

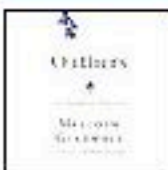
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A Quick Take on New Releases

**BOOK**

**Outliers: The Story of Success**

**C-**



By Malcolm Gladwell  
Little Brown | \$27.99

**Basic Story**

Just what is the secret to success? Natural genius, burning drive, lucky breaks? The pop sociologist who wrote "The Tipping Point" and "Blink" attempts to crack this mystery and refute our basic assumptions about the road to the top.

**Sample Grab**

"But in fact [outliers] are invariably the beneficiaries of hidden advantages and extraordinary opportunities and cultural legacies that allow them to learn and work hard and make sense of the world in ways others cannot."

— Gladwell's big theory

**Our Take**

Gladwell has clearly done his research, collecting nifty facts about people from Bill Gates to mathematically inclined Asians to Harvard Law School superstars in his effort to prove his premise. But it's hard to read this hole-ridden and generalization-filled treatise without thinking "Um, duh!"

— Reviewed by Alexis Burling

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**C-**

**CD**

**Anything Goes**

**D**

**Safe Trip Home**

**B+**

**DVD**

**Tropic Thunder: Director's Cut**

**C**

**DVD**

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**GAME**

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