# Books III

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# OCT. 15 Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

When Mia Warren—an enigmatic artist and single mother—arrives in the idyllic Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights with her teenaged daughter Pearl and rents a house from the picture-perfect family of Elana Richardson, she carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. When friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Elena is determined to

uncover the secrets in Mia's past, but her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs.

## REVIEWER:

**Phoebe Baker** is a retired associate professor of psychology at Tulsa Community College.

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# OCT. 22 4th & Boston: Heart of the Magic Empire by Douglas Miller and Steve Gerkin

This is the remarkable story of how the intersection of Fourth and Boston in Tulsa became the heart of the "Magic Empire," an early euphemism for the Oklahoma oil fields that created fabulous fortunes seemingly overnight in the early 20th century. Behind the unique collection of buildings that populate its four corners are stories of boom and bust, risk and loss, and courage and love. Like the city that surrounds it, Fourth and Boston is a place where golden opportunity led towering egos to build wealth and power on foundations of ingenuity, sacrifice and faith. This one intersection



encapsulates the ongoing drama that always has and always will be embodied in the name "Tulsa."

Join us as we welcome author Douglas Miller to discuss this fascinating look at Tulsa's history. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. A dessert reception will follow.

## OCT. 29 The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World by Peter Wohlleben

Are trees social beings? The first book in Wohlleben's The Mysteries of Nature Trilogy, *The Hidden Life of Trees* makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending

dangers. Wohlleben also shares his deep love of woods and forests, explaining the amazing processes of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in his woodland.

#### REVIEWER

Mike Perkins is director of operations for Up With Trees and a certified arborist.

# NOV. 5 *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

In this finalist for the National Book Award, four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan. When teenaged Sunja discovers she is pregnant—and that her wealthy lover is married—she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations. From bustling street markets to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history.



#### REVIEWER

J. Rex Burnett is director of the East Asia Institute and associate director of the Confucius Institute at OU-Tulsa.

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## NOV. 12 Leonardo da Vinci by Walter Isaacson

The author of the acclaimed best-sellers *Steve Jobs, Einstein* and *Benjamin Franklin* brings Leonardo da Vinci to life in this exciting new biography. Based on thousands of pages from da Vinci's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Isaacson weaves a narrative that connects his art to his science. He shows how his genius was based on skills

we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation and an imagination so playful that it firted with fantasy.

#### REVIEWER:

Scott Stulen is director and president of Philbrook Museum of Art.

# NOV. 19 Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder

From the beet fields of North Dakota to Amazon's CamperForce program in Texas, employers have discovered a new, low-cost labor pool, made up largely of transient older Americans. Finding that social security comes up short, often underwater on mortgages, these invisible casualties of the Great Recession have taken to the road, forming a growing community of nomads:

migrant laborers who call themselves "workampers." In a secondhand vehicle, author Bruder hits the road to get to know her subjects more intimately.

#### REVIEWER:

**Travis Lowe** is an assistant professor of sociology specializing in work and inequality at The University of Tulsa.

# NOV. 26 A Hilary Mantel Sampler

Two-time Man Booker Prize-winning author Dame Hilary Mantel visits Tulsa on Dec. 7-8 as recipient of the 2018 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished

Author Award. Award Selection Committee chair Adrian Alexander reviews a sampler of Mantel's work, highlighting its significance and impact.

#### REVIEWER:

Adrian Alexander is dean of the McFarlin Library at The University of Tulsa.

