

Weekend book picks

You still have a kitchen full of food and booze from the snowstorm that wasn't. Now you have the perfect excuse to spend the weekend cozied up with a new book. Here are three just released page-turners definitely worth the read. **EMILY LAURENCE**

'In Some Other World, Maybe'

by Shari Goldhagen
Book critics are fawning over Shari Goldhagen's sophomore release, "In Some Other World." The book starts in 1992 with three different groups of teens all going to see the same movie. Adam is a mama's boy getting ready to head off to college. Sharon struggles to be interested in the things her popular friends want to talk about when she really wants to geek out over comic books. And Phoebe decides to break up with her bookish boyfriend because he does not fit into the new LA life she is imagining for herself. Over the years, their story lines intersect through friendship, sex, fame and tragedy.

'Whipping Boy'

by Allen Kurzweil
The craziest thing about "Whipping Boy" is that it's a true story. The author attempts to track down his childhood bully, who tormented him while they attended a Swiss boarding school. His search spans 40 years and he finds the bully has grown up to become an international criminal mired in financial fraud. The book takes readers on a thrilling ride as the two live out their parallel lives, introducing a cast of fascinating characters along the way.

'The Extraordinary Journey Of The Fakir Who Got Trapped In An Ikea Wardrobe'

by Romain Puertolas
French writer Romain Puertolas has lived in several European countries working various jobs including DJ, singer-songwriter, translator, steward and police inspector. Perhaps it's his eclectic background that gives him his quirky writing voice. In this book, a con-artist hides in a wardrobe in an Ikea store, leading to a series of unfortunate events. While hiding from a taxi driver dead set on revenge, he makes some unlikely friends along the way.



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