

# Midmonth BookNotes

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## New Year, New Books!

### Cozy Corner

Jones, Valona. [Snuffed Out](#) (Crooked Lane \$26.99)

Twin sisters Tabby and Sage Winslow, owners of The Book and Candle Shop in Savannah, come to the aid of their shop clerk Gerald when he becomes the prime suspect in the murder of one of the shop's customers. A new series launch that is tailor-made for fans of cozy paranormal mysteries.

Matthews, Oliva. [Against the Currant](#) (St. Martin's \$8.99)

When the disgruntled owner of a rival bakery is murdered after getting a rise out of her, Lyndsay Murray, the owner of Spice Isle Bakery, falls under suspicion and must prove her innocence while dealing with her overprotective and meddling family.

McKinlay, Jenn. [Fatal Fascinator](#) (Penguin \$8.99)

Hat-making pair Viv and Scarlett, hired to design the headpieces for a frenemy's "wedding of the year," arrive at a castle in Sussex for the festivities, but when the groom is murdered

before he can say "I do" and another life is claimed, they vow to unveil the killer's identity.

Murphy, Kitty. [Death in Heels](#) (Amazon \$16.99) As the gorgeous Mae B., Fi McKinnery is full of nerves when she takes to the stage for her debut at drag club Trash, but Mae B is dazzling...that is until local queen Eve lampoons her performance and ruins the show. So when Eve turns up dead later that night, face down in the gutter of a rain-soaked Dublin street, the timing seems awfully suspicious.

Oliver, Katie. [A Murderous Persuasion](#) (Penguin \$8.99)

Hosting an immersive *Persuasion*-themed murder-mystery weekend in hopes of saving her aunt's inn, Phaedra Brighton, when one of the participants is found dead, goes on the hunt for a killer and quickly realizes that with this investigation, there will be no second chances. The second in Oliver's fun new cozy series, which debuted with the terrifically entertaining [Prejudice and Peril](#) (Penguin \$8.99), is "Just the thing for readers who think Donna

Andrews' Virginia cozies could use a drop of Jane Austen." (*Kirkus*)

Palmer, Stuart. [The Penguin Pool Murder](#) (WW Norton \$15.95)

For the third graders at Jefferson School, a field trip is always a treat. But one day at the New York Aquarium, they get much more excitement than they bargained for. A pick-pocket sprints past, stolen purse in hand, and is making his way to the exit when their teacher, the prim Hildegard Withers, knocks him down with her umbrella. By the time the police and the security guards finish arguing about what to do with Chicago Lew, he has escaped, and Miss Withers has found something far more interesting: a murdered stockbroker floating in the penguin tank. The first in Palmer's classic series featuring Hildegard Withers is back in print. Think of Hildegard as Miss Marple's New England cousin.

### Historical Fiction, Mysteries, Romance and More

Barry, Emma. [Chick Magnet](#) (Amazon \$16.99) Known as "Chick Nic" to millions of internet fans, social media star Nicole Jones and her flock of chickens bask in the spotlight—until she's publicly dumped by a YouTuber for clout. Now Nicole has no choice but to round up her birds and move on. But when one of her hens has an emergency, Nic gets her first taste of her new stomping grounds—and it isn't good. Veterinarian Will Lund is wildly attractive, yes, but he's also surly. In fact, he comes right out and calls her a menace for parading her chickens on social media. As neighbors, Nic and Will can't exactly avoid each other. Then again, maybe they don't want to. The two can't deny their smoldering attraction, and it isn't long before late-night confessions lead to backyard shenanigans. Is this the start of a neighborly relationship—or could something

more be hatching?

Benedict, Marie. [The Mitford Affair](#) (Sourcebooks \$27.99)

Between the World Wars, the six Mitford sisters—each more beautiful, brilliant, and eccentric than the next—dominate the English political, literary, and social scenes. Though they've weathered scandals before, the family falls into disarray when Diana divorces her wealthy husband to marry a fascist leader and Unity follows her sister's lead all the way to Munich, inciting rumors that she's become Hitler's mistress. As the Nazis rise in power, novelist Nancy Mitford grows suspicious of her sisters' constant visits to Germany and the high-ranking fascist company they keep. When she overhears alarming conversations and uncovers disquieting documents, Nancy must make excruciating choices as Great Britain goes to war with Germany.

Brennan, Allison. [Don't Open the Door](#) (MIRA \$9.99)

Quitting her job and moving in the wake of the shocking murder of her son, Marshal Regan Merritt returns to Virginia to look into her former boss's death, in the second novel of Brennan's exciting new series following [The Sorority Murder](#) (MIRA \$9.99)

Chase, Kristen Mei. [A Thousand Miles to Graceland](#) (Grand Central \$15.99)

Grace Johnson can't escape the feeling that her life is on autopilot—until her husband announces he's done with their marriage. Grace has a choice: wallow in humiliation . . . or reluctantly grant her outlandish mother's seventieth birthday wish with a road trip Graceland. *Buckle up, Elvis. We're on our way.* Now the two are hightailing it from El Paso to Memphis, leaving a trail of sequins, false eyelashes, and difficult memories in their wake. Between spontaneous roadside stops to

psychics, wig mishaps, and familiar passive-aggressive zingers, Grace is starting to better understand her Elvis-obsessed mama and their own fragile connection. And before their trip is over, Grace may even have another shot at love.

Clayborn, Kate. [Georgie, All Along](#) (Kensington \$16.95)

When an unexpected upheaval sends Georgie Mulcahy away from her hectic job in L.A. and back to her hometown, Georgie must confront an uncomfortable truth: her own wants and needs have always been a disconcertingly blank page. But then Georgie comes across a “friendfic” diary she wrote as a teenager, filled with possibilities she once imagined, Georgie now has a guidebook for getting started on a new path. Georgie’s plans hit a snag when she comes face to face with an unexpected roommate—Levi Fanning, onetime town troublemaker and current town hermit. But this quiet, grouchy man is more than just his reputation, and he offers to help Georgie with her quest. As the two make their way through her wish list, Georgie begins to realize that what she truly wants might not be in the pages of her diary after all, but right by her side.

Cosimano, Elle. [Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun](#) (St. Martin’s \$26.99)

Owing a favor to the Russian mob for buying a luxury car she accidentally destroyed, Finlay Donovan agrees to help identify a contract killer. After all, what could possibly go wrong with this plan? However, “while trying to ferret out a killer, Finlay must contend with a pushy ex-husband and a literary agent who demands a sexier ending for her new novel. Finlay’s strong narrative voice carries the reader through the colossal silliness. This is good, fast fun.” (*PW*)

Darwent, Heather. [The Things We Do To Our Friends](#) (Random \$28)

Studying at the University of Edinburgh, Clare, yearning to reinvent herself, becomes friends with Tabitha, an intimidatingly rich girl, and her exclusive circle, but when Tabitha needs her help on a special little project, Clare starts to realize too late what her friends are capable of.

Dong, Maria. [Liar, Dreamer, Thief](#) (Grand Central \$28)

Katrina Kim may be broke, the black sheep of her family, and slightly unhinged, but she isn’t a *stalker*. Her obsession with her co-worker, Kurt, is just one of many coping mechanisms. But the carefully constructed world Katrina has developed to deal with her OCD starts crumbling around her when she witnesses Kurt jumping off the Cayatoga Bridge, and now everyone thinks it’s all her fault. Dong’s debut is getting a lot of advance publication buzz and major review praise including *Kirkus*, who said “once the mystery drops into gear, increasingly bonkers twists propel the story to a cogent, poignant close. A rabbit hole worth falling down.”

Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. [Independence](#) (Harper Collins \$28.99)

In 1947 India, after their father, a well-respected doctor is killed in a riot and then their neighbors turn against them, three sisters – intelligent and idealistic Priya, beautiful Deepa, and devout Jamini - find themselves separated from one another, each on different path in life due to world events that are now beyond their control.

Everett, Elizabeth. [A Love by Design](#) (Penguin \$17)

After developing an ambitious plan to establish England’s first woman-owned engineering firm, Margaret Gault is threatened by greedy

investors and the irritatingly attractive Earl Grantham, who just happens to be the man who broke her heart years ago.

Hall, Alexis. [Glitterland](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99) Ash Winters was once the golden boy of the English literary scene, but mental illness has dragged him into a cycle of self-destruction. A chance meeting with brassy Essex-born Darian Taylor may be the first step Ash needs to rebuild his life—if he’s able to let go of the class prejudice and dangerous negative self-image that threatens to drown them both.

Harper, Lana. [Back in a Spell](#) (Penguin \$17) After a year of nursing a broken heart inflicted by the fiancée who all but ditched her at the altar, Nineve Blackmoore is sick of feeling low and is ready to try something drastically different: a dating app. At her best friend’s urging, Nina goes on a date with Morty Gutierrez, the nonbinary, offbeat soul of spontaneity and co-owner of the Shamrock Cauldron. Their date goes about as well as can be expected of most online dates—awkward and terrible. To make matters worse, once Morty discovers Nina’s last name, he’s far from a fan; it turns out that the Blackmoores have been bullishly trying to buy the Shamrock out from under Morty and his family.

Hawkins, Rachel. [The Villa](#) (St. Martin’s \$28.99) While on a girls trip to Italy with her best friend, Chess, Emily discovers their high-end villa was once the scene of a brutal murder. In 1974, scandalous rock star Noel Gordon threw a house party at the villa. Among the guests was up-and-coming musical star Pierce Sheldon, who was murdered. Now as Emily and Chess begin digging into that past crime, they find the truth of what happened is now seeping into the present as dangerous betrayals begin to emerge. Hawkins launched her

suspense novel career – she has also written YA novels and romances as Erin Sterling – with *The Wife Upstairs*, her fiendishly clever take on *Jane Eyre*. Writing *The Villa* offered Hawkins the chance to “reimagine one of her literary heroines, Mary Shelley” and the time Shelley spent at a Swiss villa with her husband Percy, bad-boy poet Lord Byron, and several others, where Shelley wrote what would become her genre-breaking novel *Frankenstein*.

Jessen, Lauren Kung. [Lunar Love](#) (Grand Central \$15.99)

Endeavoring to take over her grandmother’s matchmaking business, Olivia Huang Christenson is outraged when she learns a new dating app has made her Pó Po’s traditional Chinese zodiac approach all about lust and “animal attraction. “Celebrate the new Chinese Year of the Rabbit with this fun rom-com.

Kovacic, Katherine. [Just Murdered](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99)

It’s 1960 and Peregrine Fisher, Phyrne’s long-lost niece, is about to get the news of her life. Phyrne’s gone missing in the jungles of Papua New Guinea. Only her pearl handled gun and a note arrive back home. She’s left instruction that say, that should not turn up in six months’ time, a letter must be sent to next of kin.

Peregrine, summons in hand, arrives in Melbourne to Greenwood mansion where she will inherit her aunt’s wealth. Phyrne’s seat in the Adventuresses’ Club, on the other hand, must be earned. When two dead bodies turn up at the Astor bridal show, Peregrine gets her chance. Based on the newish Australian television series featuring Peregrine Fisher.

Lea, Amy. [Exes and O’s](#) (Penguin \$17)

Romance book connoisseur Tara Chen has had her heart broken ten times by ten different men—all of whom dumped her because of

her “stage-five clinger” tendencies. Nevertheless, Tara is determined to find The One. The only problem? Classic meet-cutes are dead, thanks to modern dating apps. So Tara decides to revisit her exes in hopes of securing her very own trope-worthy second-chance romance. Boston firefighter Trevor Metcalfe will be the first to rush into a burning building but the last to rush into a relationship. Love just isn’t his thing. When his new roommate Tara enlists him to help her reconnect with her exes, he reluctantly agrees. But Tara’s journey is leading him to discover his own new chapter. The more time they spend together, the more Tara realizes Trevor seems to be the only one who appreciates her authentic, dramatic self.

Lester, Natasha. [The Three Lives of Alix St. Pierre](#) (Grand Central \$28)

In 1943, with WWII raging and men headed overseas to fight, Alix St. Pierre lands a publicity job to recruit women into the workforce. Her skills—persuasion, daring, quick-witted under pressure—catch the attention of the U.S. government and she finds herself with an even bigger assignment: sent to Switzerland as a spy. Soon Alix is on the precipice of something big, very big. But how far can she trust her German informant? After an Allied victory that didn’t come nearly soon enough, Alix moves to Paris, ready to immerse herself in a new position as director of publicity for the yet-to-be-launched House of Dior. In the glamorous halls of the French fashion house, she can nearly forget everything she lost and the dangerous secret she carries. But when a figure from the war reappears and threatens to destroy her future, Alix realizes that only she can right the wrongs of the past ...and finally find justice.

Marsh, Beezy. [Queen of Thieves](#) (HarperCollins \$17.99)

In 1946, as London struggles to rebuild after the devastation of the Blitz, Alice Diamond, leader of a gang of women jewel thieves, takes on a teenager named Nell and guides her in their underworld existence even as Nell plots to carve out her own path to power and riches.

Olson, Kayla. [The Reunion](#) (Atria \$17)

When a major streaming service hosts a 20-year reunion special, Liv Latimer, the former star of a popular teen drama, is happy to be back on set until new rivalries among the cast make her question whether returning to the past is what she needs to finally get her own happy ending.

Pellegrino, Amanda. [The Social Climber](#) (Park Row \$17.99)

It’s the week before her wedding, and all of Eliza’s meticulous planning is about to pay off. She’s become the exact type of woman who would marry into the prominent, blue-blood Walker family – Ivy League credentials, a high-powered PR job, and a designer label wardrobe. But as the big day approaches, secrets from Eliza’s past attending an Evangelical college start to throw her true motives into question. Who exactly is Eliza Bennet and what does she really want?

Poeppel, Amy. [The Sweet Spot](#) (Atria \$17.99)

In the Sweet Spot, a dive bar at the heart of Greenwich Village, three women – Lauren, Melinda, and Olivia – rise to the occasion when a baby lands on their collective doorstep. Much to their surprise, in the process of tracking down the wayward parents, the women unexpectedly finding their own happily-ever-afters along the way.



Ryan, Anastasia. [You Should Smile More](#)

(Sourcebooks \$16.99)

Telemarketer Vanessa Blair isn't in love with her job. It pays the bills and feeds her foster kittens, but offers only one other perk: her friendships with Jane Delaney and Trisha Lam. But, as mind-numbing as her job is, things are about to get worse. Xavier Adams, her self-absorbed boss, calls Vanessa into the conference room and fires her. The reason? Her facial expressions. Apparently, she has resting bitch face, and it doesn't matter that her sales numbers are stellar or that she organizes office events. After a girls' night of schnapps and imaginary retribution, Vanessa awakens to find her friends bent on a revenge strategy based on the classic business book *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu. At first, Vanessa wants nothing to do with it. She wants to file for unemployment and move on with her life, possibly with Carter Beckett, the cute, cat-loving unemployment rep assigned to her case. But when Xavier contests her unemployment and ruins her shot at her dream job, Vanessa is all in. The author had me at foster kittens.

Shalvis, Jill. [The Backup Plan](#) (HarperCollins \$16.99)

When she inherits a falling-apart-at-the-seams old Wild West B&B along with her ex-bestie Lauren and Knox, the guy who broke her heart, Alice never expects that as the trio works together to restore the inn to its former glory, she would find acceptance, true friendship, and love.

Shearer, Eleanor. [River Sing Me Home](#) (Penguin \$27)

In 1834 Barbados, after the master of the Providence plantation in Barbados refuses to let them go even though the king has decreed an end to slavery, Rachel escapes and embarks on a grueling, dangerous journey to find her five children who survived at birth and

were sold. Another debut getting much critical praise and a big push from the publisher. *PW's* starred review concluded with "The beautifully written depiction of a mother longing for her children makes this transcendent."

Shepperson, Laura. [Phaedra](#) (Crooked Lane \$17.99)

Debut novelist Laura Shepperson offers a powerful feminist retelling of *Phaedra*, the unwilling wife of the much-older, power-hungry Theseus, who speaks her truth after being raped by the seemingly pious Hippolytus, thus giving voice to the stories of the women of Athens who have gone unheard until now. "This tale was always going to be a tragedy, but telling it almost entirely from the women's points of view makes it both more modern and more eternal, the system of men protecting men never changing. A breath of fresh air from an ancient tale." This is how *Kirkus* summed up Shepperson's novel, which sounds perfect for fans of Madeline Miller's *Circe*.

Stetz-Waters, Karelia. [Behind the Scenes](#) (Grand Central \$15.99)

Business consultant Rose Josten might not have officially reached "pug lady" middle age, but she's already got the pugs—along with their little Gucci coats and trash-lovin' appetites. Still, life is good, with her work, her sisters, and a secret hobby creating incredibly tactile (if surprisingly sexy) mindfulness videos. So why does it feel like it's not quite enough? Which is exactly when former filmmaker Ash Stewart enters camera left, and Rose's world suddenly goes full technicolor.

Stokes-Chapman, Susan. [Pandora](#) (HarperCollins \$17)

Dora Blake is a talented jewelry designer who lives under the thumb of her suspicious and odious uncle, who is running her late parents' beloved shop of antiquities into the ground.

When he begins acting erratically after a mysterious Greek vase is delivered and locked in the basement, Dora enlists the help of Edward Lawrence, a young antiquarian scholar, who (unbeknownst to her) sees the vase as an opportunity to unlock his academic future. Dora hopes to restore the shop to its former glory, find a future for her own elegant, artistic designs, and escape the iniquitous plans her uncle has in store for her. But what Edward claims to discover about the vase unravels everything Dora knows about her life, her family, and the antiquities in the basement.

Sullivan, Sophie. [A Guide to Just Being Friends](#) (St. Martin's \$16.99)

Hailey Sharp has a one-track mind. Get By the Cup salad shop off the ground. Do literally everything possible to make it a success. Repeat. With a head full of entrepreneurial ideas and a bad ex in her rearview, her one and only focus is living life the way she wants to. With a string of lackluster first dates and the pain from his parents' angry divorce following him around, Wes Jansen would much rather find someone who he likes, but won't love. Companionship, not passion, is the name of the game. When Hailey and Wes find each other in a disastrous meet cute that wasn't even intended for them, they embarrassingly go their separate ways. But when Wes finds Hailey to apologize for his behavior, they strike up a friendship. Because that's all this can be. Hailey doesn't want any distractions. Wes doesn't want to fall in love. What could possibly go wrong? *When Harry Met Sally* meets *500 Days of Summer*.

Tanamachhi, Cara. [The Second You're Single](#) (St. Martin's \$16.99)

Freelance writer Sora Reid is the odd one out in a close-knit family of go-getters. For Sora, minimal input, minimal expectations is the way to go. The one thing that disrupts her

inertia: an intense dislike for Valentine's Day. When her pledge to stay single in February inspires readers to #gosolo, Sora has a responsibility to empower her readers. But relationships aren't built to last, so it shouldn't be that hard. Right? Enter Jack Mann. A muscle-bound baker who looks like he lifts logs on the weekends, Sora hasn't thought of Jack since they were in elementary school together. When they see each other at the local grocery store and the attraction hits hard, Sora knows she has to shut it down, *quick*. She can't #gosolo AND get the guy. She can't let down her readers. And relationships always end, so why should Jack be any different—even though he's confounding all her long-held expectations of love?

Voskuni, Taleen. [Sorry, Bro](#) (Penguin \$17)

To appease her Armenian mother, Nar Bedrossian participates in a series of events in San Francisco where, instead of meeting a mom-approved man, she meets Erebuni, a woman who gives her the courage to come out as bisexual and proudly be herself for the first time in her life.

Wibberley, Emily and Austin Siegemund-Broka. [Do I Know You?](#) (Penguin \$17)

When a well-meaning guest mistakes Eliza and Graham, who are celebrating their five-year anniversary at a Northern California resort, for being single and introduces them at the hotel bar, they don't correct him. Suddenly, they're pretending to be perfect strangers and it's unexpectedly...fun? Everyone at the retreat can sense the electric chemistry between Eliza and Graham's alter egos. But when their scintillating game of roleplaying ends, will they still feel the heat?

Zhao, Kyla. [The Fraud Squad](#) (Penguin \$17)

Infiltrating Singapore's socialite scene to realize her dream of writing for a high-society

magazine, Samantha Song, fearing being exposed as an imposter, especially with a mysterious gossip columnist on the prowl, must reconcile her pretense with who she really is before she loses it all. The publisher bills this millennial women's fiction debut as *Crazy Rich Asians* meets *The Devil Wears Prada*.

### Teen Fiction

Black, Holly. [The Stolen Heir](#) (Little, Brown \$20.99)

Hiding in the human world, Suren, the tormented child queen of the Court of Teeth, must guard her heart against a manipulative prince whom she cannot trust when she agrees to join him on a mysterious quest.

Daniels, Sarah. [The Stranded](#) (Sourcebooks \$18.99)

Aboard the *Arcadia*, which was once a luxurious sea vessel but now a refugee camp after an apocalyptic war, loyal citizen Esther and rebel Nik are thrown together by events that change their lives and the lives of everyone on the ship forever.

Marquis, Krystal. [The Davenports](#) (Penguin \$19.99)

The Davenports are one of the few Black families of immense wealth and status in 1910 Chicago, and the two daughters, Olivia and Helen, are finding their way and finding love—even where they are not supposed to. The author based her novel on the real-life story of C.R. Patterson and his family.

O'Clover, Ellen. [Seven Percent of Ro Devereux](#) (HarperCollins \$18.99)

Creating an app that can predict a person's future with 93% accuracy, Ro Devereux garners the attention of tech investors when it goes viral and is thrust into a fake dating scenario with her ex-best friend, who is her projected soul mate.

Weaver, Jessie. [Live Your Best Lie](#) (Disney-Hyperion \$17.99)

When social media influencer Summer Cartwright goes missing and then a post pops on her feed saying she'll be dead soon, four of her friends decide to investigate and discover that no filter is strong enough to mask the lies we tell ourselves.

### Nonfiction

Dalai Lama with Patrick McDonnell. [Heart to Heart](#) (HarperCollins \$24.99)

The spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists and the cartoonist and award-winning author of MUTTS join forces to call for a Compassionate Revolution that encourages everyone to work together to heal our relationships with each other and with the planet.

Fraser, Flora. [Flora MacDonald](#) (Knopf \$30)

In this probing, evocative portrait of the young Scotswoman whose decision to help "Bonnie" Prince Charlie, the Stuart claimant to the British throne, evade capture and flee the country, master historian Flora Fraser peels away the layers of misinformation, legend, and myth to reveal Flora MacDonald in full.

Laurent, Richard and Sangrine Rigaud. [Pegasus](#) (Henry Holt \$29.99)

Pegasus is widely regarded as the most effective and sought-after cyber-surveillance system on the market. The system's creator, the NSO Group, a private corporation headquartered in Israel, is not shy about proclaiming its ability to thwart terrorists and criminals. But NSO's Pegasus system has not been limited to catching bad guys. It's also been used to spy on hundreds, and maybe thousands, of innocent people around the world: heads of state, diplomats, human rights defenders, political opponents, and journalists. *Pegasus* is a look inside the monthslong worldwide investiga-



tion, triggered by a single spectacular leak of data, and how an international consortium of reporters and editors revealed that cyber intrusion and cyber surveillance are happening with exponentially increasing frequency across the globe.

Mount, Harry with John Davie. [Et Tu, Brute?](#) (Bloomsbury \$20)

There are so many Latin phrases in everyday use that often we use them without understanding the background and context within which they were actually used. 'Carpe diem'; 'Stet'; 'Memento mori'; 'Et tu Brute' – examples would fill a book. And often these phrases are also used in English translation: 'The die is cast'; 'crossing the Rubicon'; 'Rome was not built in a day'. Many of these phrases are humorous, but they are also a rich source of wisdom: the wisdom of the ancients. The authors, two classical scholars, offer the background to each quotation so that it is explained and the context is fully understood each phrase.

Popkin, Jim. [Code Name Blue Wren](#) (Hanover Square \$27.99)

The true crime story of Ana Montes, a superstar of the U.S. Intelligence community who had recently won a prestigious fellowship at the CIA and was later arrested and publicly exposed as a secret agent for Cuba.

[Rolling Stone: The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time](#) (Abrams \$50)

This stunning companion book to one of the most popular and hotly debated lists in the music world celebrates the all-new 2020 list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time, telling the stories behind each album through incredible *Rolling Stone* photography, original album art, commentary and archival interviews.

Waldinger, Robert with Marc Shulz. [The Good Life](#) (Simon and Schuster \$28.99)

What makes a life fulfilling and meaningful? The simple but surprising answer is: relationships. The stronger our relationships, the more likely we are to live happy, satisfying, and overall healthier lives. In fact, the Harvard Study of Adult Development reveals that the strength of our connections with others can predict the health of both our bodies and our brains as we go through life. With warmth, wisdom, and compelling life stories, *The Good Life* shows us how we can make our lives happier and more meaningful through our connections to others.