

ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

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(Books purchased for December 2015)

FEATURED SELECTIONS

THE CATSKILLS

STEPHEN M. SILVERMAN, RAPHAEL D. SILVER

A look at the history of this New York vacation destination. The area has influenced the paintings of the Hudson River School and the writings of Washington Irving and others. It became a popular destination first for WASP vacationers, and later tuberculosis patients seeking relief from the city, and then Jewish families who stayed in the resorts of the Borscht Belt, with their noted entertainers. 448 p., ill.

CITY ON FIRE

GARTH RISK HALLBERG

A novel about a disparate group of people, a shooting in Central Park, and the New York blackout in July, 1977. (*The New York Times* 100 Notable Books of 2015, *Library Journal* Best Books 2015: More of the Best, *The Washington Post*: Notable Fiction Books of 2015) 903 p.

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MARK BITTMAN

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DAVID BALDACCI

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