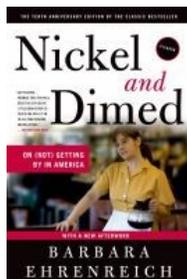


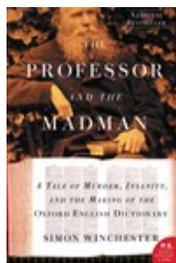
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Nickel and Dime: On Not Getting by in America
by Barbara Ehrenreich
October 28, 2020



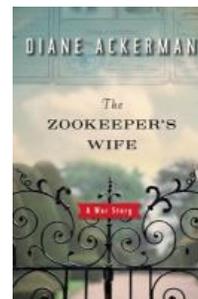
SUMMARY: *Nickel and Dime* reveals low-wage America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity—and land of big boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival. Instantly acclaimed for its insight, humor, and passion, this book changed the way that America perceives its working poor.

The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary
by Simon Winchester
November 25, 2020



SUMMARY: *The Professor and the Madman* is an extraordinary tale of madness, genius, and the incredible obsessions of the two remarkable men that led to the making of the *Oxford English Dictionary*—and literary history...for Dr. Minor, an American Civil War veteran, was also an inmate at an asylum for the criminally insane.

The Zookeeper's Wife
by Diane Ackerman
December 30, 2020



SUMMARY: When Germany invaded Poland, Stuka bombers devastated Warsaw—and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonia Zabinski began smuggling Jews into empty cages. Another dozen “guests” hid inside the Zabinskis’ villa, emerging after dark for dinner, socializing, and during rare moments of calm, piano concerts. Jan, active in the Polish resistance, kept ammunition buried in the elephant enclosure and stashed explosives in the animal hospital.

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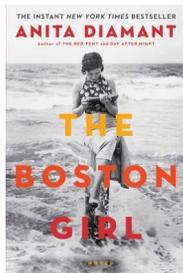
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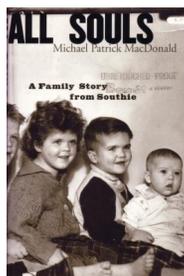
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The Boston Girl
by Anita Diamant
January 29, 2020



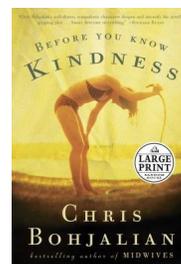
SUMMARY: Addie Baum was born in 1900 to immigrant parents who were unprepared for and suspicious of America. Growing up in Boston, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can't imagine: a world of short skirts and new opportunities for women. From the one-room apartment she shared with her family, to the library group for girls she joins, to her first, disastrous love affair, Addie recalls her adventures with compassion for the naive girl she was and a wicked sense of humor.

All Souls: A Family Story from Southie
by Michael Patrick MacDonald
February 26, 2020



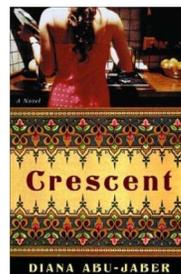
SUMMARY: A saga of the MacDonald family caught up in a web of violence, injustice, and rage in South Boston.

Before You Know Kindness
by Chris Bohjalian
March 25, 2020



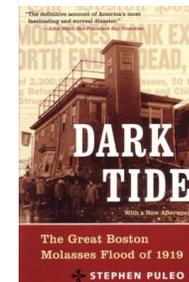
SUMMARY: On a balmy night in New Hampshire a shot rings out in a garden, and a man falls to the ground, terribly wounded. The wounded man is Spencer McCullough, the shot that hit him was fired (accidentally?) by his adolescent daughter Charlotte. It's a family saga that is timely in its examination of some of the most important issues of our era, and timeless in its exploration of the strange and unexpected places where we find love.

Crescent
by Diana Abu-Jaber
April 29, 2020



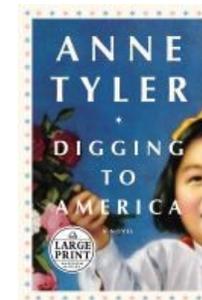
SUMMARY: *Crescent* is the story of Sirine, a thirty-nine year old single woman living in the Arab-American community of Los Angeles. Sirine is a passionate cook, and works in a Lebanese restaurant, where her storytelling uncle and her saucy boss believe she should be trying harder to find a husband. her encounter with a professor of Arabic literature causes her to question her identity and the world around her.

Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood
by Stephen Puleo
May 27, 2020



SUMMARY: A 50-foot tall steel tank filled with 2.3 million gallons of molasses had just collapsed on Boston's waterfront, disgorging its contents as a 15-foot high wave of molasses that at its outset traveled at 35 miles an hour. It demolished wooden homes, even the brick fire station. The number of dead wasn't known for days.

Digging to America
by Anne Tyler
September 30, 2020



SUMMARY: Two families, who would otherwise never have come together, meet by chance at the Baltimore airport, each anticipating the arrival of an adopted infant daughter from Korea. Over the years, as the parents, children, and grandparents become more deeply entwined, cultures clash, values are challenged, and the America way is seen from the beguiling perspectives of both those who are born here and those who are struggling to fit in.

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