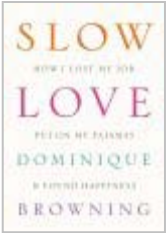


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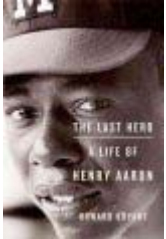
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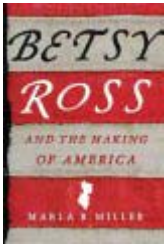
Slow Love: How I Lost My Job, Put On My Pajamas & Found Happiness - by Dominique Browning

As the editor of *House & Garden* magazine, Dominique Browning's entire life was defined and structured by her work. But when the magazine folded in 2007, Browning found herself suddenly unemployed--and at a complete loss as to what to do next. *Slow Love* is her graceful memoir of how she eventually built a new life for herself after losing her job, a process that included baking copious amounts of muffins, gaining 15 pounds, moving to a new home, and wearing her pajamas to the farmers' market. Don't miss this "enchanting, funny, [and] deeply gracious" memoir (*Publishers Weekly*).



The Last Hero: A Life of Henry Aaron - by Howard Bryant

In this comprehensive biography, author Howard Bryant illuminates the life of one of baseball's greatest players, Henry "Hank" Aaron, whose Major League career spanned more than 20 years. In addition to chronicling the baseball star's on-field achievements--including breaking Babe Ruth's home-run record--Bryant also discusses how racism and prejudice during the 1950s, '60s, and '70s affected Aaron's life. For more profiles of iconic ball players during the civil rights movement, check out Jonathan Eig's *Opening Day: The Story of Jackie Robinson's First Season* or Larry Tye's *Satchel: The Life and Times of an American Legend*.



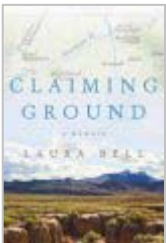
Betsy Ross and the Making of America - by Marla R. Miller

While it's an oft-repeated fact that a woman named Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag, very little is known about Ross herself. But that has changed thanks to author Marla R. Miller, who used new sources to uncover the truth about Ross and her fabled creation of the flag. Miller places Ross into the context of Revolutionary Philadelphia, where Ross became an upholsterer, was married three times, and survived the yellow fever epidemic of 1793. Readers with an interest in colonial-era women's history should also check out Cokie Roberts' *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*.



Muriel Spark: The Biography - by Martin Stannard

Born into a working-class family in 1918 Edinburgh, Muriel Spark grew up to become one of Scotland's best literary talents of the 20th century. She was well-known for her short stories, poems, and novels, yet she was a socially insecure and extremely private person who refused to keep a diary. But in this definitive portrait, biographer Martin Stannard brings forth ten years of exhaustive research into this elusive figure, detailing her childhood, her writing career, and her personal life. If you aren't yet familiar with Muriel Spark, you might also want to check out one of her novels; try *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*.



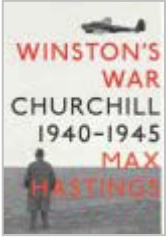
Claiming Ground - by Laura Bell

When Kentucky native Laura Bell graduated from college in 1977, she decided to follow her own path in life--and for her that meant moving to Wyoming's Bighorn Basin, where she took a job herding sheep. Thirty years later, Bell is still in Wyoming, though over the years she has been everything from a ranch hand to a masseuse to a housewife. *Claiming Ground* is her memoir about her transformative years in Wyoming, remarkable not just for the details of Bell's journey of self-discovery but for her astonishing ability to impart a sense of place in her writing. Anyone who enjoys reading about the beauty of the American West won't want to miss *Claiming Ground*.



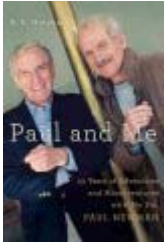
Jane's Fame: How Jane Austen Conquered the World - by Claire Harman

Though she's been dead for nearly 200 years, Jane Austen may be hotter than ever; her novels are still widely read, her books are continually made into films, and a host of contemporary novelists are churning out "sequels" to her beloved works. Here, in *Jane's Fame*, biographer Claire Harman gives a complete biography of Austen, showing her as both a dutiful daughter and a determined feminist who boldly pursued a career in writing. But that's only part of what Harman discusses in this unique book, for she also charts the rise and fall of Austen's popularity over time and her influence on popular culture. According to *Booklist*, this engaging book is "a must for any serious Austen reader."



Winston's War: Churchill, 1940-1945 - by Max Hastings

While everyone surely knows the name Winston Churchill, many may be surprised to learn that prior to World War II, he did not appear to be headed for greatness, for Churchill's career seemed all but over. Yet, in 1940, he nevertheless became Britain's prime minister and went on to lead his nation to victory against Germany and Japan. In *Winston's War*, military historian Max Hastings profiles Churchill during 1940-1945, detailing how he managed the war and how he became one of Britain's best war leaders ever. Readers who want to know even more about Churchill's military career should pick up Carlo D'Este's *Warlord: A Life of Winston Churchill At War, 1874-1945*.



Paul and Me: Fifty-three Years of Adventures and Misadventures with My Pal Paul Newman - by A. E. Hotchner

In 1955, the legendary Paul Newman--then an unknown actor--was introduced to playwright A. E. Hotchner when he starred in one of Hotchner's television plays. Newman and Hotchner became friends, and up until the time of Newman's death more than 50 years later, they were still bosom buddies. *Paul and Me* is Hotchner's account of his friendship with Newman, from their numerous travels to their creation of the Newman's Own product line. For more memoirs about long-lasting friendships involving famous people, check out Jerry Schilling's *Me and a Guy Named Elvis: My Lifelong Friendship with Elvis Presley* or Bill Russell's *Red and Me: My Coach, My Lifelong Friend*.