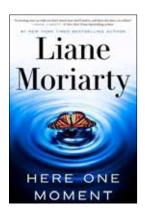
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REVIEWS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY AT HOME READERS

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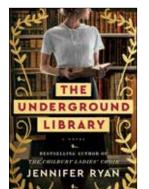
Here One Moment

By Liane Moriarty

On her birthday, flight attendant Allegra watches a woman walk down the aisle and predict how and when passengers will die. Some laugh and others are appalled. A few months later, one comes true. The rest of the book explores what happens if the woman is right. This book is a weird one!

Reviewed by Marian O., At Home patron

Also available: large print

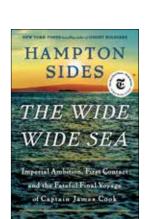


The Underground Library

By Jennifer Ryan

Juliet, Katie, and Sofie – three women facing personal and societal challenges – strive to revive their bombed library during wartime London. They relocate it to an Underground station, using stories to preserve hope and community spirit amidst tragedy. This is an outstanding read that powerfully shouts the importance of books in our lives!

Reviewed by Peggy M., At Home patron Also available: large print



The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook By Hampton Sides

This truly five-star story showcases Captain James Cook's bravery and adventure in the 1700s, including his encounter of the Hawaiian Islands. It reveals how his scientific efforts, cartographic achievements, and methods to prevent scurvy intertwined with imperial goals, culminating in a tragic clash that illuminates the complex, often violent, legacy of colonial expansion.

Reviewed by Ruth A., At Home patron Also available: large print

New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

Flashlight By Susan Choi

One night on the beach, Louisa's Korean father disappears, leaving her and her American mother to grapple with grief and family secrets. Spanning decades, the mystery of that night endures. Also available: large print

Among Friends By Hal Ebbott

At a New York country house, two deeply intertwined families celebrate a birthday, marking over 30 years of friendship. During the party, envy and resentment expose the cracks in their relationships. Also available: large print

Culpability By Bruce Holsinger

After a self-driving minivan crash, the Cassidy-Shaws confront moral dilemmas during their recuperation on Chesapeake Bay. Secrets and questions surrounding the ethics of artificial intelligence emerge as a police investigation unfolds.

People Like Us: Or The Other Continent, or **Johnny Wordcount** Stumbles Into a High-**End Croissant Bar on the** Seine in Search of The Kid & Orders the Big Dream **By Jason Mott**

Two Black writers, one on a global book tour, one speaking after a school shooting in Minnesota, seek peace in this dreamy story of love, loss, and unexpected humor. Also available: large print

Anywhere With You By Ellie Palmer

Charley, reeling from her divorce and wary of surprises, journeys through Minnesota's north woods to stop her sister's elopement. A road trip with her attractive, unreliable friend, Ethan, sparks unexpected feelings.

Buckeye By Patrick Ryan

Post-WWII, a stolen moment of passion draws Cal and Margaret together, while Cal's wife, a seer, communicates with the dead. Secrets from that time impacts their respective families for decades. Also available: large print

Vera, or Faith By Gary Shteyngart

Through young Vera's eyes, her multi-ethnic family -Russian, Jewish, Korean, and WASP – frays under societal pressures. She seeks friendship, family unity, and her birth mother's truth. Also available: large print

The View From Lake Como

By Adriana Trigiani

Divorced and caring for her parents in New Jersey, Jess flees to Italy after a family loss unearths secrets. Pursuing her art there, she finds love and reinvents herself.

Also available: large print

Making Friends Can Be Murder By Kathleen West

When Sarah Jones is murdered, a group of Minneapolis women with the same name investigates. Aided by an FBI agent, they uncover secrets within their unique community.



New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck By Sophie Elmhirst

In 1972, a loner and a charismatic woman set sail, seeking escape across the Pacific. After their boat sinks, they endure a harrowing fight for survival, testing their marriage.

Also available: large print

Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home

By Stephen Starring Grant

Facing cancer and job loss, the author finds purpose as a rural letter carrier in Appalachia. He discovers connection, community, and the joy of service, transforming his life.

How to Lose Your Mother: A Daughter's Memoir By Molly Jong-Fast

A daughter navigates her complex relationship with her famous writer mother, Erica Jong, during a year of upheaval. This memoir explores their relationship, and a life shaped by fame, family challenges, and loss. *Also available: large print*

Patriot: A Memoir By Alexei Navalny

Alexei Navalny's memoir chronicles his life, activism, and fight against Putin's regime, including his poisoning and imprisonment. The book details Navalny's political career and unwavering commitment to change. Also available: large print

We Will Be Jaguars: A Memoir of My People By Nemonte Nenquimo and Mitch Anderson

In her memoir, a Waorani leader from Ecuador's Amazon embraces her heritage, becoming a climate activist. She led her people to victory against Big Oil, protecting the rainforest and its traditions. Also available: large print, CD

The Idaho Four: An American Tragedy By James Patterson and Vicky Ward

This book investigates the 2022 University of Idaho murders, revealing the victims' lives, police actions, and suspect Bryan Kohberger's background.

Also available: large print

Coming Up Short: A Memoir of My America By Robert B. Reich

Former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration chronicles America's shift from postwar unity to inequality and corporate dominance, reflecting on his life fighting bullies and calling for renewed democratic capitalism.

Mother Mary Comes to Me By Arundhati Roy

Writer and political activist Arundhati Roy explores a tumultuous relationship with her extraordinary mother, Mary, as the author reflects on her life. Beginning in childhood in India, the book follows her path to a celebrated writing career.

The Mission: The CIA in the 21st Century By Tim Weiner

After 9/11, the CIA shifted from traditional espionage to paramilitary operations and secret prisons. It now faces global threats and political attacks while fighting to reclaim its original mission.

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Fiction

Park Avenue

By Renée Ahdieh Also available: large print

Spectacular Things

By Beck Dorey-Stein

Also available: large print

The Poppy Fields

By Nikki Erlick *Also available: large print*

Apostle's Cove

By William Kent Krueger Also available: large print, CD

These Summer Storms

By Sarah MacLean

Also available: large print

Ashes to Ashes

By Thomas Maltman

Finding Grace

By Loretta Rothschild Also available: large print

For Richer for Poorer

By Danielle Steel Also available: large print

My Other Heart

By Emma Nanami Strenner *Also available: large print*

New York Times Bestseller

So Far Gone

By Jess Walter Also available: large print, CD

The Satisfaction Café

By Kathy Wang

Maggie; Or, A Man and a Woman Walk Into a Bar

By Katie Yee

Cozy Mystery

For Duck's Sake

By Donna Andrews

Also available: large print

The Next Deadly Chapter

By V.M. Burns Also available: large print

Murder by Cheesecake

By Rachel Ekstrom Courage Also available: large print

Last Wool and Testament

By Peggy Ehrhart Also available: large print

Doggone Bones

By Carolyn Haines

Also available: large print, CD

Bridal Shower Murder

By Leslie Meier Also available: large print

Dogged Pursuit

By David Rosenfelt Also available: CD

Historical

The Possession of Alba Díaz

By Isabel Cañas Also available: large print

The Scrapbook

By Heather Clark

Typewriter Beach

By Meg Waite Clayton

Also available: large print

How to Dodge a Cannonball

By Dennard Dayle

The Letter Carrier

By Francesca Giannone *Also available: large print*

Bug Hollow

By Michelle Huneven

Dear Miss Lake

By AJ Pearce Also available: large print

The Art of a Lie

By Laura Shepherd-Robinson

The Listeners

By Maggie Stiefvater Also available: large print

Wayward Girls

By Susan Wiggs Also available: large print, CD This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

Under the Stars

By Beatriz Williams

Also available: large print

The Lies They Told

By Ellen Marie Wiseman Also available: large print

Humorous

Sheepdogs

By Elliot Ackerman

The Blonde Who Came in From the Cold

By Ally Carter Also available: CD

Too Old for This

By Samantha Downing Also available: large print

The Retirement Plan

By Sue Hincenbergs Also available: large print

Mystery

Death by Misadventure

By Tasha Alexander Also available: large print

A Death in Diamonds

By S.J. Bennett

Also available: large print

Rage

By Linda Castillo Also available: CD

The Frozen People

By Elly Griffiths

Also available: large print

A Botanist's Guide to Society and Secrets

By Kate Khavari Also available: large print

An Enemy in the Village

By Martin Walker Also available: CD

History Lessons

By Zoe B. Wallbrook Also available: CD

Psychological

Love Forms

By Claire Adam

Beautiful Nights

By Nina George Also available: large print

A Summer for the Books

By Michelle Lindo-Rice

The Accidental Favorite

By Fran Littlewood

Also available: large print

The Convenience Store by the Sea

By Sonoko Machida

The Winds From Further West

By Alexander McCall Smith Also available: large print

Loved One

By Aisha Muharrar Also available: large print

Religious

Welcome to the Honey B&B

By Melody Carlson

Also available: large print, CD

The Shop Down the Lane

By Leslie Gould

Also available: large print

Unshaken

By Shelley Shepard Gray Also available: large print, CD

The Keeper

By Charles Martin

Also available: large print

Land of Dreams

By Lauraine Snelling with Kiersti Giron *Also available: large print*

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Romance

First-Time Caller

Bv B.K. Borison Also available: large print

Crush

Bv Ada Calhoun Also available: large print

Capture the Moment

By Suzanne Woods Fisher Also available: large print

In Need of a Cowboy

By Linda Lael Miller and Heather Graham Also available: large print

All the Men I've **Loved Again**

By Christine Pride Also available: CD

The Homemade God

By Rachel Joyce Also available: large print

Science Fiction/ Fantasy



NYD Katabasis

By R.F. Kuang Also available: large print, CD

NYD A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping

By Sangu Mandanna

Shield of Sparrows

By Devney Perry

The Magician of **Tiger Castle**

Bv Louis Sachar Also available: large print

Short Stories

Skin and Bones: And Other Mike Bowditch **Short Stories**

By Paul Doiron Also available: large print

Something to Look **Forward To**

By Fannie Flagg Also available: large print

Steve Martin Writes the Written Word: Collected Written Word Works

By Steve Martin

Thriller

The Ghostwriter

Bv Julie Clark Also available: large print

Kiss Her Goodbye

By Lisa Gardner Also available: large print, CD

The Murder Show

By Matt Goldman Also available: large print

Not Ouite Dead Yet

By Holly Jackson Also available: large print

NYT She Didn't See It Coming

By Shari Lapena Also available: large print

Happy Wife

By Meredith Lavender and **Kendall Shores** Also available: large print

You Belong Here

By Megan Miranda Also available: large print

The Hamptons Lawyer

By James Patterson and Mike Lupica Also available: large print This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.



The Unraveling of Julia

By Lisa Scottoline Also available: large print



An Inside Job

By Daniel Silva Also available: large print



W We Are All Guilty Here

By Karin Slaughter Also available: large print, CD



The Woman in Suite 11

By Ruth Ware Also available: large print, CD

Western

The Yellowstone

By Win Blevins Available only in large print

Tough Luck

By Sandra Dallas Also available: large print

Black Hawk

By B.N. Rundell Available only in large print

Trail to Brimstone

By Robert Vaughan Available only in large print

Nonfiction

Spitfires: The American Women Who Flew in the **Face of Danger During** World War II

By Becky Aikman

King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution: A Story of Hubris, **Delusion and Catastrophic** Miscalculation

By Scott Anderson Also available: large print

A Flower Traveled in My Blood: The Incredible True Story of the **Grandmothers Who** Fought to Find a Stolen **Generation of Children**

Deadwood: Gold, Guns, and Greed in the **American West**

By Haley Cohen Gilliland

By Peter Cozzens

2024: How Trump Retook the White House and the Democrats Lost America

By Josh Dawsey, Tyler Pager, and Isaac Arnsdorf Also available: large print

The CIA Book Club: The Secret Mission to Win the **Cold War With Forbidden** Literature

By Charlie English

I Want You to Be Happy: **Finding Peace and** Abundance in Everyday Life

By Pope Francis Also available: large print

The Devil Reached Toward the Sky: An Oral History of the Making & **Unleashing of the Atomic** Bomb

By Garrett M. Graff

The Fort Bragg Cartel: **Drug Trafficking and** Murder in the Special Forces By Seth Harp

Are You Mad at Me? **How to Stop Focusing** on What Others Think and Start Living for You

By Meg Josephson, LCSW

JFK: Public, Private, Secret

By J. Randy Taraborrelli Also available: large print

Enmity and Empathy: Japanese Americans in Minnesota During World War II

By Ka F. Wong

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