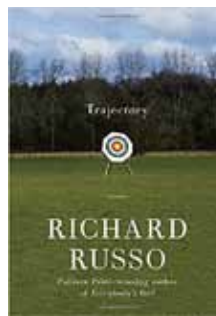
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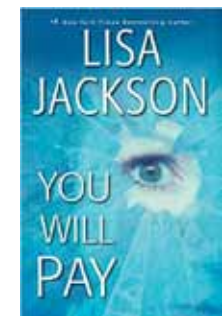
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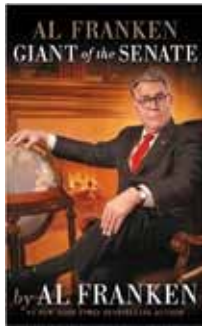


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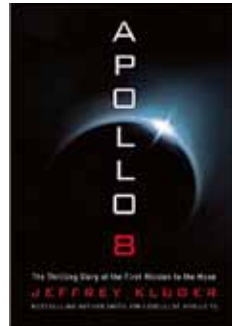


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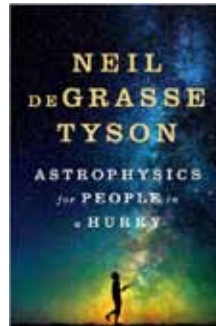
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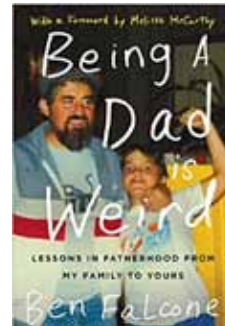
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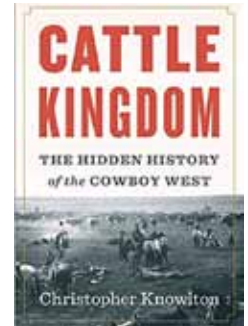
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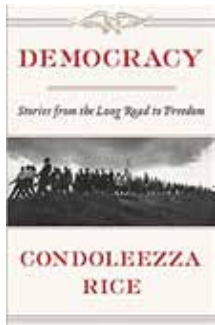
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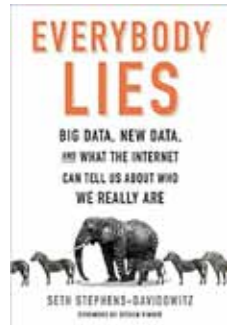
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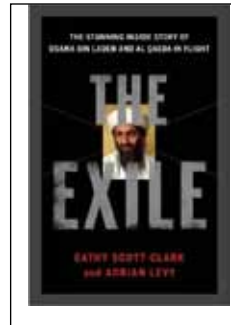
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Democracy
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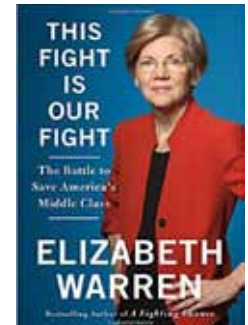
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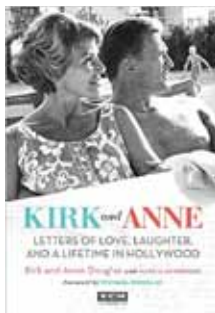
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The Fact of a Body
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This Fight is Our Fight
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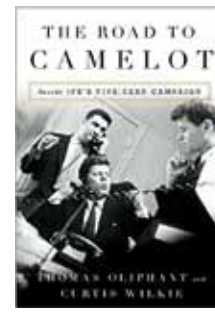
Kirk and Anne
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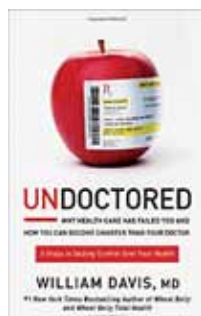
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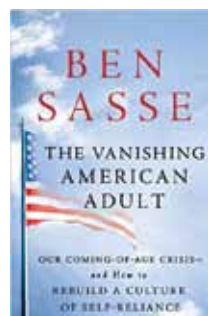
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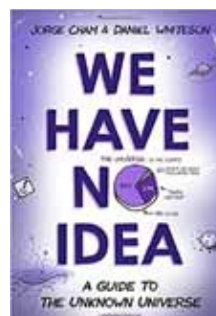
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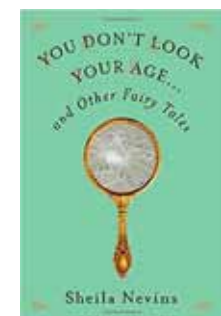
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