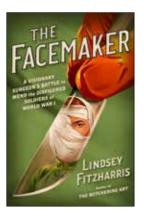
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REVIEWS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY AT HOME READERS

Reader Recommendations



The Facemaker: A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I By Lindsey Fitzharris

WWI surgeon Harold Gilles pioneered facial reconstruction for disfigured soldiers, restoring their faces and hope. This is a challenging book because he had to work so hard to ensure care when society looked away instead of healing the results of violence in war.

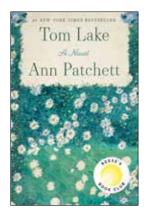
Reviewed by Mary Y., At Home patron



The Happiness Plan By Susan Mallery

Heather's world shakes as her ex moves on. She seeks solace in reconnecting with her dad and new friendships. Meanwhile, Daphne and Tori face marital troubles and unexpected feelings, risking their bond. It is a book of common problems with couples but ends in happiness for a change. A good read.

Reviewed by Roberta Z., At Home patron Also available: large print



Tom Lake By Ann Patchett

During a family reunion, a mother reminisces about a past love while her daughters grapple with their own lives. Tom Lake explores love across generations, prompting reflection on happiness and family bonds in challenging times. The book was insightful, but confusing at times.

Reviewed by Mary P., At Home patron Also available: large print, CD

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New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

Mercury By Amy Jo Burns

In 1990, Marley seeks belonging in Mercury, Pennsylvania. She becomes entwined with the Joseph brothers, navigating family dynamics and crises, as they confront their past and forge a new future. *Also available: large print*

The Storm We Made By Vanessa Chan

In 1945 Malaya, Cecily's family is in peril as her past espionage threatens them. Amid Japanese occupation, Cecily struggles to shield them from the fallout of her choices. *Also available: large print, CD*

W The Women By Kristin Hannah

In 1965, Frankie defies her conservative upbringing, joining the Army Nurse Corps to follow her brother to Vietnam. Through chaos and loss, she discovers the courage and camaraderie of women at war. *Also available: large print, CD*

Bride By Ali Hazelwood

Misery Lark, daughter of a Vampyre councilman, must broker peace with the Weres by surrendering herself. Lowe Moreland, their Alpha, distrusts her, but Misery has her own motives, risking all. *Also available: large print*

The Summer Book Club By Susan Mallery

In a summer book club focused on joy, Laurel, Paris, and Cassie navigate life's chaos and love's challenges. They confront fears and take chances, inspired by heroines who dare to rewrite their stories. *Also available: large print, CD*

W The Teacher By Freida McFadden

Caseham High School harbors secrets from a scandalous past. Addie, ostracized for her involvement with a teacher, and Evie, hiding her own secrets, are both under scrutiny as they navigate dangerous truths and threats.

After Annie By Anna Quindlen

After Annie's sudden death, her loved ones grapple with grief and redefine their lives. Her husband faces parenting alone and her daughter uncovers unsettling truths, while her best friend battles addiction. *Also available: large print, CD*

The Phoenix Crown By Kate Quinn and Janie Chang

In 1906 San Francisco, soprano Gemma and embroideress Suling cross paths amidst upheaval. Drawn into a mystery involving a missing magnate and a legendary relic, they embark on a quest for justice. *Also available: large print, CD*

Come and Get It By Kiley Reid

In 2017 at the University of Arkansas, senior Millie seizes an unconventional opportunity from visiting professor Agatha. But Millie's ambitions clash with odd friendships, dorm pranks, and illicit intrigue. *Also available: large print, CD*

New York Times Bestseller

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New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day! By Kate Bowler

The author offers spiritual reflections and blessings to embrace life's highs and lows, fostering resilience and understanding. She shares personal anecdotes, aiming to uplift readers amidst challenges.

The Furies: Women, Vengeance, and Justice By Elizabeth Flock

A renowned journalist explores the controversial use of female-led violence in response to systems failing women, examining three women's choices to fight back against abuse and oppression.

Gunflint Falling: Blowdown in the Boundary Waters By Cary J. Griffith

This is an account of the devastating 1999 Boundary Waters blowdown, detailing harrowing experiences of campers and rangers amid the catastrophic storm's fury.

Doppelganger: A Trip Into the Mirror World By Naomi Klein

Klein explores an encounter with a disturbingly similar yet ideologically opposite double, delving into Al, political turmoil, and the quest for collective healing in our surreal reality. *Also available: large print*

Impermanence: Life and Loss on Superior's South Shore

By Sue Leaf

The author embarks on a personal journey through Lake Superior's South Shore, weaving tales of human and natural history, and confronting the impermanence of a cherished landscape.

Wandering Through Life: A Memoir By Donna Leon

Leon, famed for the Guido Brunetti mysteries, recounts her adventurous life story as she enters her 80s, from childhood in New Jersey to teaching stints abroad and her enduring love for Italy. *Also available: large print, CD*

Outrageous: A History of Showbiz and the Culture Wars By Kliph Nesteroff

A celebrated cultural historian reveals a history of American outrage towards entertainment, challenging the notion of modern sensitivity by highlighting centuries of objections and attempts to control the arts.

How to Say Babylon: A Memoir By Safiya Sinclair

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Sinclair's memoir depicts her struggle against a strict Rastafarian upbringing, dominated by her father's oppressive beliefs and violence, showcasing her journey to find her own power and voice. *Also available: large print, CD*

The Lede: Dispatches From a Life in the Press By Calvin Trillin

Trillin compiles over 50 years of witty, insightful writing on journalism, reporters, and media quirks, showcasing his knack for blending reportage with comedy.

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Fiction

Fangirl Down By Tessa Bailey Also available: CD

The Atlas Maneuver By Steve Berry

The Waters By Bonnie Jo Campbell

llium By Lea Carpenter

The Friendship Club By Robyn Carr *Also available: large print, CD*

Redwood Court: Fiction By DéLana R.A. Dameron *Also available: large print*

Family Family By Laurie Frankel *Also available: large print*

The Chaos Agent By Mark Greaney Also available: large print

Flores and Miss Paula By Melissa Rivero

Cahokia Jazz By Francis Spufford

The Queen of Sugar Hill: A Novel of Hattie McDaniel

By ReShonda Tate Also available: CD

Dead Man's Hand By Brad Taylor *Also available: large print, CD*

Only If You're Lucky By Stacy Willingham *Also available: large print, CD*

Cozy Mystery

Murder in the Book Lover's Loft By Ellery Adams Also available: large print, CD

A Questionable Character By Lorna Barrett Also available: large print, CD

Lost & Hound By Rita Mae Brown Also available: large print

The Dog Across the Lake By Krista Davis Also available: large print

Murder Uncorked By Maddie Day Also available: large print Sugar Plum Poisoned

By Jenn McKinlay Also available: large print

Scaredy Cat By Sofie Ryan *Also available: large print*

Historical

An American Beauty: A Novel of the Gilded Age By Shana Abé Also available: large print

Take the Long Way Home By Rochelle Alers Also available: large print

California Golden By Melanie Benjamin *Also available: large print*

The Mayor of Maxwell Street By Avery Cunningham Also available: large print

Front Sight: Three Swagger Novellas By Stephen Hunter Also available: large print, CD

A Lady's Guide to Scandal By Sophie Irwin Also available: large print

W New York Times Bestseller

This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

The Bullet Swallower

By Elizabeth Gonzalez James Also available: large print, CD

Chenneville: A Novel of Murder, Loss, and Vengeance By Paulette Jiles Also available: large print

Cold Victory By Karl Marlantes *Also available: CD*

Sisters Under the Rising Sun By Heather Morris Also available: large print, CD

A Council of Dolls By Mona Susan Power Also available: large print

Silver Lady By Mary Jo Putney Also available: large print

Humorous

Good Material By Dolly Alderton *Also available: large print*

Interesting Facts About Space By Emily Austin Also available: CD **Clover Hendry's Day Off** By Beth Morrey

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers By Jesse Q. Sutanto Also available: large print

Mystery

W Three-Inch Teeth By C.J. Box Also available: large print, CD

First Lie Wins By Ashley Elston Also available: large print

Harlem After Midnight By Louise Hare Also available: large print

Evergreen By Naomi Hirahara *Also available: large print, CD*

The Lantern's Dance: A Novel of Suspense Featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes By Laurie R. King Also available: large print, CD

Holmes, Marple & Poe By James Patterson and Brian Sitts *Also available: large print* **Random in Death** By J.D. Robb *Also available: large print, CD*

Everyone on This Train is a Suspect By Benjamin Stevenson *Also available: large print*

Psychological

Martyr! By Kaveh Akbar *Also available: large print*

Everything is Not Enough By Lọlá Ákínmádé Åkerström *Also available: large print*

End of Story By A.J. Finn *Also available: large print, CD*

A Different Kind of Gone By Catherine Ryan Hyde Also available: CD

You Only Call When You're in Trouble

By Stephen McCauley Also available: large print

Nightwatching By Tracy Sierra *Also available: large print*

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Religious

Against the Wind By Amanda Cabot Also available: large print, CD

Marshaling Her Heart By Mary Connealy Also available: large print, CD

The Letter Tree By Rachel Fordham Also available: large print

This Passing Hour By Leslie Gould *Also available: large print*

Her Secret Hope By Shelley Shepard Gray Also available: large print, CD

The Year of Goodbyes and Hellos

By Kelly Irvin Also available: large print

Romance

The Lucky Shamrock By Carolyn Brown Also available: large print

Witch of Wild Things By Raquel Vasquez Gilliland Also available: large print

The Wake-Up Call By Beth O'Leary Also available: large print Wyoming Proud By Diana Palmer Also available: large print

The Bright Spot By Jill Shalvis Also available: large print, CD

Upside Down By Danielle Steel *Also available: large print, CD*

Science Fiction/ Fantasy

The Tainted Cup By Robert Jackson Bennett

Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands By Heather Fawcett

W House of Flame and Shadow By Sarah J. Maas

Short Stories

Fourteen Days: A Literary Project of the Authors Guild of America Edited by Margaret Atwood and

Douglas Preston

Harbor Lights By James Lee Burke Also available: large print Float Up, Sing Down By Laird Hunt

Anything With Nothing: All New Tales of Valdemar Edited by Mercedes Lackey

The Perfect Passion Company

By Alexander McCall Smith Also available: CD

Thriller

The Fiction Writer By Jillian Cantor *Also available: large print*

The Spy Coast By Tess Gerritsen *Also available: large print*

Goodbye Girl By James Grippando *Also available: large print, CD*

The Heiress By Rachel Hawkins *Also available: large print, CD*

What We Kept to Ourselves

By Nancy Jooyoun Kim Also available: large print

The Night Island By Jayne Ann Krentz *Also available: large print, CD*

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Sisters of the Lost Nation

By Nick Medina Also available: large print

Crosshairs By James Patterson and James O. Born *Also available: large print*



Concho Valley By Barry Cord *Available only in large print*

The Lonesome Gun By William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone *Also available: large print*

Mud, Blood, and Beer: A Collection of Western Stories

By L.J. Martin Available only in large print

On the Oregon Trail

By Robert Vaughan Available only in large print

Nonfiction

Our Moon: How Earth's Celestial Companion Transformed the Planet, Guided Evolution, and Made Us Who We Are By Rebecca Boyle To Banish Forever: A Secret Society, the Ho-Chunk, and Ethnic Cleansing in Minnesota By Cathy Coats

Sharing Too Much: Musings From an Unlikely Life By Richard Paul Evans Also available: large print

How Not to Age: The Scientific Approach to Getting Healthier as You Get Older By Michael Greger, MD

Also available: large print

Normal Women: 900 Years of Making History By Philippa Gregory *Also available: CD*

Our Ancient Faith: Lincoln, Democracy, and the American Experiment By Allen C. Guelzo

Gut Check: Unleash the Power of Your Microbiome to Reverse Disease and Transform Your Mental, Physical, and Emotional Health By Steven R. Gundry, MD Also available: CD Disillusioned: Five Families and the Unraveling of America's Suburbs By Benjamin Herold

Fluke: Chance, Chaos, and Why Everything We Do Matters By Brian Klaas *Also available: CD*

Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education

By Stephanie Land Also available: large print

W Attack From Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America By Barbara McQuade

Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans Really Think About Race and Identity By Michele Norris

The Amish Wife: Unraveling the Lies, Secrets, and Conspiracy That Let a Killer Go Free By Gregg Olsen Hennepin County Library Outreach Services 12601 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN 55305-1909

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