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Author	Title	Annotation	Month	Presenter
Roth, Philip	Everyman	Roth addresses one man's lifelong confrontation with mortality. Roth's hero is a man bewildered not only by his own decline but by the unimaginable deaths of his contemporaries and those he has loved.	September	Tom Phillips
John Updike	Terrorist	Novelization of the last five years' news reports on the dangers of home-grown terror that packs a punch. Life can be cruel when you're a half-Egyptian, half-Irish high school student living in New Jersey. That's Ahmad Ashmawy's predicament; he's too smart for his small world and unable to contain his anger about the flawed, excessive American culture that surrounds him.	October	Margaret Rose
Larson, Erik	The Devil in the White City	A moment in American history that draws together the best and worst of the Gilded Age in Chicago. The grandeur and triumph of the human imagination, and the poverty, violence and depravity that surrounds it. Murder, magic and madness at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.	November	Sue Corbett
Obama, Barack	Dreams from my Father	Obama recounts his early life growing up bi-racial in Hawaii and Indonesia, later in Los Angeles and New York City. Covers his first work in Chicago with community projects. Finding his own individual identity in all these multicultural places is a real challenge and continual revelation that is so amazing and poignant.	December	Rose Reif

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Gladwell, Malcolm	Outliers The Story of Success	Why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential? The author challenges our cherished belief of the "self-made man." Examining the lives of outliers from Mozart to Bill Gates, he builds a convincing case for how successful people rise on a tide of advantages, "some deserved, some not, some earned, some just plain lucky."	January	Anne McGrath
Schafferd, Mary Ann & Barrows, Annie	The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	How the people on this English Channel Island were kept prisoners by the Nazis during World War II.	February	Larry Turner
Young, William P	The Shack	Mack's daughter is kidnapped and murdered. Several years later, Mack receives an invitation from God to meet Him at the Shack. Mack goes and works through the meaning of suffering and spends the weekend with the Trinity.	March	Donna Turner
Goudge, Eileen	Woman in Red	Alice Kessler spent nine years in prison for the attempted murder of the drunk driver who killed her eldest son. Now she has returned home to Gray's Island to reconnect with the son she left behind.	April	Miriam Phillips
Mortenson, Greg	Three Cups of Tea	The author, while ill, stumbles into a village. The villagers nurse him back to health. He promises to return and build schools in Afghanistan.	May	Cary Allahut