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The meaning of human existence

From Barnes and Noble: “Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edward O. Wilson (The Ants; The Future of Life) has been called "the father of biodiversity," "the father of sociobiology," and "the father of conservation biology." In his latest book, this prodigious octogenarian draws on his expertise in these and other specialties to address two core questions: What is the meaning of human existence? And what is our future? His measured responses touch on both philosophy and action. (P.S. Wilson is a fine writer. Of him, novelist Ian McEwan writes, "Frankly, I do not know of another working scientist whose prose is better than his.")

Little Hawk and the lone wolf: a memoir

From Barnes and Noble: ““Little Hawk” was born Raymond Kaquatosh in 1924 on Wisconsin’s Menominee Reservation. The son of a medicine woman, Ray spent his Depression-era boyhood immersed in the beauty of the natural world and the traditions of his tribe and his family... Ray remained a lonely boy in a full house until he met and befriended a lone timber wolf. The unusual bond they formed would last through both their lifetimes. As Ray grew into a young man, he left the reservation more frequently. Yet whenever he returned—from school and work, from service in the Marines, and finally from postwar Wausau with his future wife—the wolf waited...”

Why cows need names and more secrets of Amish farms

From Kent State University Press: “Why Cows Need Names follows one young Amish family as they dream about and then struggle to establish a profitable and quintessentially American small farm... Surrounded by a factory-farm world, the Gingerich family employs a business model that flatly rejects the dogma of “economies of scale” and instead focuses on the diversity, flexibility, and efficiency that only a small family farm can capture. Why Cows Need Names provides a partial roadmap, not only for other small farms but for the many thousands of family businesses that are created each year and largely ignored in our national psyche. It will appeal to anyone interested in business management, our food supply, animal welfare, and Amish family life.”
Liars & Outliers: enabling the trust that society needs to thrive

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Thirteen days in September: Carter, Begin, and Sadat at Camp David

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Anthropology of the brain: consciousness, culture, and free will

From Barnes and Noble: “In this unique exploration of the mysteries of the human brain, Roger Bartra shows that consciousness is a phenomenon that occurs not only in the mind but also in an external network, a symbolic system. He argues that the symbolic systems created by humans in art, language, in cooking or in dress, are the key to understanding human consciousness. Placing culture at the centre of his analysis, Bartra brings together findings from anthropology and cognitive science and offers an original vision of the continuity between the brain and its symbolic environment.”

Reading the Bromance: homosexual relationships in film and television

From Barnes and Noble: “In the middle of this century’s first decade, "bromance" emerged as a term denoting an emotionally intense bond between straight men. Yet bromance requires an expression of intimacy that always toys with being coded as something other
than "straight" male behavior, even as it insists that such intimacy must never be misinterpreted. In *Reading the Bromance: Homosocial Relationships in Film and Television*, editor Michael DeAngelis has compiled a diverse group of essays that address the rise of this tricky phenomenon and explore the social and cultural functions it serves.

**American Indians in U.S. history**

From Barnes and Noble: “The author traces tribal experiences through four eras: Indian America prior to the European invasions; the colonial period; the emergence of the United States as the dominant power in North America and its subsequent invasion of Indian lands; and the years from 1900 to the present. Nichols uses both Euro-American sources and tribal stories to illuminate the problems Indian people and their leaders have dealt with in every generation.”

**Mexico and its diaspora in the United States: policies of emigration since 1848**

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**American settler colonialism: a history**

From Barnes and Noble: “This groundbreaking historical synthesis demonstrates that the United States is and has always been fundamentally a settler colonial society - and, indeed, that its growth as a country represents the most sweeping, violent, and significant instance of the phenomenon in history. Linking episodes too often treated in isolation - including Indian removal, the Mexican and Civil Wars, and
the settlement of Alaska and Hawaii - it upends many familiar categories of US history and presents a compelling yet disturbing framework through which to understand America's rise to global dominance.”

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