

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.

Turning the Tide Bookstore, Saskatoon, SK

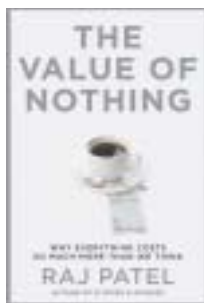
Black Book of Canadian Foreign Policy,
by Yves Engler (Fernwood Books)

Short-listed for the Quebec Writers' Federation Literary Awards' Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-Fiction, Yves Engler's *Black Book of Canadian Foreign Policy* was the top seller at our bookstore in 2009 and offers the first attempt at providing a comprehensive critical history of Canadian foreign policy. An average reader will find a trove of otherwise unknown and underreported information of Canada's history abroad. It is an important and timely addition to the literature of Canadian history.



The Value of Nothing: Why Everything Costs So Much More Than We Think
by Raj Patel (HarperCollins Publishers)

Another suggestion is Raj Patel's *The Value of Nothing*, which is a wonderful short history of our current economic system and the philosophies that underpin its dominance. It examines the recent economic collapse and draws important lessons about the way we value things in the world. It offers helpful suggestions about how we might go about re-valuing the things in the world that we depend on to sustain life and, through this process, how we might create more just and equitable



societies. Our store is currently featuring the book as a book club selection and has sold 70 copies with very positive feedback from the vast majority of readers.

- Peter Garden

Odyssey Books, Ajax, ON

Animal Speak: The Spiritual & Magical Powers of Creatures Great and Small
by Ted Andrews (Llewellyn Publications/
Georgetown Terminal Warehouse)

Globally, natives and those connected with the land have always looked to nature for guidance. This book is the definitive guide to recognizing and interpreting the signs and messages that animals convey.

Crystal Bible: A Definitive Guide to Crystals

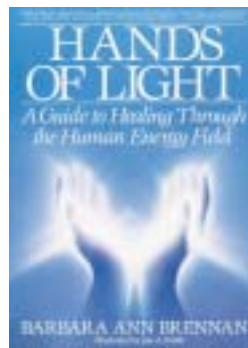
by Judy Hall (F & W Publications /
Quanta Distribution Inc.)

Organized like a dictionary, this excellent book provides definitions and full-colour photos to help readers identify crystals and their properties.

Hands of Light: A Guide to Healing Through the Human Energy Field

by Barbara Ann Brennan (Bantam)

This book is a scientist's look at the field of bioenergetic healing and offers specific techniques towards spiritual healing and understanding the human energy field.



Excuse Me Your Life Is Waiting: The Astonishing Power of Feelings
by Lynn Grabhorn (Hampton Roads
Publishing / Quanta Distribution Inc.)

It isn't luck, intelligence, hard work or positive thinking that creates success or failure in life, but feelings. Learn how to overcome limiting beliefs to create the life you want.

Spirit Guides & Angel Guardians:

Contact Your Invisible Helpers

by Richard Webster (Llewellyn
Publications / Georgetown Terminal
Warehouse)

Learn techniques to connect with your guides and angels in this practical and easy-to-read book.

- Debbie Purvis

Galiano Island Books, Galiano Island, BC

Lemon

by Cordelia Strube (Coach House Books)

Some of the passages shocked me, others really moved me, and some just made me laugh out loud at the pure and honest brilliance of Strube's writing. There is a real bravery to the voice that Lemon is given, and it is empowering just to read and imagine yourself stepping back in time and saying all of those things you meant to say.



A Kind of Intimacy

by Jenn Ashworth (Europa Editions)

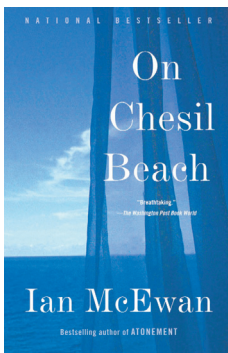
The beautiful thing about this novel is how exciting and wonderfully voyeuristic one feels treading through day-to-day life alongside Annie as she thinks the thoughts of a truly ill person, and conducts herself in wild and mysterious ways. Every time I had to put down the book, it left me feeling like I had an excellent film on Pause. I loved the simplicity of her dialogues combined with the intricate nature of Annie's rolling thoughts. You won't want it to end, but it ends. Oh, does it end.

- Lindsay Williams

On Chesil Beach

by Ian McEwan (Anchor)

A heartbreaking, honest tale of how things said (or, more correctly, not said) in the span of hours can affect the rest of your life. Absolutely enchanting, beautifully drawn char-



acters. You will re-read passages just for the pure beauty of the language and the emotion it evokes.

- Seonaid Renwick

Sailing Home: A Journey through Time, Place, and Memory

by Gary Geddes (HarperCollins Canada)

Geddes, not exactly a seasoned sailor, even less of a mechanically-minded fellow, is thankfully a masterful story-teller. As with all great road trips, it's not the destination (in this case, Haida Gwaii) that one remembers most but the journey itself (along BC's Inside Passage). I read the book while following along on Google Earth, mapping out Geddes' every magical island, islet and treacherous rock outcropping. Geddes meets a cast of wonderfully eccentric characters along his route. This book made me want to take a power squadron course and head out on my own sea voyage!

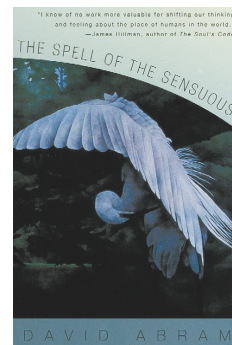
The Spell of the Sensuous: Perception and Language in a More-than-Human World


by David Abram (Vintage)

This is one of those books that some people carry around like a talisman. I know of one woman who has read the book every

year since it was published in 1996. My own copy of the book, weather-beaten and sun-baked, has survived a plunge into the waters of the Trincomali Channel. Abram is philosopher, ecologist and sleight-of-hand magician who has lived with indigenous people in Indonesia, Nepal and the Americas. The book explores the consequences of the evolution from oral storytelling cultures to cultures of the written word and our subsequent estrangement from the natural world. A thought-provoking and magical book. I have been waiting for years for Abram to publish a new book and just learned that his newest offering, *Becoming Animal: An Earthly Cosmology*, is due out this August!

- Peter Barrett



Thanks to all of our bookseller contributors who responded so thoughtfully and eloquently. If you've got a handselling hit on your hands, or staff recommendations to offer, please forward your picks to esinkins@cbabook.org. 

Calendar

September 14

2010 Retail Loss Prevention Conference
International Centre, Toronto, ON
<http://retailcouncil.org/events/calendar/>

September 26

The Word on the Street
Vancouver, Kitchener, Toronto, Halifax, Saskatoon
www.thewordonthestreet.ca

October 6 - 10

Frankfurt Book Fair
Guest of Honour: Argentina
www.frankfurt-book-fair.com

October 12 - 17

15th Annual WordFest
Banff & Calgary, AB
www.wordfest.com

October 14 - 17

Bouchercon By the Bay
San Francisco, CA
www.bcon2010.com/

October 16

CBA Independents' Day
Events across the country—let us know what your plans are.
esinkins@cbabook.org
www.cbabook.org/independents.html

October 17 - 23

Small Business Week
http://www.bdc.ca/en/about/events/small_business_week/default.htm

October 20 - 30

International Festival of Authors
Harbourfront Centre
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-973-4760
readings@harbourfrontcentre.com
www.readings.org

October 22 - 24

Surrey International Writers' Conference
Surrey, BC
www.siwc.ca/

October 28 - 31

CIROBE, the Chicago International Remainder and Overstock Book Exposition
The Hilton Chicago
Chicago, IL
info@cirobe.com
www.cirobe.com

November 2 - 4

CSC 2010
Vancouver, BC
www.CampusStores.ca

November 17 - 22

Salon du Livre de Montréal
Montreal, QC
www.salondulivredeMontreal.com/

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