



## Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

### BISTRO BOOKERS

Below is a list of books reviewed at previous Bistro Bookers events. An asterisk (\*) denoted that the reviewer was also the author of the title presented. [Go to the most current Bistro Bookers review...](#)

1. **Means of Ascent** - Max McCarthy
2. **New Realities** - Ray Hunt
3. **Parting with Illusions** - Philip Santamaria
4. **Head First** - Tom Frantz
5. **Politics of Rich & Poor** - Bruce Fisher
6. **You Just Don't Understand** - Joseph Kolasny
7. **The World is Burning** - R. Warren Flint
8. **The Last Fine Time** - Verlyn Klinkenborg\*
9. **Search for Meaning** - Robert Rossberg
10. **Joshua** - Fr. Anthony Rigoli
11. **Miracle in Buffalo** - Anthony Violanti\*
12. **The Next Century** - Marilyn Hoskin
13. **Fire in the Belly** - Donald Sabo
14. **Endangered Minds** - Samuel Alessi Jr.
15. **All-Bright Court** - Connie Porter\*
16. **Backlash** - Dolores Denman
17. **Parliament of Whores** - Sal Martoche
18. **America: What Went Wrong** - David Elias
19. **Race** - James Pitts
20. **Fragile Species** - Robert Horvath
21. **Revolution from Within** - Rose Ciotta
22. **Who Will Tell the People** - Agnes Palazetti
23. **Disorderly Conduct** - Bruce Jackson\*
24. **Earth in the Balance** - Alexandra Cukan
25. **Making the Mummies Dance** - Elizabeth Licata
26. **Truman** - Doug Turner
27. **First and Ten** - Doug Anderson\*
28. **See, I Told You So** - Emanuel Fried
29. **The Fifties** - Joseph Grande
30. **Tyranny of Kindness** - Ellen Kennedy
31. **Common Sense** - Michael Mahaney
32. **Certain Trumpets** - Steve Banko
33. **Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold** - Elizabeth Kennedy / Madeline Davis\*
34. **The Agenda** - Joseph Crangle
35. **Don't Stand Too Close to a Naked Man...** - Kevin O'Connell
36. **A Nation Under Lawyers** - Les Foschio
37. **Some Days You Get the Bear** - Lawrence Block\*

38. **In Retrospect** - James Mang
39. **Crazy Bosses** - The B.L.O.O.M. Group
40. **Betrayal** - Joseph Wolfinger
41. **Spontaneous Healing** - Sanford Levy, M.D.
42. **Inside Talk Radio** - Gary McNamara
43. **The Right to Privacy** - Penny Wolfgang
44. **Buying of the President** - James Griffin
45. **A Better Place to Live** - Bruno Freschi
46. **Undaunted Courage** - Daniel Walters
47. **Events Leading Up to My Death** - Kathleen Rizzo Young
48. **Americans No More** - Marcheta Birch
49. **Mad as Hell** - John Murphy
50. **Gilda's Disease** - M. Steven Piver\*
51. **All-American Monster** - Brandon Stickney\*
52. **Angela's Ashes** - Vincent O'Neill
53. **Home from Nowhere** - Henry Louis Taylor
54. **Into Thin Air** - Robert Gurn
55. **The Gift of Fear** - Gil Kerlikowske
56. **Profits of Death** - Ralph Klicker
57. **Conquering Your Financial Stress** - Bruce Eaton\*
58. **Spin Cycle** - Lee Coppola
59. **Flesh Wounds** - Mick Cochrane\*
60. **From the Mississippi Delta** - Lorna Hill
61. **Drug Crazy** - Ed Powell
62. **Tuesdays with Morrie** - Robert Milch, M.D.
63. **John D. Larkin** - Jack Quinan
64. **Down the Tube** - Donald Boswell
65. **The Millennium Bug** - Diane Dillon
66. **The Old Neighborhood** - Kevin Collison
67. **Corrosion of Character** - Gerry Murak
68. **Nail Em** - Brian Meyer
69. **A Clearing in the Distance** - Gretchen Toles
70. **High Tech Heretic** - Angelo Conorozzo
71. **City of Light** - Lauren Belfer\*
72. **Outlaw Machine** - Brock Yates\*
73. **The Tipping Point** - Kevin Gaughan
74. **Castros Curveball** - Tim Wendel\*
75. **Change in the Weather** - Eric Wilson
76. **Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing** - Charles Culhane
77. **Nothing Like It In The World** - Fr. Edward Dunn
78. **Persian Mirrors** - Elaine Sciolino\*
79. **Fast Food Nation** - Don Spasiano
80. **I Watched A Wild Hog Eat My Baby** - Jamie Moses
81. **Nickel and Dimed** - Michael Niman
82. **Ageing with Grace** - Bruce Naughton, M.D.
83. **Living a Life that Matters** - Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld
84. **Vulgarians at the Gate** - Drew Kahn
85. **John Adams** - James Keane
86. **Family Estrangements** - Robert Perelli
87. **The Right Words at the Right Time** - Rev. Geri Lyon

88. **No Free Lunch** - Gary Karton\*
89. **WITSEC** - Sal Martoche
90. **Snobbery** - Ron Stewart
91. **Leadership** - Arlene Kaukas
92. **Bush At War** - John LaFalce
93. **As Sick As It Gets** - Rudolph Mueller, M.D.\*
94. **Beginner's Luck** - Laura Pederson\*
95. **Luck Factor** - Joseph Kelly
96. **Braving Home** - Jake Halpern
97. **Frankenstein** - Gary Nickard / Patty Wallace
98. **Murdering McKinley** - David Franczyk
99. **Shameless Exploitation in Pursuit of the Common Good** - Susan McCartney
100. **From Butler to Buffett** - Murray Light\*
101. **The Two-Income Trap** - Jeffrey M. Freedman
102. **Moyers on america** - Dr. Muriel A. Howard
103. **Marv Levy** - Ed Kilgore
104. **Bad News** - Susan Banks
105. **Gods of Aberdeen** - Micah Nathan \*
106. **Blink** - John Hurley
107. **Wedding of the Waters** - Tim Tielman
108. **The First Desire** - Nancy Reisman \*
109. **The Year of Magical Thinking** - Janet Kaye
110. **Healthy Aging** - Sandford H. Levy
111. **Cheating Our Kids** - James A. Williams
112. **The World is Flat** - Kathryn Byrk Friedman
113. **Teacher Man** - Vincent O'Neill
114. **Power Failure** - Stephen Bell
115. **The Great Lakes Water Wars** - Peter Annin
116. **The Innocent Man** - Paul J. Cambria, Jr.
117. **Scatter My Ashes Over Havana** - Dr. Olga E. Karman \*
118. **Born on a Blue Day** - Dr. Anthony Graziano
119. **The Real Toy Story** - Mary Travers Murphy
120. **Team of Rivals** - Joseph A. Grande, PhD.
121. **City on the Edge** - Mark Goldman \*
122. **How Doctor's Think** - Andrew Symons MD, MS
123. **Come On, People: On The Path From Victims to Victors** - Rev. Daris Dixon-Clark
124. **The Zookeeper's Wife** - Dr. Ruth Kelly
125. **The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court** - Judge E. Jeannette Ogden
126. **THE TEN-CENT PLAGUE: The Great Comic-Book Scare and How it Changed America** - Emil Nova
127. **Our Daily Meds: How the Pharmaceutical Companies Transformed Themselves into Slick Marketing Machines and Hooked the Nation on Prescription Drugs** - Dennis C. Galluzzo, R.Ph.D.
128. **The Last Lecture** - Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman
129. **The World is Curved: Hidden Dangers to the Global Economy** - William T. Ganley, Ph.D.
130. **Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time** - Faisan Haq
131. **Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation** - Dr. Terriane K. Schulte
132. **The Outliers: The Story of Success** - Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker
133. **Buffalo Gal: A Memoir** - Laura Pedersen
134. **Fugitive Denim: a Moving Story of People and Pants in the Borderless World of**

- Global Trade** - Patrick J. Whalen
135. **In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto** - Michael Pollan
136. **The Survivors Club** – Michael Bornstein
137. **Still Alice** - Lisa Genova
138. **Googled: the End of the World as We Know it** - Ken Auletta
139. **The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York** - Deborah Blum
140. **Last Call: the Rise and Fall of Prohibition** - Daniel Okrent
141. **Marriage on the Street**
142. **Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History** - S.C. Gwynne
143. **Broke USA: From Pawnshop to Poverty Inc.** - Gary Rivlin
144. **Decision Points** - George W. Bush
145. **The Emperor of all Maladies** - Siddhartha Mukherjee
146. **How We Decide** - Jonah Lehrer
147. **WILD BILL DONOVAN** - Douglas Waller
148. **THE LONGEVITY PROJECT** - Friedman, Howard S.
149. **THE GREATER JOURNEY: AMERICANS IN PARIS** - David McCullough
150. **Counter Strike**
151. **The Death and Life of The Great American School System** - Dianne Ravitch
152. **THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS** - Isabel Wilkerson
153. **Capitol Punishment** - Jack Abramoff
154. **America Walks into a Bar, a Spirited History of Taverns, Saloons, Speakeasies, and Grog Shops** - Christine Sismondo
155. **Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking** - Susan Cain
156. **We're with Nobody: two insiders reveal the dark side of American politics**  
- Alan Huffman and Michael Rejebian
157. **Fooling Houdini**
158. **In the Garden of Beasts; Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin** - Erik Larson
159. **How Children Succeed**
160. **The Great Inversion and the Future of the American City** - Alan Ehrenhalt.
161. **Scribblin' for a Living: Mark Twain's Pivotal Period in Buffalo** - Thomas J. Reigstad
162. **Mafia Summit: J. Edgar Hoover, the Kennedy Brothers, and the Meeting That Unmasked the Mob** - Gil Reavill
163. **Pound Foolish: Exposing the Dark Side of the Personal Finance Industry** - Helaine Olen
164. **Against the Grain**
165. **Thank You for Your Service** - David Finkel
166. **The Best Planned City in the World: Olmsted, Vaux and the Buffalo Parks System**  
Professor Francis R. Kowsky
167. **Brothers; on His Brothers and Brothers in History** - George Howe Colt
168. **The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the age of Amazon** - Brad Stone
169. **Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War** - Robert M. Gates
170. **The Most Dangerous Man in America: the making of Douglas MacArthur** - Mark Perry
171. **Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the prison of belief** - Lawrence Wright
172. **Class Warfare: Class, Race, and College Admissions in Top-Tier Secondary Schools** -  
Lois Weis
173. **My Two Italies** - Joseph Luzzi
174. **The News Sorority** - Sheila Weller
175. **When Books Went to War: Stories That Helped Us Win World War II** - Molly Guptill Manning

176. **The Thing with Feathers**
177. **Heretic: why Islam needs a reformation now** - Ayaan Hirsi Ali
178. **Missoula: rape and the justice system in a college town** - Jon Krakauer
179. **The Wright Brothers** - David McCullough
180. **Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future** - Ashlee Vance
181. **Jack Kemp: The Bleeding-Heart Conservative Who Changed America** - Morton Kondracke and Fred Barnes
182. **Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End** - Atul Gawande
183. **Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat** - Bee Wilson
184. **League of Denial** - John J. Leddy, MD
185. **Republic of Spin** - Randolph Hohle, PhD
186. **The Garden of Unfortunate Souls** - Eddie Mark\*
187. **Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis** - J.D. Vance
188. **His Final Battle: the last months of Franklin Delano Roosevelt** - Joseph Lelyveld
189. **Fail U: the false promise of higher education** - Charles J. Sykes
190. **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** – Daniel James Brown
191. **Bellevue: three centuries of medicine and mayhem at America's most storied hospital** – David Oshinsky
192. **Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars** –Nathalia Holt
193. **And After the Fire** - Lauren Belfer
194. **An American Sickness** - Elisabeth Rosenthal
195. **Move Fast and Break Things** - Jonathan Taplin
196. **The Electrifying Fall of Rainbow City: Spectacle and Assassination at the 1901 World's Fair** - Margaret Creighton
197. **Teeth: The story of beauty, inequality and the struggle for oral health in America** by Mary Otto
198. **American Mirror: The Life & Art of Norman Rockwell** by Deborah Solomon
199. **A Cold Day in Hell** by Lissa Redmond
200. **Unleashing Human Energy: From a Toxic Culture to a High Energy, High Performance Organization** by Donald L. Rust & Alan G. Weinstein
201. **Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company that Addicted America** by Beth Macy
202. **Grocery** by Michael Ruhlman
203. **Our Damaged Democracy: we the people must act** by Joseph Califano, Jr.
204. **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean
205. **Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans** by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger
206. **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann
207. **The Hundred-Year Marathon** by Michael Pillsbury
208. **The moment of lift: how empowering women changes the world** by Melinda Gates
209. **A Mind's Eye Witness** by Rosanne L. Higgins
210. **Mosquito: A Human History of Our Deadliest Predator** by Timothy C. Winegard
211. **Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know** by Malcolm Gladwell
212. **Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Family** by Patrick Radden Keefe
213. **Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz** by Erik Larson
214. **Taste: My Life Through Food** by Stanley Tucci
215. **City of My Heart** by Mark Goldman\*
216. **Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience** by Brené Brown
217. **Exploring Science & Art: Discovering Connections** by Mary Kirsch Boehm\*
218. **"Newsroom Confidential-Lessons (and Worries) From an Ink Stained Life"** by Margaret Sullivan\*
219. **"Political Tribalism in America: How Hyper-Partisanship Dumbs Down Democracy and How To Fix It"**by Timothy J. Redmond\*

220. **"And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle"** by Jon Meacham
221. **"Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom"** by Carl Bernstein
222. **"Scatter My Ashes Over Havana"** by Olga Karman
223. **"Under the White Sky: The Nature of the Future"** by Elizabeth Kolbert
224. **"The Woman They Could Not Silence: The Shocking Story of a Woman Who Dared to Fight Back"** by Kate Moore
225. **"When Breath Becomes Air"** by Paul Kalanithi