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Cubs rally in the ninth to advance to NLCS



Dexter Fowler, left, and the Cubs mob Dexter Fowler, left, and the Cubs mob closer Aroldis Chapman after beating the Giants 6-5 on Tuesday night at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Javier Baez's single to score Jason Heyward capped the late rally, eliminating the dangerous Giants. The



Cubs scored four runs in the ninth inning Cubs scored four runs in the ninth inning off of five Giants pitchers to win the National League Division Series 3-1. The Cubs host the winner of the Nationals-Dodgers series Saturday at Wrigley Field.

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Free of 'shackles.' Trump lets loose

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Running mate Pence stands firm behind Trump. Page 19

Mayor's push for 3rd term gains focus

Emanuel says progress in education, finances, policing signs of city revival

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Chicago Tribme

In the span of just four weeks, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has made a concerted push toward resolving three crucial issues that could determine the country of t

eral water at his side. "Today, Chicago is back on solid ground in the property of the propert

Costs of deal struck with teachers still to be tallied

By Juan Perez Jr. and Hal Dardick

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using TIF money to shore upone school district's shaky ifon Tuesday, though, he called using those funds "the right thing to do."
Emanuel said we tentative the continuation of the tentative and the tentative strengthening the classroom and helped our teachers financially, but actually did it in a way that CPS is on a better sustainable path than every the continuation of the district paying the bulk of pension to the continuation of the district paying the bulk of pension teachers. CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey praised the pay raises and job guarantees teachers would see under the

Turn to Costs, Page 9

- Mayor Emanuel's 2017 budget proposal includes a plastic bag tax for shoppers who don't have their own. Page 9.

 A state representative is pushing to ban the cash bonuses that some school districts give to retired educators, a practice that costs local taxpayers thousands of dollars. Page 10

Blackhawks season preview

The Blackhawks open the 2016-17 season against the Blues at the United Center on Wednesday. The Tribune's Chris Hine and Chris Kuc take a peek at the Hawks' outlook. **Chicago Sports**



The days of wine and prose



MICHAEL AUSTIN The Pour Man

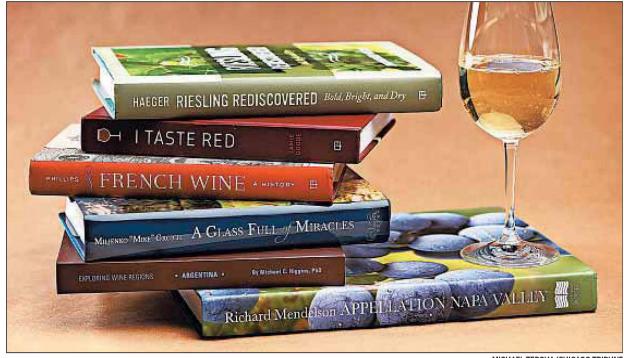
You could learn a lot about the game of hockey by watching a season from start to finish. But until you lace up a pair of skates, step onto an ice rink or frozen pond, and hold a stick in your hands, you will never really know how to play the game. You will know how others play the game, but that's as close as you will get.

Not everybody wants to play hockey. Some, like me, are fine with taking a seat and just watching. We appreciate the grace and power of the players and puck. Hockey is certainly one of the most viewer-friendly sports, even if you're not clear on every nuanced rule. But wine is not a spectator sport.

Sure, wine has its academic side, but at its essence, it is participatory and completely nonacademic. We have made it somewhat academic, and when I say "we," I mean "they" — the academics. And more power to them, because wine gets better overall the more the academics academicize.

You and I, though, we just want to have a better understanding of what we're drinking, so we can better enjoy the thing we better understand. Plus we're curious by nature, and part of that is what drew us to wine in the first place. So when this urge arises, this urge to front-load information, we turn to books.

As you may know, or could guess, there are some great wine books out there — from general reference books to more focused single-subject tomes to narratives as informative as they are entertaining. I can't get enough of them. But I always remember that they're the sidekicks on my wine journey. My equal partner is the wine itself. If I had to choose between wine and wine books, I'd choose wine every time. Thankfully, we don't have to choose. We can have both. Below are some newish to brand-new-still-gotthat-new-book-smell wine books



MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Crack open a bottle and a book, and drink deeply of the wine knowledge that might help you understand more completely what you're drinking.

that have caught my attention recently.

"I Taste Red: The Science of Tasting Wine" by Jamie Goode. This entertaining and fast-moving book explores how and why things taste the way they do to us and how our senses communicate with one another to form our perceptions. Highly researched and multisourced, the book touches on the fascinating topics of synesthesia, "smell blindness," the language of wine and associative learning - the idea that you like rosé because you first tried it the night you met your husband on that European backpacking trip. No guarantees, but you'll probably be a better taster after reading this book. (University of California Press, \$29.95)

"Appellation Napa Valley: Building and Protecting an American Treasure" by Richard Mendelson. Formidable and beautiful, this volume explores how the Napa Valley went from an area of quiet farms to the United States' most famous wine region. Naturally, the book features many detailed maps, along with Mendelson's unique perspective on the subject. As a Napa attorney, he was a major player in developing the region's American Viticultural Areas over more than 30 years. Never heard of a wine lawyer? Well, now you know one of the top ones in the country. (Val de Grace Books, \$75)

"Exploring Wine Regions: Argentina" by Michael C. Higgins. This slick softcover has the look of a well-organized travel guide, with short, focused text entries and scores of glossy photographs. It offers a great overview not only of world-famous Mendoza, but also lesser-known growing areas all the way down to Rio Negro, the world's southernmost wine region. As a bonus, the book offers culinary and cultural insights, plus travel tips. It is the first in a series, with future books planned for Italy, Spain, France, Chile and Australia, among other countries. (Exploring Wine Regions, \$34.95)

"Riesling Rediscovered: Bold, Bright, and Dry" by John Win-

throp Haeger. As the book says. riesling is the seventh most-planted white wine grape variety in the world. But to countless wine cognoscenti, riesling is No. 1- the pinnacle of wine. Focusing on dry riesling, Haeger takes us on a deep dive through the Northern Hemisphere's most important regions for the grape - from Alsace and the Pfalz to British Columbia and the Finger Lakes of New York State — ending with granular details about specific vineyards. Along the way, riesling lovers and serious wine students will get history, explanations of the winemaking process and color maps. (University of California Press, \$39.95)

"French Wine: A History" by Rod Phillips. Here, Phillips, a Canadian professor with expertise in the history of alcohol and wine, offers insight on France's modern rise to wine world prominence, taking us back through several eras (Enlightenment to the Middle Ages, and beyond) to show us that the country's current premiere status was hard-won. Wine does not exist in

a vacuum, and Phillips touches on several of the industry's outside forces in France, including religion and politics — two things you want to avoid talking about when you're drinking, but should feel free to read about anytime. (University of California Press, \$34.95)

"A Glass Full of Miracles" by Miljenko "Mike" Grgich. This is Grgich's life story, beginning in a tiny Croatian town and evolving to life behind the Iron Curtain, his emigration to Canada and the United States, and his ascent to California winemaking legend. Remember: He made the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay, the wine that won the Paris tasting 40 years ago. In 1977 he cofounded Grgich Hills with Austin Hills of the Hills Bros. Coffee family, and this year, Grgich celebrated his 93rd birthday. The book is peppered with charming stories, other California wine stars, and several dozen supporting photographs. (Violetta Press,

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