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Book Review | 'Backing Into Forward: A Memoir,' by Jules Feiffer

In this frequently hilarious memoir, the acclaimed cartoonist Jules Feiffer offers a vision of New York City during the cultural and political foment of the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Essay: The Making of the President, Then and Now

The great campaign books of the past are about more than the back-room drama that dominates recent releases.

Book Review | 'The Possessed: Adventures With Russian Books and the People Who Read Them,' by Elif Batuman

An entertaining memoir-cum-travelogue of a grad student's improbable education in Russian language and literature.

Book Review | 'Blooms of Darkness,' by Aharon Appelfeld

In this novel with echoes of Anne Frank's diary, a Jewish child is hidden in a brothel during the Holocaust.

Book Review | 'A Week in December,' by Sebastian Faulks

This ambitious, angry novel's capitalist is more reliably loathsome than its jihadist.

Book Review | 'Silk Parachute,' by John McPhee

John McPhee writes on golf and lacrosse, food and fact-checkers, and, this time, himself.

Book Review | 'Voodoo Histories: The Role of the Conspiracy Theory in Shaping Modern History,' by David Aaronovitch

Paranoia strikes deep in this journalist's survey of conspiracy theories in Western politics.

Book Review | 'On the Brink,' by Henry M. Paulson Jr.

Henry M. Paulson's account of his tumultuous term as George W. Bush's last Treasury secretary.

Book Review | 'The Making of African America: The Four Great Migrations,' by Ira Berlin

Ira Berlin reconceptualizes African-American history as the story of a people uprooted and searching for home.

Book Review | 'Occupied City,' by David Peace

A real-life mass poisoning in Tokyo in 1948, possibly linked to notorious wartime medical experiments, is the basis for this highly original crime novel.

Book Review | 'The Genius in All of Us,' by David Shenk

David Shenk argues that that discipline, not giftedness, is vital to greatness.

Book Review | 'What We Are,' by Peter Nathaniel Malae

This first novel gives voice to a “Me Generation” poet of mixed heritage and tortured outlook.

Book Review | 'The Harvard Psychedelic Club,' by Don Lattin

A group portrait of Timothy Leary, Ram Dass, Huston Smith and Andrew Weil and their experiments with hallucinogens in the early 1960s.

Book Review | 'Keeping the Feast: One Couple's Story of Love, Food, and Healing in Italy,' by Paula Butturini

A memoir of how cooking helped save the marriage of Paula Butturini and her husband, reporters traumatized by war.

Nonfiction Chronicle - Books by Alex Lemon, Daniel Menaker, C. S. Manegold and Malcolm Jones

Memoirs of surviving brain surgery and a difficult childhood, a primer on the art of conversation and a history of a northern slave estate.

Letters: Sound and Fury

Letters: 'The Poker Bride'

Letters: Borgesian Cartography

Letters: Dostoyevsky Suggests

Hardcover Fiction

Top 5 at a Glance

1. HOUSE RULES, by Jodi Picoult
2. THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett
3. THE SILENT SEA, by Clive Cussler and Jack Du Brul
4. BACKLASH, by Aaron Allston
5. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER, by Seth Grahame-Smith

Hardcover Nonfiction

Top 5 at a Glance

1. CHELSEA CHELSEA BANG BANG, by Chelsea Handler
2. COURAGE AND CONSEQUENCE, by Karl Rove
3. CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE YOUR BODY, by Daniel G. Amen
4. NO APOLOGY, by Mitt Romney
5. THE PACIFIC, by Hugh Ambrose

Paperback Trade Fiction

Top 5 at a Glance

1. LITTLE BEE, by Chris Cleave
2. THE LAST SONG, by Nicholas Sparks
3. A RELIABLE WIFE, by Robert Goolrick
4. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, by Stieg Larsson
5. THE 8TH CONFESSION, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

Paperback Mass-Market Fiction

Top 5 at a Glance

1. THE LAST SONG, by Nicholas Sparks
2. DEAR JOHN, by Nicholas Sparks
3. FIRST FAMILY, by David Baldacci
4. SHUTTER ISLAND, by Dennis Lehane
5. THE VAMPIRE AND THE VIRGIN, by Kerrelyn Sparks

Paperback Nonfiction

Top 5 at a Glance

1. A PATRIOT'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, by Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen
2. ARE YOU THERE, VODKA? IT'S ME, CHELSEA, by Chelsea Handler
3. MY HORIZONTAL LIFE, by Chelsea Handler
4. THE BLIND SIDE, by Michael Lewis
5. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Hardcover Advice

Top 5 at a Glance

1. PAYBACK TIME, by Phil Town
2. THE KIND DIET, by Alicia Silverstone
3. SWITCH, by Chip Heath and Dan Heath
4. THE HAPPINESS PROJECT, by Gretchen Rubin
5. REWORK, by Jason Fried and David Heinemeier Hansson

Paperback Advice

Top 5 at a Glance

1. **FOOD RULES**, by Michael Pollan
2. **NOW EAT THIS!**, by Rocco DiSpirito
3. **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING**, by Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel
4. **THE BELLY FAT CURE**, by Jorge Cruise
5. **COOK THIS, NOT THAT!**, by David Zinczenko and Matt Goulding

Children's Books

Top 5 at a Glance

1. THE EASTER EGG, written and illustrated by Jan Brett
2. DISNEY'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND: THE VISUAL GUIDE, by Jo Casey and Laura Gilbert
3. THE LION AND THE MOUSE, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
4. WADDLE!, written and illustrated by Rufus Butler Seder
5. LISTEN TO THE WIND, by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth

Graphic Books

Top 5 at a Glance

1. KICK-ASS, by Mark Millar and John Romita Jr.
2. THE BOOK OF GENESIS: ILLUSTRATED, by R. Crumb
3. INVINCIBLE IRON MAN OMNIBUS, VOL. 1, by Matt Fraction and Salvador Larroca
4. DARK TOWER: THE FALL OF GILEAD, by Robin Furth and Peter David
5. WOLVERINE: OLD MAN LOGAN, by Mark Millar and Steve McNiven

TBR: Inside the List

The comedian Chelsea Handler beats out Karl Rove for the top spot on the hardcover nonfiction list with her new collection.

Up Front: Jill Abramson

Jill Abramson, The Times's managing editor for news, specialized in "the intersection of money and politics" during her reporting career.

Editors' Choice

Recently reviewed books of particular interest.

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