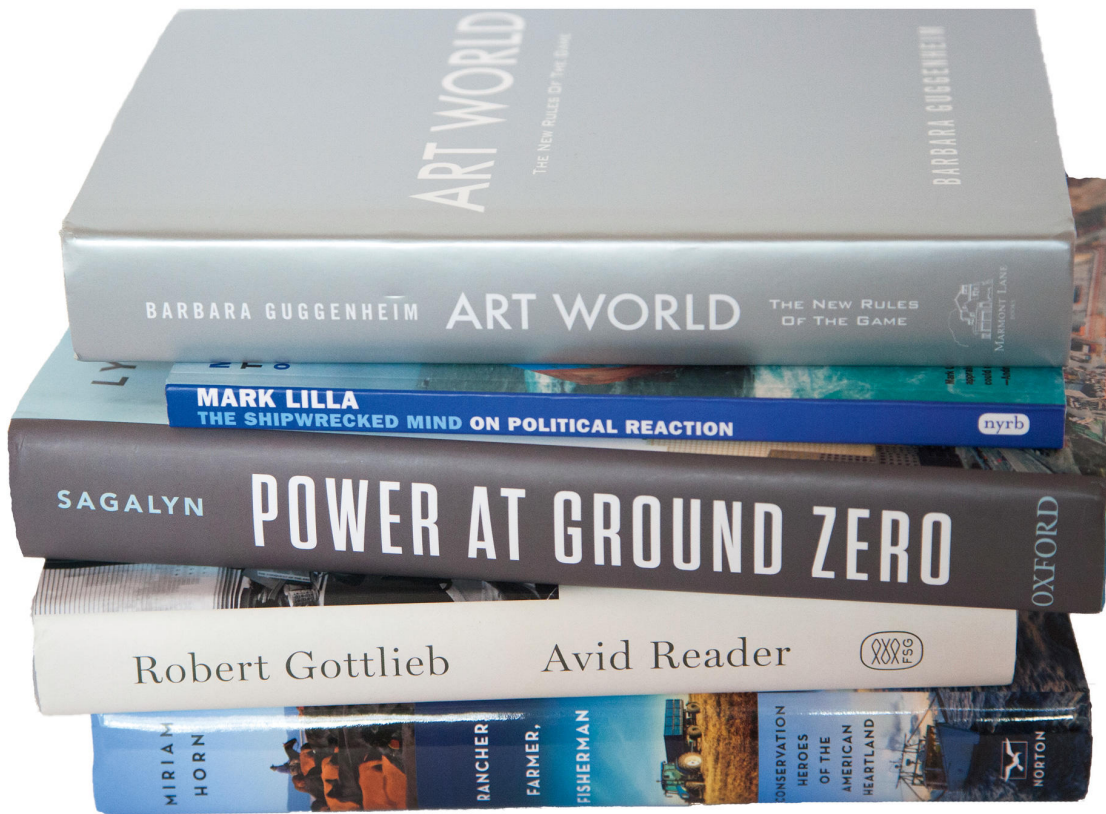


# Reading List: Winter 2016

New and noteworthy releases from alumni and faculty.

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Jeffrey Saks

## **AVID READER**

by Robert Gottlieb '52CC

In the world of the New York literati, Robert Gottlieb is royalty. At Simon & Schuster and Alfred A. Knopf, he edited, among others, Joseph Heller, Toni Morrison, and John le Carré, then went on to succeed William Shawn as editor of the *New Yorker*. His

memoir chronicles his sixty-year career, with strikingly frank observations about the figures behind some of the twentieth century's most enduring works.

## **POWER AT GROUND ZERO**

*by Lynne B. Sagalyn*

The definitive account of one of the biggest urban reconstruction projects in history. Columbia Business School professor Lynne Sagalyn spent ten years researching the effort to redevelop the sixteen-acre site where the Twin Towers collapsed. Her meticulous reporting reveals a project that was fueled by idealism, rife with complexity, marred by competing factions, and freighted with symbolism.

## **ART WORLD**

*by Barbara Guggenheim '76GSAS*

"Making your way through the art world is like picking wild mushrooms," says Barbara Guggenheim. "It's not always easy to differentiate what's okay from what's deadly." With a doctorate in art history and decades of experience at Christie's, Sotheby's, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, Guggenheim is a consummate guide. Her book on buying and selling art is part instruction manual, part history, and a fascinating look at a complex and remarkably unregulated industry.

## **RANCHER, FARMER, FISHERMAN**

*by Miriam Horn '05GSAS*

Some of America's most important environmental-conservation work is being done not by scientists or political activists but by the ranchers, farmers, and fishermen whose livelihoods depend on the land. Miriam Horn, a best-selling environmental writer, profiles five members of this quiet revolution: a Montana rancher, a Kansas farmer, a Mississippi barge owner, a Louisiana shrimper, and a Gulf fisherman. All have developed innovative solutions to the challenges their communities face, and the resulting portrait is inspiring and enormously hopeful.

## THE SHIPWRECKED MIND

*by Mark Lilla*

Mark Lilla, a Columbia professor of humanities, argues that much about our current political polarization can be explained by a close examination of political reactionaries, those “shipwrecked” in the present but nostalgic for an idealized past. He examines the work of three twentieth-century reactionary political philosophers and discusses how reactionary thought has become a formidable force in twenty-first-century politics on both sides of the Atlantic.



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