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ANNOUNCEMENT! CAS is offering **FY102 A2** to help students with career-related questions. This semester we spoke with CAS Programs about increasing humanities representation, and they agree! This semester they are focusing more closely on our demands, so register today!

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UELA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

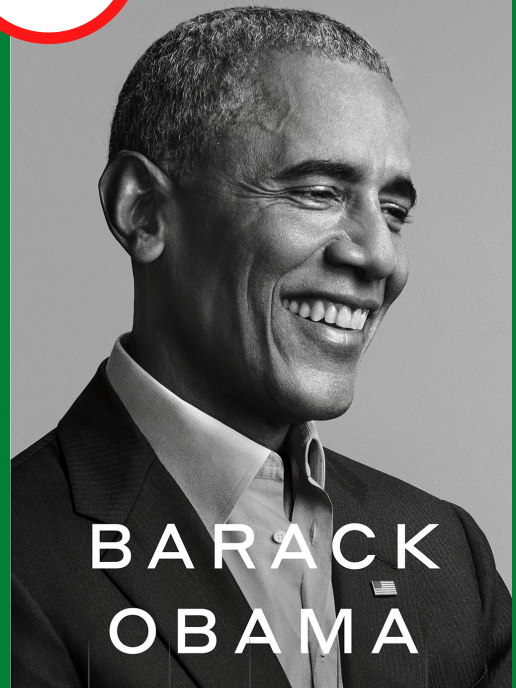
- Want to be in the next newsletter? Send us an email (englishA@bu.edu) to be featured! We're looking for:
 - Poetry, recipes, creative projects, club advertisements, book reviews, book recommendations, events, etc.

WEAR A MASK!

- COVID-19 is still an ongoing issue in this country!
 - Wearing a mask protects not only yourself, but those around you.**

MORE ON
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PROMISED LAND



HOLIDAY READING!

By Pavithra Mahadevan



PENGUIN CLASSICS

RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Selected Short Stories

**RSL'S
DIVERSITY
INITIATIVE**

BY EMILY
YODER

Tagore's collection of short stories are tales that span the themes of grief, uncertainty, hope, love, and reconciliation. Written during the 1890s in Bengal, India- Tagore's vivid and colorful characters remain relevant even after decades. Each short story explores characters who navigate difficult decisions in life-- making them timeless and very relatable. The story, *The Kabuliwala* (the man from Kabul), explores a father who is faced with the brutality of the passage of time. After being separated for seven years, he realizes that his beloved young daughter is now a new person that he will have to meet all over again. The *Postmaster* provides commentary on the moral dilemmas of man. Through these timeless tales, imperfect but very human characters are explored as they come to understand the workings of the real world, navigate tough circumstances, to find happiness in their unconventional ways. Tagore's vivid and beautiful imagery and portrayal of human nature make this collection an ever enjoyable read.

The Royal Society of Literature (RSL), founded in 1820 and appoints fellows of "outstanding literary merit," has appointed the late Andrea Levy as its first fellow who is a person of color. Daljit Nagra, the new chair of the RSL, commented that "It's a statement of intent from the RSL to commit to diversity, and there's no way greater than to feel the very ink, the blood of your ancestors, of your legacy coming through as you write, if you're a writer of colour-but hopefully for anybody." Levy's widower, Bill Maybin, expressed that the author would be thrilled to hear the news. The RSL is also planning two diversity initiatives for the next two years. They will include an unprecedented 60 new fellows who will come from "communities, backgrounds, and experiences currently underrepresented in UK literary culture" to better reflect the UK's diversity. The writers will include people of color, those with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ+ community and those from low-income backgrounds. Nagra explained that the RSL should seem like a "microcosm of Britain and hopefully the world, rather than just a symbol of a certain tribe."



A PROMISED LAND: BOOK REVIEW

By Jocelyn Peikes

Despite the challenging environment to release a book, Barack Obama's *A Promised Land* has come out at the best time. It has arrived in a moment where tensions are heightened by a global pandemic and an economic crisis. Bookstores, due to limited foot traffic, customers still wary of in person shopping, and supply chains being under stress as capacity issues at printing presses have delayed dozens of books, have struggled during this pandemic. But Barack Obama's memoir might be a potential lifeline for these booksellers. This book is shaping up to be one of the top-selling political memoirs of all time.

Also, this book has come to remind us of everything America can be. At this time, it feels as if everything has become political and that this country is more divided than ever. But Barack Obama giving us an inside look into his time in the White House can give us hope for America's future. In his recent interview with the New York Times, he said, "We come from everywhere, and we contain multitudes. And that has always been both the promise of America and also what makes America sometimes so contentious." This book has come to show America that we share the dream of a brighter future despite the belief that we are all completely different. I cannot wait to get my hands on this book, and I recommend it as your next read.



Now that the semester has finally wrapped up, we have a lot more time on our hands to dig our noses into a good book. If you're like me and constantly in search of new books to devour, then you've come to the right place. For the scientists out there, I recommend *Phantoms in the Brain* by V.S. Ramachandran, where you'll search for answers to the beautifully peculiar things our brains can do. For those wanting to work on their people skills, look no further than *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie. This timeless novel, written in the early 1900s, teaches you how to get what you want. For those that love to get lost in a whole other world, you must get your hands on the *Throne of Glass* series, which follows a bad-ass assassin in a world of magic. And for anyone who likes a page-turner, I recommend *Dark Places* by Gillian Flynn and *All the Missing Girls* by Megan Miranda.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE FOR BOOK LOVERS

BY SYDNEY VILLEGAS

This holiday season is a perfect time to support small and QTPOC-run businesses, so we rounded up five gifts perfect for the avid readers in your life (or for yourself).

If you're looking to get them a book they've been dying to read, why not also support independent bookstores? When buying from **bookshop.org**, your purchase either funds a local bookstore of your choice or is distributed to independent bookstores across the US.

Candles create the ideal cozy atmosphere for winter reading. Two great candle shops are Indigenous-owned **Sequoia Soaps** and **Queer Candle Co.**

Your giftee should have a cute tote bag to carry all of their books. Queer-owned brands **Otherwild** and **Ladyfingers Letterpress** sell a variety of fun designs, while book lovers will appreciate **The Secondhand Librarian's** "The Motto" bag.

A hot cup of tea is a reading essential. Pick up some loose-leaf teas from black-owned businesses **Adjourn Teahouse** and **Just Add Honey Tea Company**. **Happy Letter Collective** is Latina-owned and has a mugs that'll resonate with any bookish introvert.

Bookmarks make great stocking stuffers. **The Seasonal Pages'** bookmarks feature their original art, and **Jezarelle Creations** on Etsy makes customizable resin bookmarks



SPRING UELA EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

UELA is teaming up with the CDD, and we are hosting a Career Panel Q&A! Join us as we talk to professionals from publishing, museum, literary agencies, and more! Learn about your career options with us! The event is expected to occur in April 2021.

UELA hopes you are all ready to get your networking on! In addition to the CDD panel, UELA is collaborating with the English Department to host an Alumni event! Talk to former English Majors about life after BU (who would have thought there is a life after university, am I right?). The date is TBD, so look out for that next semester!

For most of this semester, UELA focused on student activism within the English Department—we plan to continue that this upcoming semester. We encourage ALL our members to get involved to change the Department for the better. Contact UELA for more information about how YOU can get involved.



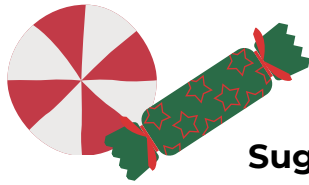
TRADITIONAL DESSERTS: STRUFFOLI

SEAN YOUNG

Many know of the worldwide famous Italian Christmas dessert, Panettone. However, there is another traditional dessert that originates from the south, called Struffoli. The classic Christmas dessert is made of deep-fried dough balls coated in honey, sprinkles, orange, lemon zest, and, sometimes, limoncello. The dessert is topped with candied fruit and often shaped into a Christmas tree, wreath, or pyramid.

INGREDIENTS:

400 g flour type 00
3 eggs, organic, free run
80 g butter, melted and cooled
40 g granulated sugar
2 Tbsp limoncello (or anise liquor, or orange liquor)
1 orange, the zest
1 lemon, the zest
1 leveled tsp baking powder
pinch of salt
about 600-700 ml peanut oil (or any other vegetable oil) for frying
250-300 g of honey
3 Tbsp sprinkles
Candied fruits



Full recipe at
SugarLovesSpice.com



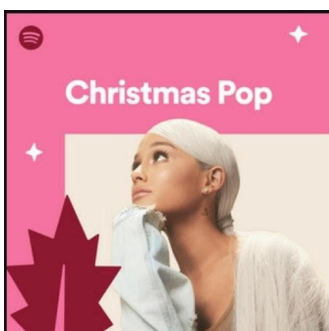
OTHER TRADITIONAL DESSERTS TO TRY:

GERMANY: Christstollen — A raisin laden cake made with a heavy yeast dough, completed with a covering of butter and sugar.

NEW ZEALAND: Pavlova — A cream and berries dessert topped with whipped cream and kiwifruit or summer berries.

ISRAEL: Sufganiyah — Israeli-style donut with a jelly filling that is consumed in commemoration of Hanukkah.

JAMAICA: Christmas Cake — Made with dried fruits that are soaked in rum and/or red wine, and also includes vanilla, nutmeg, or allspice.



ANGIE IZQUIERDO'S PLAYLIST OF THE MONTH

Love the holidays, but bored with the same old songs? Look no further! Spotify has you covered with this holiday playlist full of remixed classics and new hits by your favorite pop artists, including Sia, Ariana Grande, and, of course, Mariah Carey. This playlist is sure to get you into the holiday spirit without making you feel like you're walking through a retail store. Stream now on Spotify!



CAS FY102 A2

Intro to Careers in
the Helping
Professions:
Counseling, Education
& Human Services

1 CREDIT
PASS/FAIL
HALF SEMESTER

Learn about careers that range from psychologists, counselors, and social workers to roles within education, public health, and nonprofits.

The helping professions encompass a wide range of careers that help others to live better lives and foster various aspects of their growth, development, and well-being.

OPEN TO FIRST YEARS
+ SOPHOMORES

MONDAYS 2:30-3:45PM

In this class, you will learn about and discuss resumes, cover letters, interview prep, take skill assessments, and learn about the major to career pathway! You will also get to hear from special guests about their career paths!

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