

NON-FICTION ONE-OF-A-KIND TRUE STORIES

BORN TO RUN

by Christopher McDougall (796.42 MCD)

McDougall reveals the secrets of the world's greatest distance runners--the Tarahumara Indians of Copper Canyon, Mexico--and how he trained for the challenge of a lifetime: a fifty-mile race through the heart of Tarahumara country pitting the tribe against an odd band of super-athletic Americans.

LOVE IN THE DRIEST SEASON

by Neely Tucker (362.73 TUC)

Foreign correspondent Neely Tucker and his wife, Vita, arrived in Zimbabwe in 1997. After witnessing firsthand the devastating consequences of AIDS on the population, especially the children, the couple started volunteering at an orphanage that was desperately underfunded and short-staffed.

THE SPIRIT CATCHES YOU AND YOU FALL DOWN

by Anne Fadiman (306.4 FAD)

When three-month-old Lia Lee, daughter of Hmong immigrants, arrived at the county hospital emergency room in Merced, California, a chain of events was set in motion from which neither she nor her parents nor her doctors would ever recover.

THREE CUPS OF TEA

by Greg Mortenson (371.82 MOR)

While he wages war with the root causes of terrorism - poverty and ignorance - by building schools in the region that gave birth to the Taliban and sanctuary to Al Qaeda, Mortenson must survive kidnapping, fatwas issued by enraged mullahs, death threats from Americans who consider him a traitor, and wrenching separations from his family.

UNDER THE BANNER OF HEAVEN

by John Krakauer (289.3 KRA)

On July 24, 1984, a woman and her infant daughter were murdered by two brothers, Ron and Dan Lafferty, who believed they were ordered to kill by God. The roots of their crime lie deep in the history of the extremism of an American religion.

WILD SWANS

by Jung Chang (951.05 CHA)

The story of three generations in twentieth-century China, it is an engrossing record of Mao's impact on China, an unusual window on the female experience in the modern world, and an inspiring tale of courage and love.

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