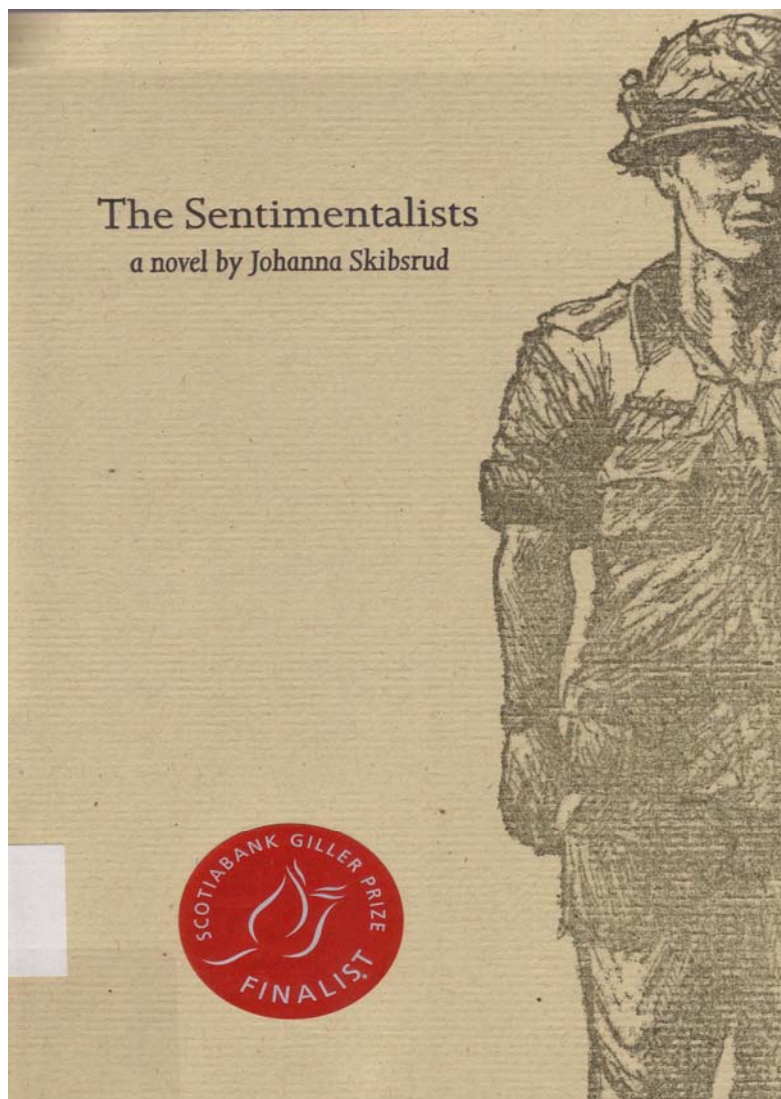


# Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



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Book of the Month  
January 2011



Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

## **The Sentimentalists F S6287s**

*The Sentimentalists* is an eloquent story narrated by an adult daughter trying to understand her dying father who deserted his young family many years earlier. Napoleon Haskell, the carpenter-father, is a complicated, yet sympathetic man who is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He has never spoken of his war-time experiences to his family and that part of his personal history is shrouded in mystery, even to himself, since Napoleon is not quite certain of his memories. He does, however, completely immerse himself in the building of a sailboat for several years, which he never completes and leaves with his deserted family. Eventually, after many years of wandering and battling alcoholism, Napoleon settles in the town of Casablanca, Ontario, on the shores of a man-made lake, at the bottom of which lie the remains of the original town. He lives there with Henry, the father of his old friend, Owen, who died fighting in Vietnam.

When the narrator leaves her Brooklyn home to live in the Casablanca house with her dying father and Henry, she finds herself immersed in complicated stories from her family's past as she attempts to navigate the choppy waters of family relationships, memory and loss.

*The Sentimentalists* is the debut novel of Montreal writer Johanna Skibsrud and is the Scotiabank Giller Prize winner for 2010.

## **Johanna Skibsrud**

Originally from Scotsburn, Nova Scotia, Skibsrud now resides in Montreal. At 30, she is the youngest author to win the Scotiabank Giller Prize. Skibsrud drew on her own experience as a war veteran's daughter in writing her book. The basis for this novel was her Master's thesis in Creative Writing at Concordia University.

## **FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS IN FICTION**

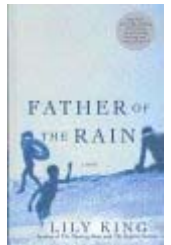
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Learning to lose / by David Trueba  
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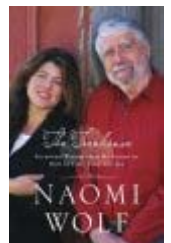
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## **FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS**

The story of my father : a memoir / by Sue Miller  
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The treehouse : eccentric wisdom from my father on how to live, love, and see / by Naomi Wolf



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## DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES IN FICTION

The French revolution / by Matt Stewart  
F S8513f

A field guide to burying your parents / by Liza Palmer  
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## PROBLEM FAMILIES

The glass castle : a memoir / by Jeanette Walls  
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Lit : a memoir / by Mary Karr  
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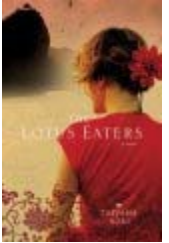
## VIETNAM WAR IN FICTION

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The lotus eaters / by Tatjana Soli  
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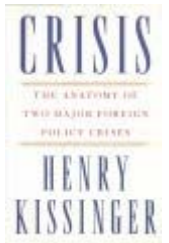
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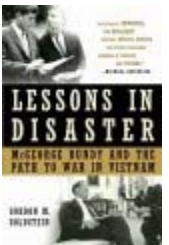
## VIETNAM WAR

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The latehomecomer : a Hmong family memoir / by Kao Kalia Yang  
959.7043 Y223



Lessons in disaster : McGeorge Bundy and the path to war in Vietnam / by Gordon M. Goldstein  
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