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Allan Pinkerton: The First Private Eye,

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Memoir of an African-American woman who grew up in **Chicago's** slums and went on to become an editor for the *New York Times Book Review*.

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The autobiography of **Chicago's** first woman mayor.

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Hillary's Choice, by Gail Sheehy.

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The **Chicago** singer who became the voice of a generation.

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An account of the **Chicago** mayor & his machine.

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by Irving Stone. 340.0924 Sto
The **Chicago** lawyer's famous clients included
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The **Chicago**-born animator's impact on American
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Mike Ditka

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Autobiography of the coach who led the **Chicago
Bears** to the Super Bowl.

John Drummond

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The anchorman's account of his early years covering
Chicago's crooks and capers.

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Policewoman*. 363.2 Gal
A look at life on the beat on **Chicago's** roughest
streets and the disadvantages and advantages of
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The Phantom Father. Bio/Gifford
A man tries to understand the father he never knew,
a shady liquor store owner who was well known in
Chicago during the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

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Benny Goodman & the Swing Era, by James
Lincoln Collier. Bio/Goodman
The great clarinetist and band leader grew up on
Chicago's Maxwell Street.

Ulysses S. Grant

Grant, by Jean Edward Smith. Bio/Grant
A biography of the Civil War general who began the
war as a colonel in the 21st **Illinois** Volunteers.

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*Bittersweet: The Story of the Heath Candy
Company*, by Richard Heath. 338.76641 Hea
The **Robinson, Illinois**, company founded by L.S.
Heath that produces the popular Heath Bar.

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The entertaining and unconventional autobiography
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by James Mellow. Bio/Hemingway
The life of the **Oak Park** native who became one of
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The actor and activist grew up poor in tony **Wilmette**
and earned a drama scholarship to **Northwestern**.

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Playing for Keeps, by David Halberstam. Bio/Jordan
An attempt to understand the phenomenon of the
Chicago Bulls legend.

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Personal recollections of celebrated Chicagoans and
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La Salle, by Anka Muhlstein. Bio/La Salle
A vivid account of the life and explorations of the
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Reminiscences by and about the late great **Chicago
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