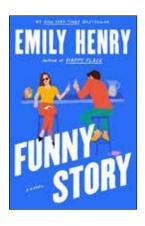
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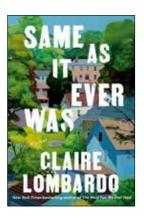
# Reader Recommendations



# Funny Story By Emily Henry

I enjoyed this charming rom-com story about Daphne, a children's librarian in Waning Bay, Michigan, who becomes roommates with Miles after they're both left behind. She's reserved, he's chaotic, but shared heartbreak leads to an unexpected friendship – and a plan involving misleading photos that begins to blur the line between pretend and real.

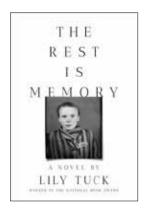
Reviewed by Delores B., At Home patron Also available: large print



#### Same As It Ever Was By Claire Lombardo

Wow! This book is the best I've read in ages! After a rocky past, Julia Ames has finally found some stability. But when a surprise from her son, her daughter pulling away, and the return of her past shake things up, everything starts to unravel. I can't wait to read her other book: The Most Fun We Ever Had.

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



# The Rest is Memory By Lily Tuck

In this haunting novel, Lily Tuck imagines the life of Czeslawa, a 14-year-old Polish girl photographed at Auschwitz before her 1942 death. Tuck discovered the photograph years later and became determined to learn more, using sparse details to weave a powerful narrative with stark descriptions of life in a concentration camp and how detainees managed day to day.

Reviewed by Margaret S., At Home patron

# New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

#### A Forty Year Kiss By Nickolas Butler

After four years of marriage, Charlie and Vivian parted ways, but love remained. Forty years later, Charlie returns to Wisconsin, hoping to reconnect with Vivian despite decades of regrets, mistakes, and painful secrets. Also available: large print, CD

#### Homeseeking By Karissa Chen

Haiwen sees Suchi at a Los Angeles market, 60 years after he enlisted in the Nationalist army to save his brother. The lives of these separated lovers reconnect, shaped by war, famine, and exile across Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and New York. *Also available: large print* 

#### Eddie Winston Is Looking for Love By Marianne Cronin

At 90, Eddie Winston has never been kissed. When he meets 24-year-old Bella at a charity shop, their unlikely friendship sparks a journey to help Eddie find the love he's always longed for. Also available: large print

# The Quiet Librarian By Allen Eskens

Hana, a librarian in Minnesota, discovers her best friend has been murdered. To protect her friend's grandson, she must return to her past as the deadly Night Mora, a militia fighter from war-torn Bosnia. Also available: large print

# The Favorites By Layne Fargo

Katarina Shaw and Heath Rocha, Olympic ice dancers, rise to fame before a shocking incident ends their partnership. A documentary reignites their story, prompting Kat to reveal the truth about their bond. Also available: large print

# The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus By Emma Knight

At the University of Edinburgh, Pen uncovers her divorced parents' secret while staying with a famous writer. As she falls in love and matures, she learns the balance between looking back and moving forward. Also available: large print

# We All Live Here By Jojo Moyes

Lila Kennedy struggles with a broken marriage, troubled daughters, a crumbling house, and a failing career. When her estranged father reappears, she learns unexpected lessons about love and family. Also available: large print

# Death of the Author By Nnedi Okorafor

Zelu, a disabled writer from a Nigerian family, loses her job and faces constant rejection. Writing Rusted Robots, a far-future Al novel, unexpectedly launches her into fame and a transformative journey. Also available: large print, CD

#### **Good Dirt**

#### By Charmaine Wilkerson

Eighteen years after her brother's unsolved murder and the shattering of a family jar that was brought North by an enslaved ancestor, Ebby Freeman moves to France, uncovering secrets that may reshape her future.

Also available: large print



Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.

# New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

#### Raising Hare: A Memoir By Chloe Dalton

During lockdown in the English countryside, a political advisor rescues a newborn hare. As it becomes her companion, she explores its role in nature, history, and folklore.

Also available: large print

#### The House of My Mother: A Daughter's **Ouest for Freedom By Shari Franke**

A YouTube family with 2.5 million subscribers hid a brutal reality as a mother, influenced by a controlling coach, imposed harsh punishments. Her daughter reveals their rise to fame, hidden abuse, and 2023 arrests. Also available: CD

#### **After the North Pole:** A Story of Survival, Mythmaking, and Meltina Ice By Erling Kagge

A Norwegian explorer skis 58 days to the North Pole without dogs, depots, or motors, exploring its harsh landscape, history, and the environmental impact of climate change, while reflecting on the journey's challenges.

#### The Dog Who Followed the Moon

#### **By James Norbury**

This adult fable, featuring beautiful illustrations, follows a lost puppy and an aging wolf on a journey to reunite the pup with her parents, learning profound lessons about love, sacrifice, and embracing change.

#### Save Our Souls: The True Story of a Castaway Family, Treachery, and Murder **Bv Matthew Pearl**

In 1887, the Walker family's fishing boat sank, leaving them stranded on an island with a mysterious, emaciated man named Hans. As they learn more, they uncover dark secrets about their rescuer. Also available: large print

#### **Black in Blues:** How a Color Tells the Story of My People By Imani Perry

This book examines the connection between Blackness and the color blue. It explores the indigo trade, "Blue Black," and blues music, while considering race, culture, and spirituality.

Also available: large print

#### The Let Them Theory: A Life-Changing Tool **That Millions of People Can't Stop Talking About By Mel Robbins**

This guide to living with purpose teaches two simple words – Let Them – that help you stop controlling what you can't, focus on what matters, and break free from fear, expectations, and stress.

#### On Freedom By Timothy Snyder

Snyder explores freedom as the ability to thrive, not just avoid control. He advocates for a new consensus rooted in cooperation, generosity, and attitudes fostering a flourishing society. Also available: large print

#### Three Wild Dogs (and the Truth): A Memoir **Bv Markus Zusak**

When the Zusak family adopts three wild street dogs, chaos, comedy, and tragedy unfold. This memoir explores connection, disorder, and love, revealing how animals shape our lives and families.

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

### **Fiction**

# The Three Lives of Cate Kay

By Kate Fagan Also available: large print

#### More or Less Maddy

By Lisa Genova Also available: large print, CD

#### **Back After This**

By Linda Holmes

Also available: large print

#### Black Woods, Blue Sky

By Eowyn Ivey
Also available: large print

# What Happened to the McCrays?

By Tracey Lange Also available: large print

#### **Playworld**

By Adam Ross

#### The Magnificent Ruins

By Nayantara Roy

#### This Is a Love Story

By Jessica Soffer Also available: large print

#### **Never Say Never**

By Danielle Steel

Also available: large print, CD

#### **Presumed Guilty**

By Scott Turow Also available: large print

## Three Days in June

By Anne Tyler
Also available: large print

#### **Beartooth**

By Callan Wink

# Cozy Mystery

#### Death of a Smuggler

By M.C. Beaton with R.W. Green *Also available: large print* 

# The Rise and Fall of Miss Fannie's Biscuits

By Wanda E. Brunstetter and Martha Bolton *Also available: large print* 

#### **Gingerbread Danger**

By Amanda Flower

Also available: large print

# Death by Chocolate Raspberry Scone

By Sarah Graves

Also available: large print

#### The Restaurant of Lost Recipes

By Hisashi Kashiwai Also available: large print

#### **Furever After**

By Sofie Kelly Also available: large print

#### Come Shell or High Water

By Molly MacRae Also available: large print

## Historical

## The Medici Return

By Steve Berry Also available: large print

#### The Stolen Queen

By Fiona Davis

Also available: large print

#### **Hold Strong**

By Robert Dugoni, Jeff Langholz and Chris Crabtree

# The French Winemaker's Daughter

By Loretta Ellsworth

Also available: CD

#### Isola

By Allegra Goodman Also available: large print This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

#### The Queen of Fives

By Alex Hay

#### Witchcraft for **Wayward Girls**

By Grady Hendrix Also available: large print

#### **Last Twilight in Paris**

By Pam Jenoff Also available: large print

#### People of Means

By Nancy Johnson Also available: CD

#### We Do Not Part

By Han Kang Also available: large print

#### I'll Come to You

By Rebecca Kauffman Also available: CD

#### Harlem Rhapsody

By Victoria Christopher Murray Also available: large print

## Humorous

#### **Every Tom, Dick & Harry**

**Bv Elinor Lipman** Also available: large print

#### **Blob: A Love Story**

By Maggie Su

# Scythe & Sparrow

By Brynne Weaver

## Mystery



#### NYD Battle Mountain

By C.J. Box Also available: large print, CD

#### Robert B. Parker's **Buried Secrets**

By Christopher Farnsworth Also available: large print

#### Open Season

By Jonathan Kellerman Also available: large print

#### **Backwater Justice**

By Fern Michaels Also available: large print, CD

#### **Been Wrong So Long** It Feels Like Right

By Walter Mosley Also available: large print

#### **Blood Ties**

By Jo Nesbø Also available: large print

#### NYD Bonded in Death

By J.D. Robb Also available: large print, CD

#### A Sea of Unspoken Things

By Adrienne Young Also available: large print

# Psychological

#### The Note

By Alafair Burke Also available: large print

#### We Are Watching

By Alison Gaylin Also available: large print



#### Famous Last Words

By Gillian McAllister Also available: large print, CD



#### The Crash

By Freida McFadden Also available: large print

#### The Strange Case of Jane O.

By Karen Thompson Walker

#### Stone Yard Devotional

By Charlotte Wood Also available: large print

# Religious

#### **Target Acquired**

By Lynette Eason Also available: large print

#### So Into You

By Kathleen Fuller Also available: large print

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Religious continued

#### The Life of Herod the Great

By Zora Neale Hurston Also available: large print, CD

#### **Cloaked in Beauty**

By Karen Witemeyer Also available: large print

## Romance

#### **Dream Girl Drama**

By Tessa Bailey Also available: CD

#### **Educating Caroline**

By Meg Cabot Also available: large print, CD

#### The Fearless One

**By Lori Foster** Also available: large print

## Deep End

By Ali Hazelwood Also available: large print

#### A Great Marriage

By Frances Mayes Also available: large print

#### **Looking for You**

By Alexander McCall Smith Also available: large print

#### Where the Creek Bends

By Linda Lael Miller Also available: large print

#### Power of Persuasion

By Selena Montgomery Also available: large print

#### **Better Than Friends**

**Bv Jill Shalvis** Also available: large print

# Science Fiction/ Fantasy

#### **Order of Swans**

By Jude Deveraux Also available: large print

#### The Last One

By Rachel Howzell Hall Also available: large print, CD

#### Wind and Truth

By Brandon Sanderson

#### **Water Moon**

By Samantha Sotto Yambao

### Onyx Storm

**Bv Rebecca Yarros** Also available: large print, CD

## **Short Stories**

#### Waiting for the Long **Night Moon**

By Amanda Peters

#### Show Don't Tell

By Curtis Sittenfeld Also available: large print

#### The Vanishing Point

By Paul Theroux

## Thriller

#### The Big Empty

By Robert Crais Also available: large print

#### The House Hunt

By C.M. Ewan

#### The Oligarch's Daughter

By Joseph Finder Also available: large print, CD

#### Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Vendetta

By Brian Freeman Also available: large print

## **Midnight Black**

By Mark Greaney Also available: large print This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

#### **Shell Games**

By Bonnie Kistler

#### **Shattering Dawn**

By Jayne Ann Krentz Also available: large print

#### **Head Cases**

By John McMahon Also available: large print



#### NYI Paranoia

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

#### **Pro Bono**

By Thomas Perry Also available: large print

#### Close Your Eyes and Count to 10

By Lisa Unger Also available: large print

## Western

#### **Deadly Betrayal**

By James Clay Available only in large print

#### Trouble in the Saddle

By Arthur Henry Gooden Available only in large print

#### The Only Saloon in Town

By Reavis Z. Wortham Available only in large print

## Nonfiction

#### **Embers of the Hands:** Hidden Histories of the Viking Age

By Eleanor Barraclough

#### **Beyond Anxiety:** Curiosity, Creativity, and Finding Your Life's **Purpose**

By Martha Beck Also available: large print

#### Once Upon a Time: The Captivating Life of **Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy**

By Elizabeth Beller Also available: large print, CD

#### **MYI** Memorial Days: A Memoir

By Geraldine Brooks Also available: large print

#### Waiting Game: The Untold Story of the Women Who Served the Tudor Queens

By Nicola Clark

#### Citizen: My Life After the White House

By Bill Clinton Also available: large print, CD

#### The Road to Wisdom: On Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust

By Francis S. Collins Also available: large print

#### The Sinners All Bow: Two Authors, One Murder, and the Real Hester Prynne

By Kate Winkler Dawson Also available: large print

#### The Sirens' Call: **How Attention Became** the World's Most **Endangered Resource**

By Chris Hayes Also available: large print

#### The JFK Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Kennedy – And Why It Failed

By Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch Also available: large print, CD

#### **Lorne: The Man** Who Invented Saturday Night Live

By Susan Morrison

#### **Brooke Shields Is Not** Allowed to Get Old: Thoughts on Aging as a Woman

By Brooke Shields Also available: large print, CD Hennepin County Library Outreach Services 12601 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN 55305-1909

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