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Bibliophile owner Sandra Climan, right, and sales assistant Stephanie Laflamme provide a sampling of recent selections for children and adults. ELAINE COHEN PHOTO



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Since books tailored to a recipient's age and tastes serve as great gifts, Bibliophile owner Sandra Climan leafed through a potpourri of new and recent titles to enhance children's and adults' holiday reading pleasure.

Bibliophile is an independent, customer-oriented English bookstore under the personal supervision of Climan and her sales assistants Robbie Steinfeld, Estelle Seltzer and Stephanie Laflamme. Climan's passion for books and rapport with clients has prevailed since 1981. Located for 33 years at 5519 Queen Mary Rd., corner of Clanranald, Bibliophile caters to a varied clientele.

"Within the last decade, I've had the opportunity to interact with a changing neighbourhood, and I've learned so much," Climan says. "The growth of the Sephardi community is a source of enrichment."

Chanukah is an opportunity to show appreciation with a concrete gift. Prices in the store range from under \$10 to more than \$100. Some customers buy a different book for each family member, while others may seek elaborate coffee table tomes relating to topics of significance to respective recipients.

The following books can provide hours of enlightening entertainment for young readers:

Happy Hanukkah Curious George by H.A. Rey and Margret Rey, a picturesque edition, has been re-issued in a compact size.

Horton and the Kwuggerbug and More Lost Stories, a new Dr. Seuss book, has received five-star reviews. Dazzling pictures complement this hardcover edition.

Bright Red is a large, illustrated, hardcover book with 26 short stories focusing on the alphabet. Children will be introduced to a host of characters.

There are also a plethora of significant brand new and recently published books for adults.

More Memories of Snowdon in the '50s by Bill Conrod is a 2014 publication that makes a good companion to the author's earlier book.

Authors Alan Hustak and Johanne Norchet teamed up for *Montreal Then and Now/ D'Hier et Aujourd'hui*, a bilingual book with striking photographs. Native Montrealers and newcomers will find some interesting information in this glossy page-turner.

As commander of the international space station, Chris Hadfield captivated the world with chats from space. His new book, *You are Here – around the world in 92 minutes*, complements his earlier bestseller, *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*. Readers will discover mindboggling photos from space.

Art aficionados who admire Austrian symbolist painter Gustav Klimt's art work are sure to appreciate Taschen Books' showpiece publication *Gustav Klimt*, which features a complete collection as well as reactions to his work. Tobias G. Natter edited the 676-page hardcover book.

Designer/art director Dinah Fried conveys her sharp wit in *Fictitious*

Dishes, an album of literature's most memorable meals. Fried included 50 photographs and comments featuring culinary settings from classics including Nobel Prize-winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Beatrix Potter's *Tales of Peter Rabbit* and Jonathan Franzen's 2001 bestseller *The Correction*.

Beautifully illustrated cookbooks are a perennial draw. London-based chef Yotam Ottolenghi, who hails from Israel, provides more than 150 vegetarian dishes in *Plenty More*. Ottolenghi is well recognized for previous bestsellers such as *Jerusalem* and *Plenty*.

Adults yearning for serious non-fiction will lose themselves in *Like Dreamers* by Yossi Klein Halevi. The story of Israeli paratroopers who reunited Jerusalem and divided a nation is an eye-opener.

For fiction lovers, Climan suggests Ian McEwan's new book, *The Children Act*. Renowned for his prizewinning *Atonement*, the author's latest work deals with a woman judge deliberating on a medical case.

What if? by Randall Munroe offers serious scientific answers to queries that many would regard as hypothetical or absurd.

Mary Coin by Marisa Silver is based on Dorothea Lange's famous photograph of a migrant worker (circa 1936). ■

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