

REVIEWS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY AT HOME READERS

## Reader Recommendations

**Dirty Thirty****By Janet Evanovich**

While caring for her boyfriend's dog, Stephanie Plum is tasked with finding Andy Manley, a security guard accused of stealing diamonds, and Duncan Dugan, a fugitive who robbed the same jewelry store. I've read the entire series, and this one doesn't disappoint! Sometimes I need the frivolity it delivers. Big thumbs up!

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*Reviewed by Nancy T., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print*

**The Shallows****By Matt Goldman**

Detective Nils Shapiro investigates the murder of a lawyer found tied to his dock with a fishing stringer. Those seeking Shapiro's protection from suspicion include the unfaithful widow, her artist boyfriend, and a congressional candidate. I loved that it was set in the Twin Cities – I recognized the streets and restaurants!

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*Reviewed by Jo L., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print*

**NYT The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year****By Margaret Renkl**

This literary devotional explores a backyard's plants and creatures through 52 chapters, capturing the changing seasons. An avid naturalist would love it! Celebrating critters like crows and bluebirds, it blends joy in nature with grief over fleeting moments. Delightful collage-type artworks enhance each chapter, reflecting on life's rhythms and evolving landscapes.

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*Reviewed by Renee B., At Home patron*

# New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **The Heart in Winter**

**By Kevin Barry**

In 1891 Butte, Montana, poet Tom Rourke falls for Polly Gillespie, the new bride of a mine captain. They steal a horse and flee through the badlands, pursued by gunmen, with choices that will haunt them forever.

*Also available: large print*

## **Eruption**

**By Michael Crichton and James Patterson**

As a volcanic eruption threatens Hawaii, an old military secret could make it worse. Based on Crichton's partial manuscript, Patterson completes this thriller about a few brave individuals saving the island and the world.

*Also available: large print*

## **NYT The Wedding People**

**By Alison Espach**

Heartbroken Phoebe Stone arrives alone at Newport's Cornwall Inn, mistaken for a wedding guest. Bonding with the bride, she experiences a humorous journey through life's winding paths.

*Also available: large print*

## **Burn**

**By Peter Heller**

Jess and Storey, longtime friends, return from a remote hunting trip to find Maine ravaged by secessionist violence. As they navigate the wreckage and armed threats on their perilous journey home, a shocking discovery alters their escape.

*Also available: large print*

## **The Sirens of Soleil City**

**By Sarah Johns**

Cherie leaves Minnesota to help her estranged birth mother, Dale, and dying mother who raised her, Marlys, in Florida. With her daughter Laura, they compete in a Senior Synchronized Swimming Competition for the \$10,000 prize money to save Dale's apartment complex and tackle family issues.

## **We Used to Live Here**

**By Marcus Kliewer**

A queer couple's new home is disrupted when former residents visit, leading to unsettling events such as a missing child and ghostly apparitions. As Charlie vanishes, Eve struggles with reality.

*Also available: large print*

## **NYT Spirit Crossing**

**By William Kent Krueger**

In Minnesota, Cork O'Connor's grandson finds a young Ojibwe woman's grave linked to a missing politician's daughter. As Cork and tribal police investigate, they uncover a threat to his grandson's life.

*Also available: large print*

## **Liars**

**By Sarah Manguso**

Jane, an aspiring writer, finds her marriage to filmmaker John Bridges overshadowing her ambitions. As John's ego grows, their marriage crumbles, leading Jane to rebuild her life and career after he leaves.

## **The Coin**

**By Yasmin Zaher**

A wealthy Palestinian woman, with an inaccessible inheritance and a distant homeland, teaches in New York City. Struggling with America's stifling constraints, she obsessively seeks control over her identity and life.

**NYT** New York Times Bestseller

*Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.*

# New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

**NYT** **An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s**

**By Doris Kearns Goodwin**

Doris Kearns Goodwin and her husband Dick, a prominent advisor to JFK and LBJ, explore their lives through letters and documents from the 1960s. This journey reveals their deep connection to American history. *Also available: large print, CD*

**The Wives: A Memoir**  
**By Simone Gorrindo**

Uprooted from New York to Georgia due to her husband's deployments, a woman joins a community of army wives. Her memoir offers an intimate exploration of their lives and her evolving marriage. *Also available: large print*

**A Season for That: Lost and Found in the Other Southern France**  
**By Steve Hoffman**

A middle-aged Minnesotan and his family move to rural France, where local customs challenge his idealized view of French culture. Through cooking and winemaking, he learns to truly connect with his new home.

**Why Animals Talk: The New Science of Animal Communication**

**By Arik Kershenbaum**

This exploration of animal communication reveals how sounds from wolves, dolphins, and parrots hold hidden meanings. Extensive research uncovers surprising similarities between animal signals and human language.

**You Never Know: A Memoir**

**By Tom Selleck with Ellis Henican**

Tom Selleck reflects on his accidental rise to stardom, his Hollywood missteps, and personal friendships with A-listers. He shares untold stories, balancing fame and family while redefining onscreen masculinity. *Also available: large print, CD*

**NYT** **On the Edge: The Art of Risking Everything**  
**By Nate Silver**

The River, a group of elite risk-takers including poker players and tech leaders, exerts significant influence on finance and technology. Data analyst expert Nate Silver reveals their impact on today's world.

**Men Have Called Her Crazy: A Memoir**

**By Anna Marie Tendler**

A multimedia artist recounts her psychiatric hospital experience and examines the expectations and pressures modern women face. Her journey reveals profound breakthroughs and offers a hopeful message of strength. *Also available: CD*

**Ben & Me: In Search of a Founder's Formula for a Long and Useful Life**

**By Eric Weiner**

Exploring Ben Franklin's life, this book offers lessons on curiosity, self-improvement, and wisdom. Combining biography, travelogue, and personal insight, it reveals how Franklin's principles can inspire modern living. *Also available: CD*

**Keeping the Faith: God, Democracy, and the Trial That Riveted a Nation**

**By Brenda Wineapple**

The Scopes trial, centered on teaching evolution, became a media circus. Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan clashed, exposing deep divides over education and religion, issues that still provoke debate today.

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Fiction

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### **A Novel Summer**

By Jamie Brenner  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Burning**

By Linda Castillo  
*Also available: CD*

### **Close Knit**

By Jenny Colgan  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Unwedding**

By Allyson Braithwaite Condie

### **One Big Happy Family**

By Jamie Day

### **The Summer Pact**

By Emily Giffin  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Breaking the Dark**

By Lisa Jewell

### **Four Weekends and a Funeral**

By Ellie Palmer

### **Sounds Like a Plan**

By Pamela Samuels Young and  
Dwayne Alexander Smith

### **NYT This Is Why We Lied**

By Karin Slaughter  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **NYT Joy**

By Danielle Steel  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Cheesemaker's Daughter**

By Kristin Vuković

## Cozy Mystery

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### **Peach Tea Smash**

By Laura Childs  
*Also available: large print*

### **An Art Lover's Guide to Paris and Murder**

By Dianne Freeman  
*Also available: large print*

### **Requiem for a Mouse**

By Miranda James

### **A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons**

By Kate Khavari  
*Also available: large print*

### **Chapter and Curse**

By Elizabeth Penney  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Last to Pie**

By Misha Popp  
*Also available: large print*

## Historical

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### **Long Island Compromise**

By Taffy Brodesser-Akner  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Fox Wife**

By Yangsze Choo  
*Also available: large print*

### **The House of Doors**

By Tan Twan Eng  
*Also available: large print*

### **Every Time We Say Goodbye**

By Natalie Jenner  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Shanghai**

By Joseph Kanon  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Seventh Veil of Salome**

By Silvia Moreno-Garcia  
*Also available: large print*

### **NYT By Any Other Name**

By Jodi Picoult  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Briar Club**

By Kate Quinn  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Some Murders in Berlin**

By Karen Robards  
*Also available: large print*

**NYT** New York Times Bestseller

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## **The American Daughters**

By Maurice Carlos Ruffin  
*Also available: large print*

## **There Are Rivers in the Sky**

By Elif Shafak  
*Also available: large print*

## **Familiaris**

By David Wroblewski  
*Also available: large print*

## Humorous

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### **Plays Well With Others**

By Sophie Brickman  
*Also available: CD*

### **A Daughter of Fair Verona**

By Christina Dodd  
*Also available: large print*

### **Jackpot Summer**

By Elyssa Friedland

### **The Ornithologist's Field Guide to Love**

By India Holton

### **Lenny Marks Gets Away With Murder**

By Kerryn Mayne

### **The Stellar Debut of Galactica MacFee**

By Alexander McCall Smith  
*Also available: large print*

## Mystery

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### **Murder at Haven's Rock**

By Kelley Armstrong  
*Also available: large print*

### **Don't Let the Devil Ride**

By Ace Atkins  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Talking to Strangers**

By Fiona Barton  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **In Sunshine or in Shadow**

By Rhys Bowen and Clare Broyles  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Lost Coast**

By Jonathan Kellerman and Jesse Kellerman  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **A Refiner's Fire**

By Donna Leon  
*Also available: large print*

### **A Grave Robbery**

By Deanna Raybourn  
*Also available: large print*

### **Fire and Bones**

By Kathy Reichs  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Dog Day Afternoon**

By David Rosenfelt  
*Also available: CD*

### **Murder in Rose Hill**

By Victoria Thompson  
*Also available: large print, CD*

## Psychological

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### **And So I Roar**

By Abi Daré  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Same Bright Stars**

By Ethan Joella  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Lion Women of Tehran**

By Marjan Kamali  
*Also available: CD*

### **What Have You Done?**

By Shari Lapena  
*Also available: large print*

### **Storm Child**

By Michael Robotham  
*Also available: CD*

### **NYT All the Colors of the Dark**

By Chris Whitaker  
*Also available: large print*

## Religious

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### **The Protector**

By Wanda E. Brunstetter  
*Also available: large print*

### **What We Hide**

By Colleen Coble and Rick Acker  
*Also available: large print*

# More New Books

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## Religious *continued*

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### **Love on a Whim**

By Suzanne Woods Fisher  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Song of Sourwood Mountain**

By Ann H. Gabhart  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Unforgiven**

By Shelley Shepard Gray  
*Also available: large print*

### **A Choice Considered**

By Tracie Peterson  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **A Noble Scheme**

By Roseanna M. White  
*Also available: large print, CD*

## Romance

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### **Summers at the Saint**

By Mary Kay Andrews  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Au Pair Affair**

By Tessa Bailey  
*Also available: CD*

### **The Year of What If**

By Phaedra Patrick  
*Also available: large print*

### **Slow Dance**

By Rainbow Rowell  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Wild Lavender Bookshop**

By Jodi Thomas  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Summer of Yes**

By Courtney Walsh  
*Also available: large print*

### **One Last Chance**

By Susan May Warren  
*Also available: large print*

### **To Woo and to Wed**

By Martha Waters  
*Also available: large print*

## Science Fiction/ Fantasy

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### **NYT The Spellshop**

By Sarah Beth Durst

### **The Bright Sword: A Novel of King Arthur**

By Lev Grossman  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Lost Story**

By Meg Shaffer  
*Also available: large print*

### **All This and More**

By Peng Shepherd

### **State of Paradise**

By Laura van den Berg

## Short Stories

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### **Lake of Souls: The Collected Short Fiction**

By Ann Leckie

### **Glory Days**

By Simon Rich

### **Beautiful Days**

By Zach Williams

## Thriller

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### **Trust Her**

By Flynn Berry  
*Also available: large print*

### **Flashpoint**

By Catherine Coulter  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Shadow**

By Brian Freeman  
*Also available: large print*

### **An Honorable Assassin: A Nick Mason Novel**

By Steve Hamilton  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Like Mother, Like Daughter**

By Kimberly McCreight  
*Also available: large print*

### **NYT The God of the Woods**

By Liz Moore  
*Also available: large print*

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**NYT** **Hard to Kill**

By James Patterson and  
Mike Lupica  
*Also available: large print*

**NYT** **Angel of Vengeance**

By Douglas Preston and  
Lincoln Child  
*Also available: large print*

**Arkangel**

By James Rollins  
*Also available: large print, CD*

**A Death in Cornwall**

By Daniel Silva  
*Also available: large print*

**NYT** **Tom Clancy  
Shadow State**

By M.P. Woodward  
*Also available: large print, CD*

**Western**

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**Calder Country**

By Janet Dailey  
*Also available: large print*

**Summer's Lease**

By John D. Nesbitt  
*Available in only large print*

**Rustlers and Widows**

By Reg Quist  
*Available in only large print*

**Last Chance Gulch**

By B.N. Rundell  
*Available in only large print*

**Nonfiction**

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**NYT** **Autocracy, Inc.:  
The Dictators Who Want  
to Run the World**

By Anne Applebaum  
*Also available: large print*

**Grief is for People**

By Sloane Crosley  
*Also available: large print*

**On Call: A Doctor's  
Journey in Public Service**

By Anthony Fauci, M.D.  
*Also available: large print*

**The Talented Mrs.  
Mandelbaum: The Rise  
and Fall of an American  
Organized-Crime Boss**

By Margalit Fox

**Fur Trade Nation: An  
Ojibwe's Graphic History**

By Carl Gawboy

**The War on Warriors:  
Behind the Betrayal of the  
Men Who Keep Us Free**

By Pete Hegseth

**The Devil Behind the  
Badge: The Horrifying  
Twelve Days of the Border  
Patrol Serial Killer**

By Rick Jervis

**Patton's Prayer: A True  
Story of Courage, Faith,  
and Victory in World War II**

By Alex Kershaw  
*Also available: large print*

**The Singularity is Nearer:  
When We Merge With AI**

By Ray Kurzweil  
*Also available: large print*

**Nothing to Fear:  
Demystifying Death to  
Live More Fully**

By Julie McFadden, RN

**Tiger, Tiger: His Life, As  
It's Never Been Told Before**

By James Patterson  
*Also available: large print*

**Black Pill: How I Witnessed  
the Darkest Corners of  
the Internet Come to  
Life, Poison Society, and  
Capture American Politics**

By Elle Reeve

**Frostbite: How  
Refrigeration Changed  
Our Food, Our Planet,  
and Ourselves**

By Nicola Twilley

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