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From the University of Illinois Press we received a long list of best selling books in many categories, and here are the highlights from **Richard Wentworth**, Director and Editor-in-Chief.

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No list of bestsellers is complete without mentioning a couple of sleepers, presumably books that haven't done as well as they deserve. Wentworth offers the following suggestions:

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By the way, the inaugural poem read by Miller Williams for the Clinton Inauguration was published by this press.

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