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- **The Wave: In Pursuit of the Rogues, Freaks, and Giants of the Ocean** by Susan Casey
- **Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void** by Mary Roach
- **Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms, and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories** by Simon Winchester
- **City Building: Nine Planning Principles for the Twenty-First Century** by John Lund Kriken
- **Float!: Building on Water to Combat Urban Congestion and Climate Change** by Koen Olthuis and David Keuning
- **Bird Songs Bible: The Complete Illustrated Reference for North American Birds** edited by Les Beletsky
- **Rivers of California: Nature's Lifelines in the Golden State** by Tim Palmer

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Float!: Building on Water to Combat Urban Congestion and Climate Change, by Koen Olthuis and David Keuning (Frame; 304 pages; \$59). How to stop worrying and love the urban impact of climate change: a color-saturated exploration of buildings on and near water, from an architect in the Netherlands who specializes in floating structures. Many examples here are real - the Dutch have been fighting off the sea for centuries - while others are wildly conceptual. But the core of "Float!" is this 21st century reality: "politicians and citizens must be receptive to a more flexible society."

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