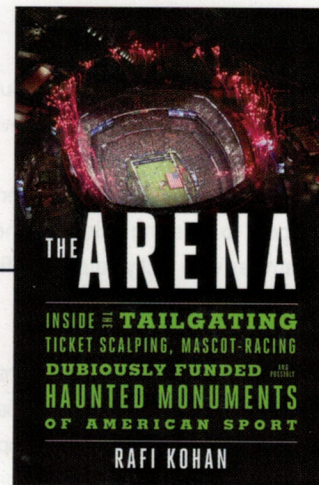
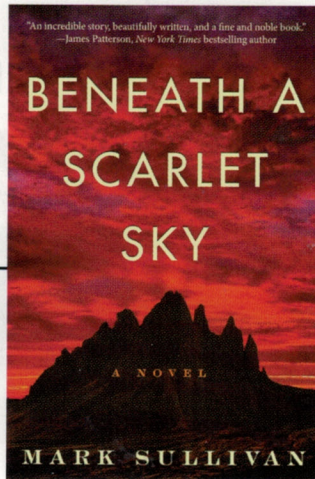


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Stories on Growing Up, Looking for Love, & Walking Down the Aisle for Complete Strangers

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Every year, the Book Festival of the MJCCA has provided our community with a literary extravaganza, featuring an exciting lineup of exceptional authors, celebrities, and influencers. Be sure not to miss these six picks:

### WHAT UNITES US BY DAN RATHER

After a full career with CBS News as a reporter and anchor, in recent years Dan Rather has come to engage with a new audience through his social media. Now, through his collection of essays, Rather inspires conversation and listening, and reminds us of all the ways in which we are ultimately united.

### THE GENE MACHINE: HOW GENETIC TECHNOLOGIES ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE HAVE KIDS--AND THE KIDS WE HAVE

BY BONNIE ROCHMAN

Genetic testing has forever changed medicine, bioethics, and the factors that shape a family. Award-winning journalist Bonnie Rochman explores the promise and peril of genetic tests and interventions, such as how much information doctors feel should be revealed; when it should be revealed; and the division of information between parents, children and additional family members.

### THE ARENA: INSIDE THE TAILGATING, TICKET-SCALPING, MASCOT-RACING, DUBIOUSLY FUNDED, AND POSSIBLY HAUNTED MONUMENTS OF AMERICAN SPORT

Sportswriter Rafi Kohan shares the history, behind-the-scenes logistics, and deeply ingrained traditions at several of America's favorite sports stadiums, discovering who and what makes them tick. From controversial funding and political strong-arming to charming merchandise men and cutthroat ticket scalpers, Kohan cracks open a secret world of unforgettable characters.

### ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID (FOR HIRE): STORIES ON GROWING UP, LOOKING FOR LOVE, AND WALKING DOWN THE AISLE FOR COMPLETE STRANGERS

Jen Glantz stood as a bridesmaid for so many of her friends' weddings that she decided to post an ad on Craigslist advertising her services as a professional bridesmaid. Her hilarious and insightful memoir shares what happened after the post went viral and she walked down the aisle at stranger after stranger's wedding.

### BENEATH A SCARLET SKY BY MARK T. SULLIVAN

Beneath a Scarlet Sky is based on the true story of Italian teenager Pino Lella. After being forced to enlist as a German soldier by his parents as an attempt at protection, Pino becomes an Allied spy when he becomes the personal driver for General Hans Leyers of the Third Reich.

### WEIGHT OF INK BY RACHEL KADISH

When a cache of seventeenth-century Jewish documents are discovered during a renovation by one of her graduate students, ailing historian Helen Watt embarks on one last project: a race against another team of historians to determine the identity of the documents' scribe, the elusive "Aleph."

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