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International Literacy Day



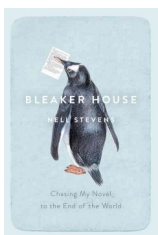
September 8 is the 50th anniversary of UNESCO's International Literacy Day commemorating efforts to increase literacy rates throughout the world. The day is also a call to action to continue making progress and overcome the challenges that remain in closing the literacy gap worldwide. UNESCO sees increasing literacy as an important goal because it helps empower individuals and communities, and assists in closing the resource gaps in society by fostering a desire for lifelong learning. [Read more](#)

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Bleaker House: Chasing My Novel to the End of the World



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Say you've just finished your graduate degree in writing from Boston College, and a rich donor provides you with funds to travel anywhere in the world. Where do you pick? Tahiti, Paris, Buenos Aires? For British citizen Nell Stevens, it's none of the above. Instead, she chooses the remote Falklands Islands, where South America meets Antarctica in June, which is winter there. [Read more](#)

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International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Today is [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#), and the tenth anniversary of the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#). Today we honor the contributions of the world's indigenous peoples?the descendants of a given region's original inhabitants?and the cultural heritage with which they continue to identify. [Read more](#)

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A Short History of DADA



"Beautiful like the chance meeting on a dissection table of a sewing machine and an umbrella." ?Compte de Lautréamont

Is it possible for an art movement to be anti-art? What would such a movement (anti-movement?) even look like? For the founders of DADA, which grew out of the aftermath of World War I in Europe, the answer is disruption?of society, of culture, and of art itself. [Read more](#)

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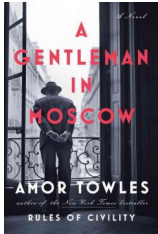
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A Gentleman in Moscow



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During the first half of the twentieth century, thousands of Russians suffered fates much worse than life-long imprisonment. Joseph Stalin sent many artists, writers, and politicians to the Gulag or killed them outright.

This is the fictional story of Count Rostov, an educated aristocrat devoted to the literary arts, who found after the first Russian Revolution that being a count was not only illegal, but dangerous. The Count traveled to Paris, and unlike many of his contemporaries visiting abroad, decided to return home. But in the 1920s, under Stalin's Article 58 banning counterrevolution, Rostov stood before a tribunal, and was sentenced to permanent imprisonment at the luxury Metropol Hotel for writing a poem that he never wrote. [Read more](#)

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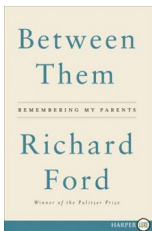
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It's a life-changing experience in adulthood when you begin to see your mother and father as individuals, separate from their parenting roles.

Richard Ford wrote a memoir of his father decades ago, as well as one of his mother, penned more recently. Now, in this joint memoir, he again remembers his parents, Parker and Edna, who both grew up in Arkansas. [Read more](#)

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