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Just a Thought -- What's On the New Book Cart?

One of the perks of being a librarian is seeing all the new books come in before they go out to the shelves. In the past, we've occasionally picked some new, yet-to-be-shelved titles to feature here and let our readers in on the fun. We haven't done a post like that in too long, so here are some picks from our newest new book cart!

Fiction

Boudinot, Ryan. *Blueprints of the Afterlife*

Blueprints of the Afterlife is a tour de force--part George Saunders, part Philip K. Dick--delivering bracing intelligence about who we are, why we're here, and what Ted Williams has to look forward to when he's defrosted. (From the back cover.)

Levine, Sara. *Treasure Island!!!*

When a college graduate with a history of hapless jobs (ice cream scooper; gift wrapper; laziest ever part-time clerk at The Pet Library) reads Robert Louis Stevenson's novel *Treasure Island*, she is dumbstruck by the timid design of her own life...our heroine embarks on a domestic adventure more frightening than anything she'd planned. (From the inside flap.)

Sjon. *From the Mouth of the Whale*

Jonas Palmason, a poet and self-taught healer, has been condemned to exile for heretical conduct, having fallen foul of the local magistrate. Banished to a remote island, Jonas recalls his exorcism of a walking corpse on the remote Snjafjoll coast, the frenzied massacre of innocent Basque whalers at the hands of local villagers and the deaths of three of his children. ...a magical evocation of an enlightened mind and a vanished age. (From the back cover)

Non Fiction

Castor, Helen. *She-Wolves: the women who ruled England before Elizabeth*

Between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries three [more] exceptional women -- Eleanor of Aquitaine, Isabella of France, and Margaret of Anjou -- discovered how much was possible if presumptions of male rule were not confronted so explicitly -- and just how quickly they might be vilified as "she-wolves" for their pains. The stories of these women, told here in vivid detail, expose the paradox that female heirs to the Tudor throne had no choice but to negotiate. (From the inside flap)

Deardorff, David and Kathryn Wadsworth. *What's Wrong with My Vegetable Garden?*

What's Wrong with My Vegetable Garden? teaches you how to keep your vegetables healthy, so they're less susceptible to attack, and when problems *do* occur, it shows you how to recognize the problem and find the right organic solution. (From the back cover)

Zuiker, Anthony E. *Mr. CSI: how a Vegas dreamer made a killing in Hollywood, one body at a time*

In 1990, Anthony Zuiker was just another Hollywood wannabe...But twenty years later, Zuiker stands as the mastermind behind the most popular television show in history, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* and its spin-offs.... How he got there...is the narrative lifeblood of *Mr. CSI*, only, like the show, there's a catch.... (from the inside flap)

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