

A photograph of Barack Obama and his two daughters, Malia and Sasha, at a bookstore. Barack is in the foreground, smiling and looking to the right, holding a large stack of books. Malia and Sasha are behind him, also smiling and looking in the same direction. They are surrounded by bookshelves and other customers in a well-lit store.

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"Hope you can close Guantanamo," the patron said.

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"We're working on it," Obama replied, then cheerily added to the crowd of shoppers: "Any other issues?"

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Obama also joked, "Hope it works," when he handed his credit card to the cashier. That appeared to be a reference to when a restaurant declined his card while he dined out in New York City in late September.

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Obama bought a mix of titles apparently chosen to satisfy readers young and old. The White House declined to reveal how much he paid.

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Among the books in the president's shopping bags for mature readers were "Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China" by New Yorker writer Evan Osnos, "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by surgeon Atul Gawande and "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

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For younger readers, Obama's purchases included three titles in the "Redwall" series by Brian Jacques, two titles in the Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park and "A Barnyard Collection: Click, Clack, Moo and More" by Doreen Cronin.

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Obama and his daughters also shopped at Politics and Prose on the Saturday after Thanksgiving last year.

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