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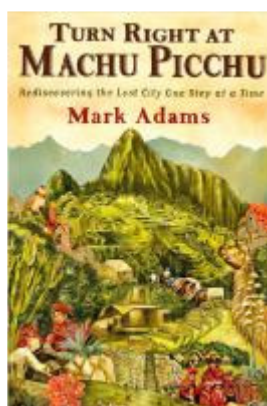
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Turn right at Machu Picchu : rediscovering the lost city one step at a time / Mark Adams.

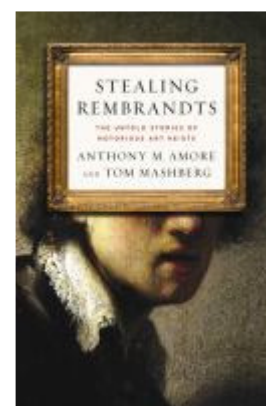
"Teamed with an irascible Australian guide and a group of Quechua-speaking mule tenders, Adams journeyed through the wilds of Peru to unravel the persistent puzzle surrounding the Lost City of the Incas: What was its purpose? The author deftly weaves together two story lines, each peopled with striking characters and astonishing landscapes. Told in alternating chapters, Adams details the life and times of Hiram Bingham III, the outsized early-20th-century explorer credited with "discovering" Machu Picchu. Overlaid on this extensively researched and entertaining historical framework is the author's humorous recounting of his personal and physical transformation during the demanding trek." Kirkus Reviews



Sex on the Moon : the amazing story behind the most audacious heist in history / Ben Mezrich.

"Thad Roberts emerges from a sheltered life (his parents, strict Mormons, disowned him when he was barely 21 years old), gets accepted by a prestigious NASA astronaut program, falls in love with a girl, and decides a cool way to express his feelings would be to steal some actual moon rocks thus giving her, literally, a piece of the moon. His plan goes disastrously wrong." Booklist (06/01/2011)

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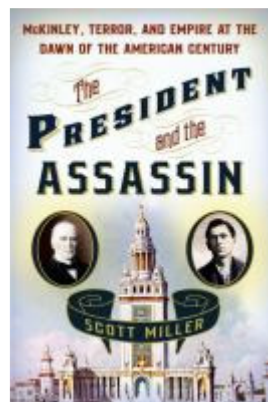


Stealing Rembrandts : the untold stories of notorious art heists / Anthony M. Amore and Tom Mashberg.

"Amore was hired as security director by the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston 15 years after several Rembrandts had been stolen from it and immediately set about to become an expert on art thefts and on Rembrandt, whose works are stolen at an astonishingly high rate. In this book, he and journalist Mashberg generously share their research, tracing a number of Rembrandt heists, both elegant and slapdash, and revealing how the thieves were captured and the works recovered (or not)." Library Journal (05/15/2011)

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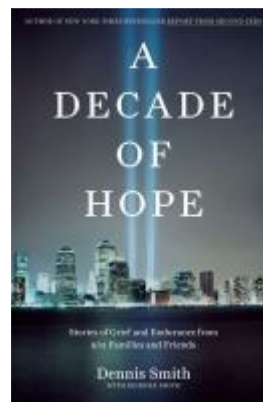
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The president and the assassin : McKinley, terror, and empire at the dawn of the American century / Scott Miller.

"Miller gives us a dual biography of President William McKinley and Leon Czolgosz, the anarchist who assassinated him in 1901. In the process he provides an overview of the rise of the anarchist movement and the expansion of American involvement in foreign affairs at the time. McKinley represented the wealthy classes profiting from the rapid expansion of the U.S. industrial economy, while Czolgosz was emblematic of those who worked the mines and factories. Loss of a job during the 1883 financial crisis radicalized Czolgosz. Miller intertwines events leading up to famous 1886 and 1892 riots and strikes with narrative on the Spanish-American War at Manila Bay, San Juan Hill, and Santiago in 1898." Library Journal (05/15/2011)

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A decade of hope : stories of grief and endurance from 9/11 families and friends / Dennis Smith with Deirdre Smith.

"Smith, a former firefighter, collects 25 moving personal narratives in this significant addition to the literature of September 11. Featuring notable figures such as NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly and Congressman Peter King alongside rescue workers and victims family members and loved ones, Smiths interviewees offer their experiences of that tragic day, illustrating how the pain and losses are still acutely felt. Smith absents himself from the dialogue, allowing the books focus to remain solely on his diverse narrators, whose essays combine to offer a message of surprising hope and renewal" Publishers Weekly (08/08/2011)

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