Puleo, Steven
*Voyage of Mercy: the USS Jamestown, the Irish famine, and the remarkable story of America's first humanitarian mission*

The remarkable story of the mission that inspired a nation to donate massive relief to Ireland during the potato famine and began America's tradition of providing humanitarian aid around the world. Also Recommended: Puleo’s *Dark Tide*.

Sherman, Casey and Michael Tougias
*Above and Beyond: John F. Kennedy and America's most dangerous Cold War spy mission*

The riveting, deeply human story of President John F. Kennedy and two U-2 pilots, Rudy Anderson and Chuck Maultsby, who risked their lives to save America during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Snow, Richard
*Disney's Land: Walt Disney and the invention of the amusement park that changed the world*

A history of the conception and development of the iconic California theme park chronicles how Walt and Roy Disney and a small group of artists endured innumerable setbacks to create one of the world’s most popular destinations.

Batalion, Judy
*The Light of Days: The untold story of women resistance fighters in Hitler's ghettos*

A spectacular, searing history that brings to light the extraordinary accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters.

Bell, Richard
*Stolen*

A gripping and true story about five boys who were kidnapped in the North and smuggled into slavery in the Deep South -- and their daring attempt to escape and bring their captors to justice.

Broom, Sarah
*The Yellow House*

Describes the author’s upbringing in a New Orleans East shotgun house as the unruly 13th child of a widowed mother, tracing a century of family history and the impact of class, race and Hurricane Katrina on her sense of identity.

Costa, James
*Darwin's Backyard: how small experiments led to a big theory*

Costa goes beyond the portrait of Charles Darwin as a brilliant thinker to concentrate on him as a nimble experimenter delving into some of evolution’s great mysteries.

Collins, Paul
*Blood and Ivy: The 1849 murder that scandalized Harvard*

Traces the scandalous murder of a Harvard Medical School graduate and the ensuing trial that riveted mid-nineteenth-century America, exploring how the case established important precedents in medical forensics and the definition of reasonable doubt.

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In the "Golden Age" of piracy, Dolin describes how exploration-era colonists initially supported, and then violently opposed, pirates that targeted the North American coast, citing the contributions of such figures as Blackbeard, John Winthrop and Benjamin Franklin.

Draper, Deborah Riley
*Olympic Pride, American Prejudice*
Describes the inspiring story of 18 African Americans, including Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson’s brother Mack, who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics despite the racism at home and abroad.

Garrett, Kent
*The Last Negroes at Harvard: the class of 1963 and the 18 young men who changed Harvard forever*
The untold story of the Harvard class of ’63, whose Black students fought to create their own identities on the cusp between integration and affirmative action.

Goodman, Matthew
*The City Game: triumph, scandal, and a legendary basketball team*
The powerful story of a college basketball team who carried an era’s brightest hopes—racial harmony, social mobility, and the triumph of the underdog—but whose success was soon followed by a shocking downfall.

Grann, David
*Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI*
Presents a true account of the early 20th-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Johnson, Steven
*Enemy of All Mankind: A true story of piracy, power, and history's first global manhunt*
Henry Avery was the seventeenth century's most notorious pirate. Johnson uses the extraordinary story of Avery and his crimes to explore the emergence of the modern global marketplace.

Larson, Erik
*The Splendid and the Vile: a saga of Churchill, family, and defiance during the Blitz*
Draws on personal diaries, archival documents and declassified intelligence in a portrait of Winston Churchill that explores his day-to-day experiences during the Blitz and his role in uniting England.

Loftis, Larry
*Code Name: Lise*
The extraordinary true story of Odette Sansom, the British spy who operated in occupied France and fell in love with her commanding officer during World War II.

Mann, Charles
*The Wizard and the Prophet: two remarkable scientists and their dueling visions of tomorrow's world*
A dual biography of two significant figures who had little regard for each other's work but were largely responsible for the creation of the basic intellectual blueprints that institutions around the world use today for understanding our environmental dilemmas. Also recommended: Mann’s *1491* and *1493*

McCullough, David
*The Pioneers: the heroic story of the settlers who brought the American ideal west*
Best-selling author David McCullough chronicles the lesser-known settling of the Northwest Territory by dauntless pioneers whose community ideals shaped a fledgling America.

Mohnhaupt, Jan
*The Zookeepers’ War: an incredible true story from the Cold War*
A quirky piece of Cold War history tells the epic tale of desperate rivalries, human follies and an animal-mad city as head zookeepers on either side of the Berlin Wall started an animal arms race that turned into a political agenda.

Mundy, Liz
*Code Girls: the untold story of the American women code breakers who helped win World War II*
Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during World War II. Also recommended: *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone