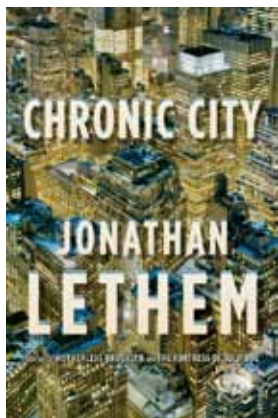




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## Weekly Book Preview

### Chronic City

by Jonathan Lethem

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Into Chase's cloistered city enters Perkus Tooth, a wall-eyed free-range pop critic whose soaring conspiratorial riffs are fueled by high-grade marijuana, mammoth cheeseburgers, and a desperate ache for meaning. Perkus's countercultural savvy and voracious paranoia draw Chase into another Manhattan, where questions of what is real, what is fake, and who is complicit take on a life-shattering urgency. Along with Oona Laszlo, a self-loathing ghostwriter, and Richard Abneg, a hero of the Tompkins Square Park riot now working as a fixer for the billionaire mayor, Chase and Perkus attempt to unearth the answers to several mysteries that seem to offer that rarest of artifacts on an island where everything can be bought: Truth.

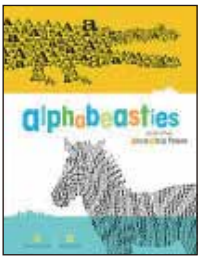
## New Arrivals



### Philip Dick Collection by Dick, Philip K.

List price: ~~\$140.00~~  
Our Price: **\$87.95**

Thirteen novels of a science fiction master in one definitive collector's edition. The Library of America has gathered all three volumes of Jonathan Lethem's definitive Philip K. Dick edition in a boxed set. The volumes are: Four Novels of the 1960s; Five Volumes of the 1960s & 70s; VALIS and Later Novels. 2,950p.



### Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types by Werner, Sharon

List price: ~~\$49.99~~  
Our Price: **\$15.95**

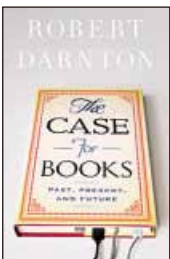
Lift-the-flap and die-cut pages reveal portraits of many animals composed from typographic initials. (Ages: 4-8).



### Best American Nonrequired Reading 2009

by Dick, Philip K.  
List price: ~~\$14.00~~  
Our Price: **\$11.20**

(The Best American series). This anthology highlights the year's fiction, nonfiction, alternative comics, screenplays, blogs, and more. Among those included: Philip Connors, Nathan Englander, Jonathan Franzen, Rikva Galchen, J. Malcolm Garcia, David Grann, Denis Johnson, Rebecca Makkai, Matthew Power, Olivier Schrauwen. 413p.



### Case for Books by Darnton, Robert

List price: ~~\$23.95~~  
Our Price: **\$19.16**

Robert Darnton, director of Harvard University Library, offers an in-depth examination of the book from its earliest beginnings to its shifting role today in popular culture, commerce, and the academy. In a lasting collection drawn from previously published and new work alike, Darnton lends unique authority to the life and role of the book in society. The resulting work is a wise work of scholarship - one that requires readers to carefully consider how the digital revolution will broadly affect the marketplace of ideas. I.e., what common ground exists between old books and e-books? What mutual advantages link libraries with the Internet?



### Photowisdom by Blackwell, Lewis

List price: ~~\$50.00~~  
Our Price: **\$39.95**

An exploration of the richness of contemporary photographic practice through the extraordinary images and insights of the world's leading photographers. This publication features commentaries from original interviews with the photographers alongside exquisite reproductions of key images chosen by the artists themselves. The book is aimed at supporting a project with award-winning charity PhotoVoice (www.photovoice.com) to help children in rural Afghanistan express their concerns, and grasp opportunities through photography. Illus., 200 full-color photographs. 216p.

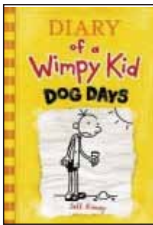


### Map As Art by Harmon, Katharine

List price: ~~\$45.00~~  
Our Price: **\$35.95**

Maps can be simple tools, comfortable in their familiar form. Or they can lead to different destinations: places turned upside down/inside out, territories riddled with marks understood only by their maker, realms connected more to the interior mind than to the exterior world. Here, Katharine

collects 360 colorful map-related artistic visions by well-known artists - such as Ed Ruscha, Julian Schnabel, Olafur Eliasson, Maira Kalman, William Kentridge, and Vik Muniz - and many more less-familiar artists for whom maps are the inspiration for creating art. Beautiful reproductions & telling commentary. 300 color illus. 256p



### Diary of a Wimpy Kid #4 by Kinney, Jeff

List price: ~~\$13.95~~  
Our Price: **\$11.16**

It's summer vacation - the weather's great, and all the kids are having a great time outside. So where's Greg Heffley? Inside his house, playing video games with the shades drawn. Greg, a self-confessed "indoor person," is living out his ultimate summer fantasy: no responsibilities and no rules. But Greg's mom has a different vision for an ideal summer...one packed with outdoor activities and "family togetherness." B&W illus. (Ages: 8-12).



### Lettering & Type by Willen, Bruce

List price: ~~\$24.95~~  
Our Price: **\$19.95**

A smart-but-not-dense guide to creating and bending letters to one's will. More than just another pretty survey, it is a powerful how-to-book full of relevant theory, history, explanatory diagrams, and exercises. Lift-the-flap and die-cut pages reveal portraits of many animals composed from typographic initials. Throughout the book interviews with type designers, artists, and graphic designers provide real-world perspective from contemporary practitioners. Glossary, Bibliography, Indes. Illustrated throughout. 130p The alert owl looks upon the landscape and takes note of all the different animals in their quiet states of slumber - some huddled together, some sleeping alone, others dreaming as they stand. Color illus. (Ages: 2-6). Color illus. (Ages: 2-6).

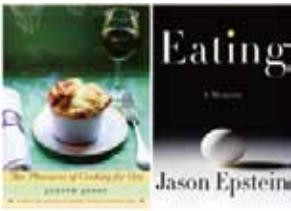
## Events



### Anne C. Heller Ayn Rand and the World She Made

**Nov 4 07:00PM - 08:00PM**

Famous for her credo of individualism and unbridled capitalism, novelist and philosopher Ayn Rand never talked about her life as Alissa Zinovievna Rosenbaum, an awkward and offbeat Russian Jewish girl of startling intelligence. In this biography, Anne C. Heller is the first to fully investigate and vigorously chronicle Rand's willful life and phenomenal and controversial achievements, from her arrival in America at age 21 in 1926, to her work in Hollywood.



### Judith Jones & Jason Epstein

**Nov 5 07:00PM - 08:00PM**

Judith Jones, the legendary editor of some of the world's greatest cooks--including Julia Child and James Beard--teams up with Jason Epstein, the editor and publisher of Mailer, Nabokov, Gore Vidal and E.L. Doctorow, for a discussion about their books: The Pleasure of Cooking for One and Eating: A Memoir, respectively.



### Artist Meet & Greet: Luc Tuymans

**Nov 7 02:00PM - 03:30PM**

Luc Tuymans is one of today's most widely admired painters, whose relationship to painting is structured by television, cinema and by the lingering effects of WWII; more recent historical preoccupations have included the dramatic turn of world events post-9/11. Published in conjunction with the artist's first full-scale American survey, this is without question the authoritative publication on Tuymans. Luc Tuymans will sign copies of his books for Strand customers at this special Saturday meet & greet.