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## **Barnes & Noble and NOOK<sup>®</sup> Announce Best Books of 2012**

### **List Features the Best Books and eBooks of the Year As Picked by Barnes & Noble's Booksellers**

New York, NY – December 12, 2012 –Barnes & Noble, Inc. (NYSE: BKS), the leading retailer of content, digital media and educational products, today announced its selections for the Best Books of 2012. The company's booksellers have selected from customer favorites and personal recommendations their choices for the best books and eBooks of the year in Fiction, Nonfiction, Teens and Kids. The entire collection can be found at [www.bn.com/bestof](http://www.bn.com/bestof) and also features a special list of the year's best eBook only titles. Booksellers also went beyond traditional categories to select some quirky, beautiful and different favorites from the past year, with a focus on books with stunning visual appeal and unique subject matter.

The Fiction list is led by the moving novel *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Steadman, which is also a Barnes & Noble Recommends ([www.bn.com/recommends](http://www.bn.com/recommends)) pick, Gillian Flynn's thrilling runaway bestseller *Gone Girl*, and the Man Booker Prize-winning *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel. This year's best Nonfiction includes the Discover Great New Writers selection and National Book Award winner *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo, *The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill, Volume 3: Defender of the Realm, 1940-1965* by William Manchester and Paul Reid, and Alison Bechdel's graphic memoir *Are You My Mother?: A Comic Drama*.

The best books and eBooks for Teens this year include John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* and the culmination of Ally Condie's inventive *Matched Trilogy, Reached*. Among the best books for Kids in 2012 are William Joyce's visual delight *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* and Rick Riordan's gripping *The Mark of Athena (Heroes of Olympus Series #3)*.

Barnes & Noble's best NOOK Book<sup>™</sup> Originals of the year include Jon Katz's *The Story of Rose: A Man and His Dog*, Lee Child's Jack Reacher tale *Deep Down* and Rhys Bowen's *Masked Ball at Broxley Manor*. Among the books selected as the best "Quirky, Beautiful, Different" reads are Chris Ware's majestic box-set graphic novel *Building Stories*, Jordan Matters' *Dancers Among Us: A Celebration of Joy in the Everyday*, and Nathan Myhrvold's *Modernist Cuisine at Home*.

The entire collection of the best books and eBooks of 2012 is available at [www.bn.com/bestof](http://www.bn.com/bestof). In addition, the editors of the Barnes & Noble Review ([www.bn.com/review](http://www.bn.com/review)) have also selected

their favorites from among the books covered by the Review in 2012, including Zadie Smith's *NW*, Ben Fountain's *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*, Caleb Scharf's *Gravity's Engines*, Alex Danchev's *Cezanne: A Life*, and Caitlin Moran's *How to Be a Woman*.

To browse these great reads and all of the hottest holiday books visit any of Barnes & Noble's nearly 700 stores nationwide or go to [www.nook.com](http://www.nook.com) to experience these titles as eBooks on the award-winning NOOK line of devices, which includes the recently-announced and critically acclaimed NOOK® HD and NOOK® HD+. Barnes & Noble offers Always Free NOOK Support in all of its neighborhood bookstores, with more than 35,000 booksellers across the country ready to assist customers with setting up their NOOK devices or choosing their next great read.

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