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Spotlight on Chris Bohjalian

Chris Bohjalian is a *New York Times* bestselling author of nearly 20 books. His character-driven writing is gripping, and he has won numerous awards. He has written many magazine articles, plus three of his novels were made into movies. “The people in Bohjalian’s novels are confronted with domestic tragedies and professional crises; many of his works focus on the aftermath of dramatic loss,” observed *Dictionary of Literary Biography* contributor Booth Austin. We are pleased to present Chris Bohjalian’s personal message for you below.

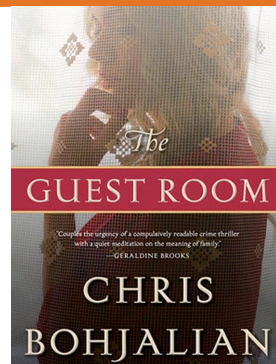
(Above partially based on *Literature Resource Center* database.)

“We all understand on some level that there is something sacred about a book made of paper – even now in the digital age. So, a roomful of books – especially a roomful of shared books, of books that have been savored and read and literally touched by one’s neighbors – is particularly magical. Libraries today are indeed rooms full of books. But they are more than that, too. They’re community centers. It doesn’t matter if they have carefully planned programs for adults – world travelers with their photos from Nepal, chefs with their recipes for ginger pumpkin mousse – or well-orchestrated story hours for toddlers. It doesn’t matter if they offer adult literacy programs or seminars on estate planning. They’re still magnets for human contact. Moreover, they are multigenerational: How many places are there where seniors and toddlers and high school students all interact? That is, in part, why libraries remain vital and vibrant today, and why I love them so very much.” — Chris Bohjalian



New Audio Books

15th Affair by James Patterson
Cavendon Luck by Barbara Taylor Bradford
The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian
Tall Tail by Rita Mae Brown
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi



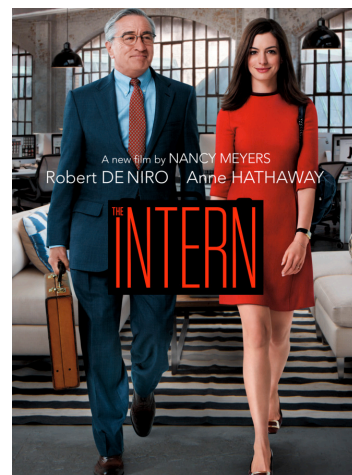
New Large Print Books

The Apartment by Danielle Steel
Don't You Cry by Mary Kubica
Hide Away by Iris Johansen
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson



Movie You May Have Missed

The Intern—with Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway--Ben Whittaker is a 70-year-old widower who has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site, founded and run by Jules Ostin.



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