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Editors' Choice | Recent books of particular interest

VICTORY: *The Triumphant Gay Revolution*, by Linda Hirshman. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) Written with knowing finesse, this expansive history of gay rights from the early 20th century to the present draws on archival records and interviews.

MRS. ROBINSON'S DISGRACE: *The Private Diary of a Victorian Lady*, by Kate Summerscale. (Bloomsbury, \$26.) How a diary recording a (possibly imaginary) affair led to a scandalous divorce case.

MISSION TO PARIS, by Alan Furst. (Random House, \$27.) Furst's novel skillfully evokes the atmosphere of Paris in 1938, as an actor stumbles into the clutches of Nazis who want to exploit his celebrity.

THE DREAM OF THE CELT, by Mario Vargas Llosa. Translated by Edith Grossman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.) The Nobel laureate reimagines the life of the human rights advocate and Irish nationalist Roger Casement in an information-packed novel.

HOW TO BUILD AN ANDROID: *The True Story of Philip K. Dick's Robotic Resurrection*, by David F. Dufty. (Holt, \$26.) Researchers created a replica of the science-fiction writer, but its head went astray.

THE AUSCHWITZ VOLUNTEER: *Beyond Bravery*, by Witold Pilecki. Translated by Jarek Garlinski. (Aquila Polonica, \$42.95.) A long-suppressed account of life in Auschwitz by a heroic Polish officer.

THE HARM IN HATE SPEECH, by Jeremy Waldron. (Harvard University, \$26.95.) A legal philosopher urges Americans to punish hate speech the way other liberal democracies do.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, by Maggie Shipstead. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A WASP clan gathers for a wedding in Shipstead's smart first novel.

THE LAND OF DECORATION, by Grace McCleen. (Holt, \$25.) This novel inquires into the nature of religious belief as a 10-year-old hears a divine voice.

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