

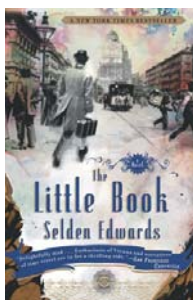
# THE INDEPENDENT HANDSELLERS LIST

Local interest, obscure gems and tried and true favourites make up this assortment of titles that Canadian independent booksellers recommend with confidence.

## Pages, Books on Kensington, Calgary, AB

**The Little Book** by Selden Edwards (Plume / Penguin Canada)

Selden Edwards worked on this book for over 30 years, and it shows. It's a time-travel book that men and women like equally. The plot is too much to sum up in a few sentences, but I tell my customers that this man travels back to fin-de-siècle Vienna and meets many of the luminaries there at the time, like Freud, Wittgenstein and even Mark Twain. He also meets his own family ... I also tell people that it's so well written that I am now on my third rereading of it just to see how the author pulls it off.



- Simone Lee

**The Book of Clouds** by Chloe Aridjis (Grove / PGC)

I have sold many copies of a wonderful little book called *The Book of Clouds*. This poetic and dreamlike novel takes you on a tour of contemporary Berlin. It is almost impossible to describe the plot of this debut novel, but this tour-de force will haunt you from the first page until long after you put it down.

- Mitzi Stone

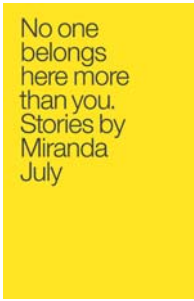
## Librairie Drawn & Quarterly, Montreal, QC

**Conquest of the Useless** by Werner Herzog (Ecco / HarperCollins Canada) Memoirs from the occasionally maniacal filmmaker Werner Herzog while making the film *Fitzcarraldo* in the jungle in

Peru. The making of this movie outshines the film itself by comparison.

### **No One Belongs Here More Than You**

by Miranda July (Scribner / Simon & Schuster Canada) Miranda July is an artist, filmmaker and writer. This collection of short (often strange) stories has continued to sell well here at Drawn & Quarterly without having to draw a lot of attention to it.



**Moomin Books: The complete Tove Jansson Comic Strip** by Tove Jansson (Drawn & Quarterly)

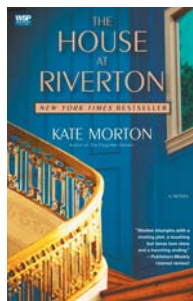
This four (soon to be five!) part series is a collection of comic strips by Finnish author Tove Jansson. Magical worlds that explore all types of issues; buy it for the kids and read it for yourself.

- Rory Seydel

## Blue Heron Books, Uxbridge, ON

**The Forgotten Garden** and **The House at Riverton**

by Kate Morton (Simon & Schuster) Both of these Kate Morton novels make excellent book club picks—a touch of sinister, a soupcon of romance, a definite mystery angle, some history. Well-written literary fiction.



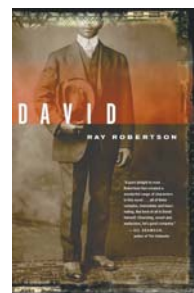
**The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox** by Maggie O'Farrell (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Thomas Allen)

In a similar vein: *The Vanishing Act of*


*Esme Lennox*—same notes as above, actually. I recommended it to MANY book clubs and all have loved it.

### **Moody Food**

(Biblioasis), **What Happened Later** and **David** (Thomas Allen Publishers) by Ray Robertson On a different note, but also good for book clubs, *Moody Food*, *What Happened Later* and *David* are all wonderful, all unique, all superbly written.



- Shelley MacBeth

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