

## The Lineup



**1 Sound City**  
*Limited release, debuts Jan. 18*

Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl directed this documentary, a love letter to the recently closed Sound City Studios in Los Angeles, where bands from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Nirvana recorded their hits. It premieres at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.



**2 Ship It Holla Ballas!** by Jonathan Grotenstein and Storms Reback  
*(St. Martin's) \$25.99, available Jan. 15*

The title of this book continues *How a Bunch of 19-Year-Old College Dropouts Used the Internet to Become Poker's Loudest, Craziest, and Richest Crew*. All it leaves out is the group's spectacular, satisfying fall.



**3 Ripper Street**  
*BBC America, debuts Jan. 19*

Set in London in 1889, this miniseries follows the detectives who set out to capture Jack the Ripper. Victorian-era London was a pretty seedy place—expect prostitutes, thieves, and lots and lots of ominous fog.

## Master Class

We skimmed  
the book so you  
wouldn't have to

**Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes, by Maria Konnikova (Viking)**  
**\$26.95**



Bolster your memory by **recreating events to a friend**. "Much like Holmes talks his theories through out loud to Watson," writes Konnikova, "gaps and inconsistencies that weren't apparent before come to the surface." p88

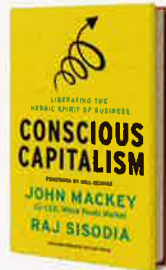
Train yourself to be a better decision-maker. "For instance, use a checklist when hiring a candidate for a job instead of relying on your impression," writes Konnikova. As Holmes proves time and again, **there's no benefit to jumping to conclusions.** p73

Light a pipe, sit back, and silently reflect. "[Holmes] the hunter knows when to quiet his mind," she writes. "**The world is a distracting place.**" It will never quiet down for you. ... Without that occasional silence, there can be little hope of a successful hunt." p245

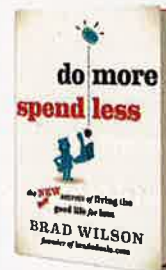
Gain some perspective. Getting psychological distance from your work "may be one of the single most important steps" you can take to **improve mental acuity**. "It engages 'System Holmes,'" she writes. "Individuals who employ distancing in problem-solving scenarios emerge ahead of their more immersed counterparts." p130

The week's releases boiled  
down to five, seven, five

## Business Book Haiku



*The Whole Foods guy says  
Some businesses  
are awesome.  
Notably, Whole Foods.*



*Hey, all you cheapos,  
We'd tell you  
to buy this book  
But it costs  
too much.*



*To fix your budget,  
You must change  
your attitude!  
Um ... and stop  
spending.*



*Ack! Get a  
face mask!  
Global trade spreads  
lots of germs.  
It will kill us all :(*

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