

# Staff Picks at the RTDL: June/July 2010

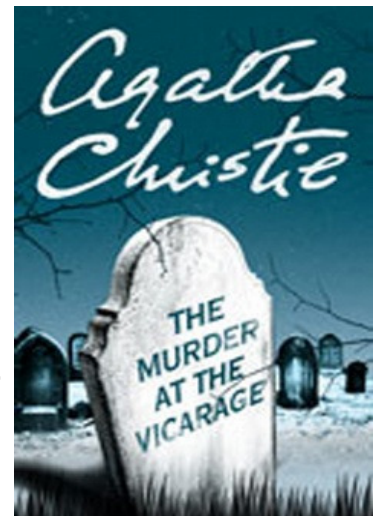
## *I Heard You Paint Houses: Frank "the Irishman" Sheeran and The Inside Story Of The Mafia, The Teamsters And the Last Ride Of Jimmy Hoffa* by Charles Brandt



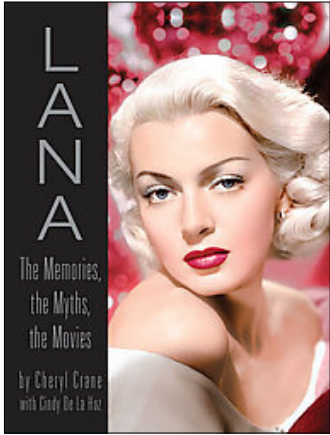
**From [www. Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com):** To paint a house is to kill a man. The paint is the blood that splatters on the walls and floors. In the course of nearly five years of recorded interviews Frank Sheeran confessed to Charles Brandt that he handled more than twenty-five hits for the mob, and for his friend Hoffa. Sheeran learned to kill in the U.S. Army, where he saw an astonishing 411 days of active combat duty in Italy during World War II. After returning home he became a hustler and hit man, working for legendary crime boss Russell Bufalino. Eventually he would rise to a position of such prominence that in a RICO suit then-U.S. Attorney Rudy Giuliani would name him as one of only two non-Italians on a list of 26 top mob figures. When Bufalino ordered Sheeran to kill Hoffa, he did the deed, knowing that if he had refused he would have been killed himself. Sheeran's important and fascinating story includes new information on other famous murders, and provides rare insight to a chapter in American history. Charles Brandt has written a page-turner that is destined to become a true crime classic. –Beckie

## *Murder at the Vicarage:* *A Miss Marple Mystery* by Agatha Christie

This is the first of the Miss Marple mysteries, in which we are introduced to the town busybody. Jane Marple seems like a harmless old lady living in a quaint village in the English country side, occupied with gardening, bird-watching and distilling homemade wine, but her keen logic and polite way of pointing out the local police department's mistakes make for a riveting journey.-Dom



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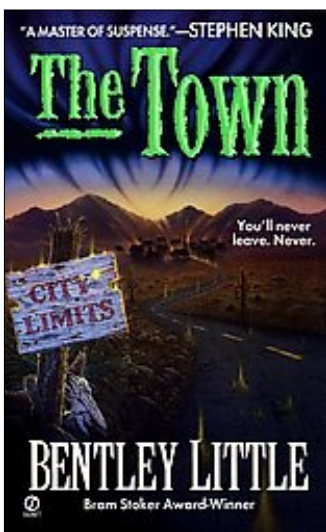
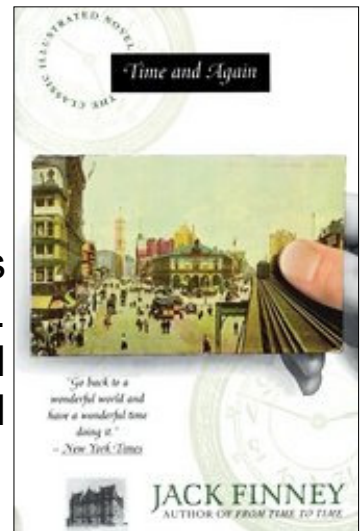
### *Lana: the Memories, the Myths, the Movies* by Cheryl Crane

This beautiful photo-biography of Lana Turner by her daughter Cheryl Crane reminds me of the celebrity scrapbooks I used to put together as a teenager. Containing hundreds of private family photos, Part One begins with the Hollywood legend of 15-year-old Lana's "discovery" at the Hollywood Schwab's soda fountain. Sections include "Lana Style", featuring some truly fabulous outfits; "Lanamours", a photographic look at her love life from casual beaus to her seven husbands; and a decade by decade look at Lana's life and career. Part Two serves as a complete filmography, full of anecdotes, photographs and movie posters. If you love Lana or old Hollywood glamour, this book is well worth your time.-Brooke

### *Time and Again* by Jack Finney

This classic novel from 1970 has something for everyone. It is a literary novel with time-travel, history, romance and intrigue.

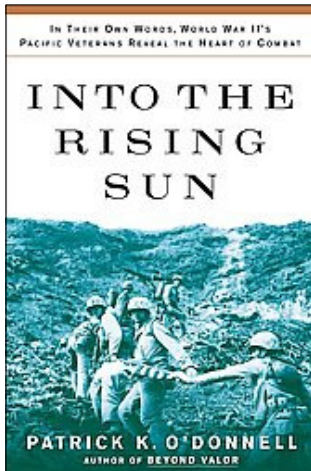
Finney has a gift for description that works especially well when he describes 19th century New York.-Carol



### *The Town* by Bentley Little

If you are a Stephen King fan you may find yourself enjoying novels by Bentley Little. He takes ordinary, everyday situations and turns them into horrifying, graphic tales. The Town is the first book I read and he has many more novels to turn to when I'm in the mood for a suspenseful, scary story.-Nancy

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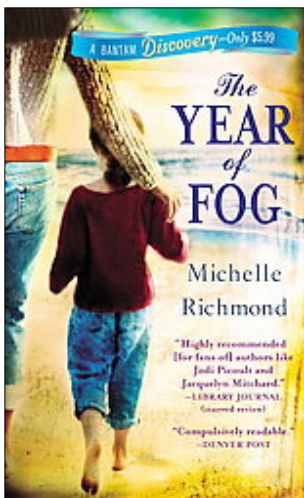
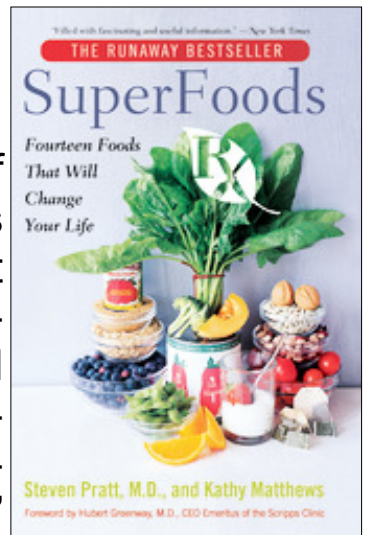
Patrick O'Donnell interviewed many veterans of the Marines and Army who fought in the Pacific during WWII. This book gives a not so glamorous view of what these men went through and how it affected their later lives and is excellent reading for the WWII history buff. –Harvey

### *Superfoods Rx: Fourteen Foods That Will Change Your Life* by Steven Pratt

I am so glad I picked up this book and gave it a try! Each of the 14 food chapters is clearly defined with sidekicks— foods with similar health enhancing properties. There is abundant data throughout this book about the cancer fighting and inflammation reducing properties of each food. What I loved best about *Superfoods Rx* is that the author believes in enjoying your food! Regarding tomatoes he wrote, “I always get extra sauce on my pizza...and add salsa to my scrambled eggs.”

It is easy steps like this that make this plan realistic and

achievable for the long term.–Kendra



### *The Year of Fog* by Michelle Richmond

This book explores how relationships change after a tragedy. Abby Mason is with her fiancée's daughter when the child is kidnapped. The story follows Abby through the following year and traces her past through multiple flashbacks. –Amy