Library Journal’s Best Books of 2009

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FICTION

Flanagan, Richard. *Wanting*. Assuming the governorship of the penal colony of Van Diemen's Land, Sir John Franklin and his wife adopt a young Aboriginal girl, Mathinna, and ten years later after Franklin and his crew disappear in the Arctic, Charles Dickens takes an interest in the story, which has a profound affect on this own life. FICTION FLANAGA

James, Marlon. *The Book of Night Women*. Feared from birth for her vivid green eyes, which her fellow slaves believe to be evidence of her dark powers, young slave Lilith is both revered and avoided throughout her childhood and becomes a key in the success of a long-planned slave revolt. FICTION JAMES

Lasdun, James. *It's Beginning to Hurt: Stories*. FICTION LASDUN

Mantel, Hilary. *Wolf Hall*. Assuming the power recently lost by the disgraced Cardinal Wolsey, Thomas Cromwell counsels a mercurial Henry VIII on the latter's efforts to marry Anne Boleyn against the wishes of Rome, a successful endeavor that comes with a dangerous price. FICTION MANTEL

Morgan, C. E. *All the Living*. Moving to a remote tobacco farm that her lover inherited when rest of his family was killed in a terrible accident, a young woman in 1984 Kentucky struggles with their isolated life, her lover's grief, and a budding friendship with a dynamic young preacher. FICTION MORGAN

Nguyen, Bich Minh. *Short Girls*. Two estranged Vietnamese sisters, each wrestling with their own lives, careers, and romances, are reunited at their father's American citizenship party, and forge a new relationship. FICTION NGUYEN

Phillips, Jayne Anne. *Lark and Termite*. Set against the backdrop of the Korean War in the 1950s, a novel about family, the repercussions of war, and the bonds that sustain personal relationships focuses on a single family--, her brother, their mother Lola, and soldier father, Robert Leavitt. FICTION PHILLIP

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Tatlock, Ann. *The Returning*. V - Dis TATL RET S59 *

MYSTERY

Gruley, Bryan. *Starvation Lake*. MYSTERY GRULEY

Hayes, J. M. *Server Down: A Mad Dog & Englishman Mystery*. MYSTERY HAYES

ROMANCE

Anderson, Catherine. *Star Bright*. PAPERBACK ANDERSON

Krentz, Jayne Ann. *Running Hot*. FICTION KRENTZ

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Kirkpatrick, Jane. *A Flickering Light*. FICTION KIRKPAT

Lewis, Beverly. *The Missing*. FICTION LEWIS

**STREET LIT**

Clark, Wahida. *Thug Lovin’*. FICTION CLARK

Coleman, JaQuavis. *The Dopeman’s Wife*. FICTION COLEMAN

Swinson, Kiki. *Playing Dirty*. AFRICAN FICTION SWINSON, FICTION SWINSON

Woods, Teri. *Alibi*. FICTION WOODS *

**THRILLERS**

Connelly, Michael. *The Scarecrow*. MYSTERY CONNELL

**NON-FICTION**


**SELF-HELP**
