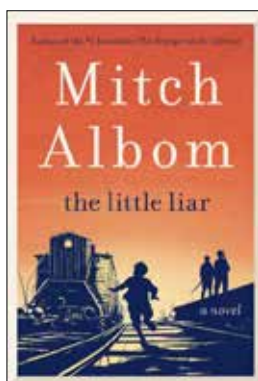


## REVIEWS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY AT HOME READERS

## Reader Recommendations

**The Little Liar****By Mitch Albom**

Having read a couple of Albom's books, I knew I was in for an interesting adventure. Set in Nazi-occupied Greece, a German officer deceives 11-year-old Nico into persuading his family to board a train to Auschwitz. Nico believed they were being sent "north" to safety. This book interweaves the stories of Nico, who yearns for forgiveness; his older brother, Sebastian, who vows revenge against him; and Fannie, the girl who must choose between them.

*Reviewed by Betty B., At Home patron*

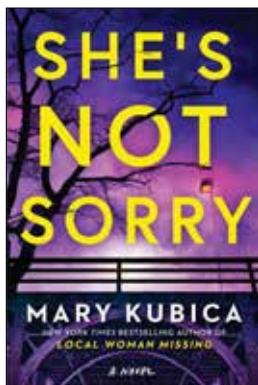
*Also available: large print*

**The Thread Collectors****By Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman**

During the Civil War, Stella, a Black mapmaker in Union-occupied New Orleans, secretly embroiders cloth maps to help enslaved men escape and conceals her love for Union soldier William. In New York, Jewish abolitionist Lily quilts for troops and travels South to find her missing husband – eventually meeting Stella. It is beautifully written, and I felt the writers' angst, emotion, and longing. It is a true library treasure!

*Reviewed by Lisa P., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print*

**She's Not Sorry****By Mary Kubica**

While juggling single motherhood and ICU shifts, a nurse uncovers secrets behind a patient's fall. Her growing involvement places both her and her daughter in peril. The deeper she digs, the closer danger looms. There is a surprise outcome. I thoroughly enjoyed the book!

*Reviewed by Rochelle W., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print, CD*

# New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **What Kind of Paradise**

**By Janelle Brown**

In 1990s Montana, Jane is raised off-grid by her father. When she discovers he committed a horrific crime, she flees to booming tech-driven San Francisco to investigate how her mother really died when she was little.

*Also available: large print*

## **The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife**

**By Anna Johnston**

Fred Fife, 82, assumes a missing man's identity at a nursing home, finding shelter and connection with caregiver Denise. Deception sparks healing as both rediscover purpose through kindness and unlikely kinship.

*Also available: large print*

## **Sleep**

**By Honor Jones**

Margaret, newly divorced, raises her daughters while confronting childhood trauma. She reflects on how to protect them, as memories of her volatile mother stir doubt and reshape her understanding of care, safety, and love.

*Also available: large print*

## **The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club**

**By Martha Hall Kelly**

In 2016, grieving Mari seeks artist Elizabeth Devereaux and uncovers the WWII story of the Smith sisters, whose book club, a forbidden romance, and a suspected spy reshaped life on Martha's Vineyard.

*Also available: large print*

## **The Phoenix Pencil Company**

**By Allison King**

A college freshman coding a connection app links clues from her Chinese grandmother's past – women who could Reforge a pencil's words to alter stories and infiltrate enemy ranks during wartime in Shanghai.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **NYT The River Is Waiting**

**By Wally Lamb**

Corby Ledbetter spirals after job loss and addiction, causing a family tragedy. In prison, a wise librarian, loyal cellmate, and troubled teen help him rediscover hope and the possibility of forgiveness.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **The Doorman**

**By Chris Pavone**

At the Bohemia, a storied NYC building, Emily endures a bitter marriage and Julian fears obsolescence. Below, apartment staff reel from news of police killing a Black man. Doorman Chicky Diaz arms himself as tension escalates.

*Also available: large print*

## **NYT Atmosphere: A Love Story**

**By Taylor Jenkins Reid**

Joan Goodwin leaves her life as a physics professor to join NASA's first wave of women astronauts, forming unlikely friendships and discovering unexpected love. Then, on a December 1984 mission, everything changes in an instant.

*Also available: large print*

## **NYT The Emperor of Gladness**

**By Ocean Vuong**

Hai nearly jumps off a bridge but meets Grazina, a dementia-stricken widow. Caring for her, he revives his purpose, heals family wounds, and reconnects with his town.

*Also available: large print*

**NYT** New York Times Bestseller

*Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.*

# New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **The Allure of Elsewhere: A Memoir of Going Solo**

**By Karen Babine**

Two cats, a camper, and thousands of miles: from Minnesota to Nova Scotia, a woman traces Acadian roots while weighing family loyalty against the pull of her solitary, self-chosen life.

## **NYT Mark Twain**

**By Ron Chernow**

This 1,200-page biography by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author follows Twain's transformation from river pilot to literary legend. Alongside his satirical brilliance and cultural influence, the book chronicles the private tragedies shadowing Twain's final years.

## **Murderland: Crime and Bloodlust in the Time of Serial Killers**

**By Caroline Fraser**

Throughout the 1970s and '80s, the Pacific Northwest saw a surge in serial killings, unfolding against a backdrop of environmental collapse. The author proposes that industrial toxicity helped incubate a new kind of violent mind.

*Also available: large print*

## **NYT This Dog Will Change Your Life**

**By Elias Weiss Friedman with  
Ben Greenman**

Photographer Elias Weiss Friedman, known as The Dogist, draws on decades of studying dogs and their people. Through portraits and stories, he illustrates how dogs enrich our lives by helping us become better versions of ourselves.

## **This American Woman: A One-in-a-Billion Memoir**

**By Zarna Garg**

Garg escaped an arranged marriage and homelessness in India to forge a bold new life in America. This hilarious memoir charts a journey of reinvention, resilience, and late-blooming comedic stardom.

## **The Last American Road Trip: A Memoir**

**By Sarah Kendzior**

To ensure her children witness America before it changes, a journalist mother leads road trips along Route 66, through historical landmarks and national parks amid rising autocracy, pandemic disruption, and democratic decline.

## **Accidentally on Purpose: A Memoir**

**By Kristen Kish with Stef Ferrari**

The author wins Top Chef and becomes its Emmy-nominated host. Her memoir traces adoption, fitting in, pretzel-stand beginnings, unexpected fame, coming out, and finding love, unfolding a life shaped by twists and turns.

## **Is a River Alive?**

**By Robert Macfarlane**

Framed by journeys through Ecuador, India, and Canada, this lyrical work affirms rivers as sentient, imperiled beings. Their fragile fate is entwined with our own.

## **The Place of Tides**

**By James Rebanks**

Years after meeting a solitary woman who harvests rare eiderdown from nesting ducks, the British writer returns to the woman's isolated Arctic island, witnessing her final season and a fading coastal tradition.

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Fiction

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**NYT** **My Friends**

By Fredrik Backman

*Also available: large print, CD*

**The Love Haters**

By Katherine Center

*Also available: CD*

**Meet Me at the Crossroads**

By Megan Giddings

**NYT** **The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau**

By Kristin Harmel

*Also available: large print, CD*

**Fever Beach**

By Carl Hiaasen

*Also available: large print*

**The Names**

By Florence Knapp

*Also available: large print*

**Murder Takes a Vacation**

By Laura Lippman

*Also available: large print, CD*

**NYT** **The Tenant**

By Freida McFadden

*Also available: large print*

**Lone Dog Road**

By Kent Nerburn

**NYT** **Hidden Nature**

By Nora Roberts

*Also available: large print, CD*

**Run for the Hills**

By Kevin Wilson

**Julie Chan is Dead**

By Liann Zhang

*Also available: large print*

## Cozy Mystery

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**Star-Crossed Egg Tarts**

By Jennifer J. Chow

*Also available: large print*

**A Dark and Stormy Knit**

By Peggy Ehrhart

*Also available: large print*

**Death by Chocolate  
Pumpkin Muffin**

By Sarah Graves

*Also available: large print*

**Death Among the Stitches**

By Betty Hechtman

*Also available: large print*

**Murder in Highbury**

By Vanessa Kelly

*Also available: large print*

**The Busybody Book Club**

By Freya Sampson

*Also available: large print*

## Historical

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**My Name is Emilia Del Valle**

By Isabel Allende

*Also available: large print*

**I'll Be Right Here**

By Amy Bloom

*Also available: large print*

**Don't Forget Me,  
Little Bessie**

By James Lee Burke

*Also available: large print, CD*

**Kate & Frida:  
A Novel of Friendship,  
Food, and Books**

By Kim Fay

*Also available: large print*

**The Sirens**

By Emilia Hart

*Also available: large print*

**The Boxcar Librarian**

By Brianna Labuskes

*Also available: large print, CD*

**Where the Rivers Merge**

By Mary Alice Monroe

*Also available: large print*

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

### **Bent but Not Broken**

By Mary Monroe

*Also available: large print*

### **The Keeper of Lost Art**

By Laura Morelli

*Also available: large print*

### **The Secrets of Flowers**

By Sally Page

*Also available: large print*

### **The Original Daughter**

By Jemimah Wei

*Also available: large print*

## **Humorous**

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### **The Proof of My Innocence**

By Jonathan Coe

### **Thus With a Kiss I Die**

By Christina Dodd

*Also available: large print*

### **Anima Rising**

By Christopher Moore

### **Food Person**

By Adam Roberts

### **Slow Burn Summer**

By Josie Silver

*Also available: large print*

## **Mystery**

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### **Stuart Woods' Finders Keepers**

By Brett Battles

*Also available: large print*

### **Death at the White Hart**

By Chris Chibnall

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT Nightshade**

By Michael Connelly

*Also available: large print*

### **The Missing Half**

By Ashley Flowers with

Alex Kiester

*Also available: large print*

### **Rattlesnake Bluff**

By Cary J. Griffith

### **Who Will Remember**

By C.S. Harris

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Marble Hall Murders**

By Anthony Horowitz

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT Return to Sender**

By Craig Johnson

*Also available: large print*

### **Knave of Diamonds: A Novel of Suspense Featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes**

By Laurie R. King

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **Psychological**

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### **Don't Open Your Eyes**

By Liv Constantine

*Also available: large print*

### **The Correspondent**

By Virginia Evans

### **NYT Don't Let Him In**

By Lisa Jewell

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Don't Tell Me How to Die**

By Marshall Karp

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Evening Shades**

By Lee Martin

### **The Girls Who Grew Big**

By Leila Mottley

*Also available: large print*

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Religious

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### **Missing Her Amish Boyfriend**

By Rachel J. Good  
*Also available: large print*

### **Sunrise Reef**

By Irene Hannon  
*Also available: large print*

### **Green Pastures**

By Patricia Johns  
*Also available: large print*

### **Hope's Enduring Echo**

By Kim Vogel Sawyer  
*Also available: large print*

### **Midnight on the Scottish Shore: A Novel of World War II**

By Sarah Sundin  
*Also available: large print*

## Romance

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### **NYT It Takes a Psychic**

By Jayne Castle  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Voice We Find**

By Nicole Deese  
*Also available: large print*

### **Thunder Game**

By Christine Feehan  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **NYT One Golden Summer**

By Carley Fortune  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Two of Us**

By Lori Foster and Maisey Yates  
*Also available: large print*

### **NYT Sounds Like Love**

By Ashley Poston  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Love Fix**

By Jill Shalvis  
*Also available: large print, CD*

## Science Fiction/ Fantasy

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### **Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales**

By Heather Fawcett  
*Also available: large print*

### **Silver Elite**

By Dani Francis

### **Orbital**

By Samantha Harvey  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Elphie: A Wicked Childhood**

By Gregory Maguire  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **NYT Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil**

By V.E. Schwab

## Thriller

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### **NYT The First Gentleman**

By Bill Clinton and  
James Patterson  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Children of Eve**

By John Connolly  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **NYT King of Ashes**

By S.A. Cosby  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **South of Nowhere**

By Jeffery Deaver  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Death Mask**

By Iris Johansen  
*Also available: large print*

### **NYT Never Flinch**

By Stephen King  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Penitence**

By Kristin Koval  
*Also available: large print*

### **NYT Badlands**

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

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**NYT With a Vengeance**

By Riley Sager

*Also available: large print*

**NYT A Mother's Love**

By Danielle Steel

*Also available: large print*

**This Book Will Bury Me**

By Ashley Winstead

*Also available: large print*

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## Western

**Lawman's Duty**

By James Clay

*Available only in large print*

**Tough Luck**

By Sandra Dallas

*Also available: large print*

**Return to Rio Bonita**

By Rod Timanus

*Available only in large print*

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## Nonfiction

**The Scenic Route: Building Minnesota's North Shore**

By Arnold R. Alanen

**Chief Rondo: Securing Justice for the Murder of George Floyd**

By Former Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo with Jennifer Amie

**Class Clown: The Memoirs of a Professional Wiseass: How I Went 77 Years Without Growing Up**

By Dave Barry

*Also available: large print, CD*

**Uptown Girl: A Memoir**

By Christie Brinkley

*Also available: CD*

**NYT We Can Do Hard Things: Answers to Life's 20 Questions**

By Glennon Doyle, Abby

Wambach, and Amanda Doyle

**Face in the Mirror: A Surgeon, a Patient, and the Remarkable Story of the First Face Transplant at Mayo Clinic**

By Jack El-Hai

**The Next Day: Transitions, Change, and Moving Forward**

By Melinda French Gates

*Also available: large print*

**Empire of AI: Dreams and Nightmares in Sam Altman's OpenAI**

By Karen Hao

**NYT Original Sin: President Biden's Decline, Its Cover-Up, and His Disastrous Choice to Run Again**

By Jake Tapper and

Alex Thompson

*Also available: large print*

**When It All Burns: Fighting Fire in a Transformed World**

By Jordan Thomas

**NYT Super Agers: An Evidence-Based Approach to Longevity**

By Eric Topol, M.D.

*Also available: large print*

**The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland**

By Michelle Young

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