

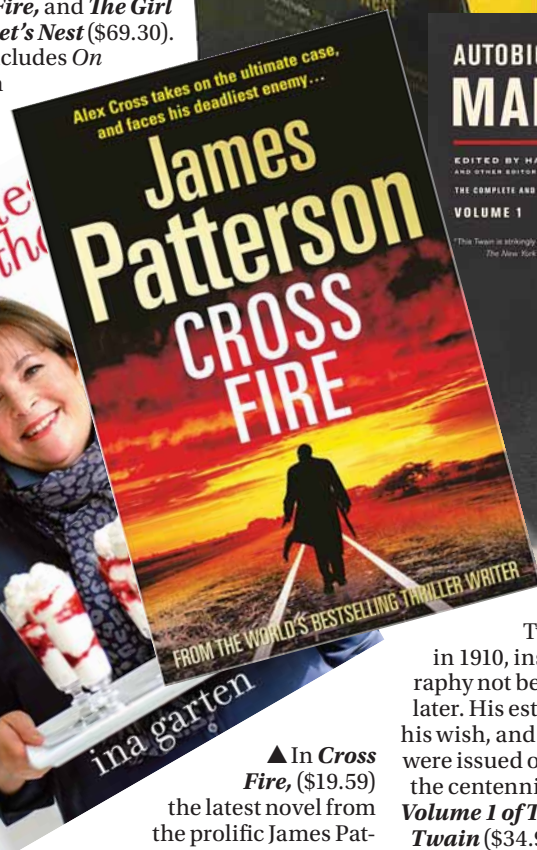
WHAT TO BUY TRADITIONAL & DIGITAL BOOKWORMS

► Can't decide on a book to give? How about a book-related item such as a **recyclable book bag** (\$2.95) bearing such messages as "Read" and "So many books, so little time." There is also a combination **bookmark/card** (\$3.95) that can be mailed, and **pencils** (\$1.95) with such inscriptions as "Let your story shine" and "Get wrapped up in a good book." Available at the Classics Gift Shop at the Main Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

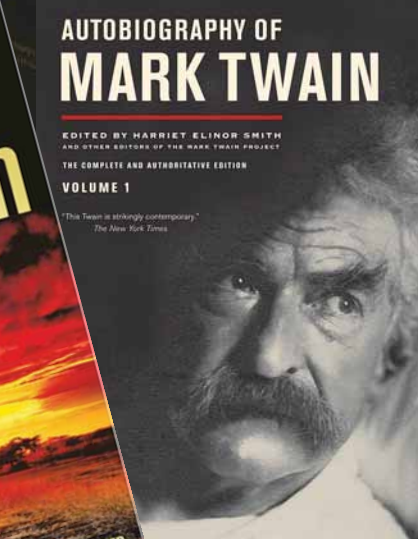
► **Barnes & Noble's Nook Color** (\$249.00) e-reader sports a seven-inch color touchscreen and 8 gigabytes of space to keep all of your reading in one place. Publications downloadable to it include *Us Weekly*, *Elle*, the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and starting in late January, *The Blade*. Its Alive-Touch feature allows children to easily find a favorite story or picture. Nook Color users can surf the Web, stream music, and play Sudoku. They can also borrow and return electronic books from libraries — such as the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library — set up to circulate such materials.

► Sweden is generally considered a friendly, civilized country. But it's also home to Nazi-loving killers, according to Stieg Larsson, author of the Millennium Trilogy crime novels. His posthumously published work, which is set in Sweden, has been an international publishing phenomenon, hitting best-seller lists around the globe. Now comes **Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy Boxed Set: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*** (\$69.30). The hardcover set also includes *On Stieg Larsson*, a collection of unpublished essays about the writer. Available at Barnes & Noble.

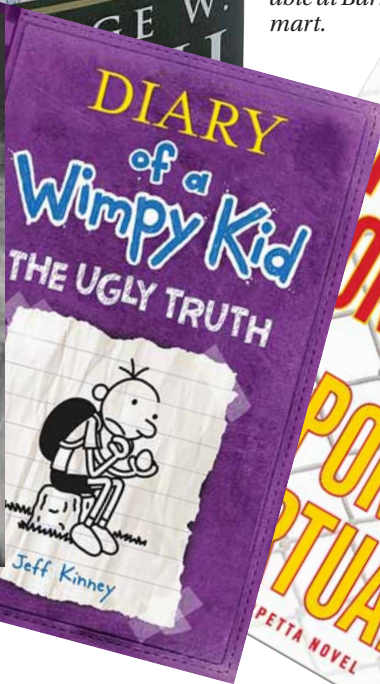
► ***How Easy Is That?*** (\$24.50) is the title of the Barefoot Contessa's latest cookbook. The emphasis here is on saving time and minimizing stress in the kitchen. Available at Barnes & Noble and Target.



► In ***Cross Fire***, (\$19.59) the latest novel from the prolific James Patterson, Detective Alex Cross postpones his wedding to investigate the assassination of a congressman and lobbyist. Available at Barnes & Noble and Target.



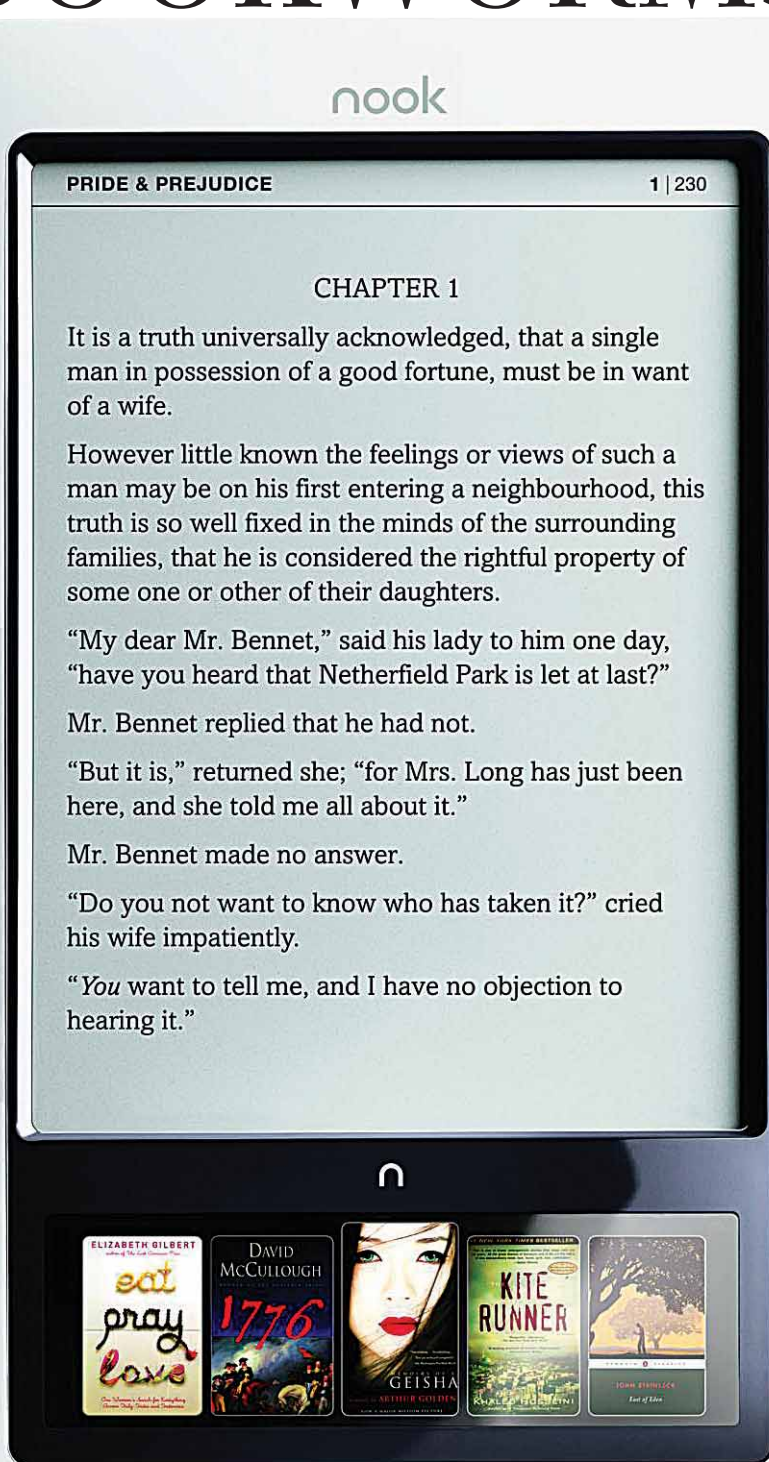
► Mark Twain, who died in 1910, insisted that his autobiography not be published until 100 years later. His estate's trustees didn't honor his wish, and multiple abridged versions were issued over the years. But this year, the centennial of Twain's death, brings ***Volume 1 of The Autobiography of Mark Twain*** (\$34.95). This is the uncensored Twain, published just as he wrote it. The volume is full of his unvarnished humor, ideas, and opinions. One critic described it as "a valedictory gift that keeps on giving." Available at Barnes & Noble.



► Growing up is what Greg Heffley wants to do most. But in ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth***, (\$13.95) he discovers that getting older is not what he thought it would be. For one thing, there is the stress of socializing with girls. This is the latest installment in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series written by Jeff Kinney. Available at Barnes & Noble and Walmart.



► Patricia Cornwell's 18th Kay Scarpetta novel is ***Port Mortuary*** (\$19.56). The best-selling series about the adventures of the renowned forensic pathologist is a fast-paced, entertaining mixture of forensic science, police procedural, and soap opera. Available at Barnes & Noble, Target, and Walmart.



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► How does Santa know who's been naughty or nice? The secret is out. He dispatches an elf to observe children and report back to him every night. The elf then returns from the North Pole to a different spot in the house, the better to keep an eye on the children. **The Elf on the Shelf** (\$29.95) includes a 19-inch stuffed pixie and book. Parents had better remember to move the elf to a different location each night or be prepared to explain why he returned to the same spot. Available at Barnes and Noble.

► ***Decision Points*** (\$24.50), George W. Bush's presidential memoir, offers a look at the author's eight years in the White House and more. Subjects discussed range from his decision to quit drinking to his disappointment at the failure to bring Osama bin Laden to justice. Available at Barnes & Noble, Target, and Walmart.