

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton (romance/classic) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Hoopla: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook
Set in old New York, this novel details the thwarted romance between Newland Archer, a young dandy, and the beautiful, unconventional divorcee Countess Ellen Olenska. The cast of characters includes Newland's docile - and calculating - fiancée, May Welland and the lordly Mrs Manson Mingott.

All Souls: a family story from Southie by Michael Patrick MacDonald (biography) Physical: regular
The author recounts growing up in a poor Irish neighborhood, and remembers the four brothers he lost to violence.

The Bear Went Over the Mountain by William Kottswinkle (satire) Physical: regular
Hal Jam, a big black bear, finds a manuscript under a tree in the Maine woods, dons a suit and tie, and heads off to the big city to seek his fame and fortune. "The Bear Went Over the Mountain" captures the zeitgeist of the 1990s dead on in a delicious bedtime story for grownups.

The Big Switch: rewiring the world from Edison to Google by Nicholas Carr (nonfiction) Physical: regular
A hundred years ago, companies stopped producing their own power with steam engines and generators and plugged into the newly built electric grid. The cheap power pumped out by electric utilities not only changed how businesses operated but also brought the modern world into existence. Today a similar revolution is under way. Companies are dismantling their private computer systems and tapping into rich services delivered over the Internet.

Caste: the origins of our discontent by Isabel Wilkerson (nonfiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook
Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more.

****Deacon King Kong** by James McBride (historical fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook
In September 1969, a fumbling, cranky old church deacon known as Sportcoat shuffles into the courtyard of the Cause Houses housing project in south Brooklyn, pulls a .38 from his pocket, and in front of everybody shoots the project's drug dealer at point-blank range. The reasons for this desperate burst of violence and the consequences that spring from it lie at the heart of Deacon King Kong

**** Recommended by more than one member.**

The Empathy Diaries by Sherry Turkle (memoir) Libby: ebook, Physical: regular
In this intimate memoir of love and work in this vivid and poignant narrative, Sherry Turkle ties together her coming-of-age story and her groundbreaking research on technology, empathy, and ethics.

****Hamnet: a novel of the plague** by Maggie O'Farrell (historical fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular
A short, piercing, deeply moving novel about the death of Shakespeare's 11 year old son Hamnet--a name interchangeable with Hamlet in 15th century Britain--and the years leading up to the production of his great play.

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi (historical fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook
Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonial, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising half-caste children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, and then shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery.

Monogamy by Sue Miller (domestic fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook
Derailed by the sudden passing of her husband of thirty years, an artist on the brink of a gallery opening struggles to pick up the pieces of her life before discovering harrowing evidence of her husband's affair.




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The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich (historical fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Hoopla: audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook

It is 1953. Thomas Wazhushk is the night watchman at the first factory to open near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a prominent Chippewa Council member, trying to understand a new bill that is soon to be put before Congress. The US Government calls it an 'emancipation' bill; but it isn't about freedom - it threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land, their very identity. How can he fight this betrayal.

Normal People by Sally Rooney (romance fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook

Connell and Marianne grow up in the same small town in rural Ireland. The similarities end there; they are from very different worlds. When they both earn places at Trinity College in Dublin, a connection that has grown between them lasts long into the following years. This is an exquisite love story about how a person can change another person's life - a simple yet profound realisation that unfolds beautifully over the course of the novel.

****Olive Again** by Elizabeth Strout (fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook
Olive returns, this time as a person getting older, navigating her next decade as she comes to terms with the changes--sometimes welcome, sometimes not--in her own life. Here is Olive, strangely content in her second marriage, still in an evolving relationship with her son and his family, encountering a cast of memorable characters in the seaside town of Crosby, Maine.

Patrimony by Philip Roth (memoir) Hoopla: audiobook - Physical: regular, CDbook

Patrimony, a true story, touches the emotions as strongly as anything Philip Roth has ever written. Roth watches as his eighty-six-year-old father--famous for his vigor, charm, and his repertoire of Newark recollections--battles with the brain tumor that will kill him. The son, full of love, anxiety, and dread, accompanies his father through each fearful stage of his final ordeal, and, as he does so, discloses the survivalist tenacity that has distinguished his father's long, stubborn engagement with life.

The Prison Angel: Mother Antonia's journey from Beverly Hills to a Life of service in a Mexican jail by Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan (biography) Physical: regular, LP, CDbook

At the age of fifty, Mary Clarke left her comfortable life in suburban Los Angeles to follow a spiritual calling to care for the prisoners in one of Mexico's most notorious jails. She has led many of them through profound spiritual transformations in which they turned away from their lives of crime, and has deeply touched the lives of all who have witnessed the depth of her compassion. Donning a nun's habit, she became Mother Antonia, renowned as "the prison angel".

A Promised Land by Barack Obama (memoir) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook

Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world, describing in strikingly personal detail both his political education and the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency--a time of dramatic transformation and turmoil

The Seven Sisters by Lucinda Reilly (romance/historical fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Hoopla: audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook)

Maia D'Apliese and her five sisters gather together at their childhood home, "Atlantis"--a fabulous, secluded castle situated on the shores of Lake Geneva--having been told that their beloved father, who adopted them all as babies, has died. Each of them is handed a tantalizing clue to her true heritage--a clue which takes Maia across the world to a crumbling mansion in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Singled out : how singles are stereotyped, stigmatized, and ignored and still live happily ever after by Bella DePaulo (nonfiction) Physical: regular
Too often single people are asked to defend their single status by an onslaught of judgmental peers and fretful relatives. Prominent people in politics, the popular press, and the intelligentsia have all taken turns peddling myths about marriage and singlehood. This book shows that just about everything you've heard about the benefits of getting married and the perils of staying single are grossly exaggerated or just plain wrong.

Strictly Murder: famous cases of Scotland Yard's Murder Squad by Tom Tullett (nonfiction) Physical: regular

A string of murder cases, 1907-1977, recorded by crime-reporter Tom Tullett. The focus is on the Scotland Yard investigation, rather than the criminal or trial.

The Sunflower Sisters by Martha Kelly (historical fiction) Libby: ebook, audiobook - Physical: regular, LP, CDbook

Lilac Girls introduced readers to Caroline Ferriday. Now, in *Sunflower Sisters*, Kelly tells the story of Ferriday's ancestor Georgeanna Woolsey, a Union nurse during the Civil War whose calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Anne-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists.

The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston (autobiography) Physical: regular

A first-generation Chinese-American woman recounts growing up in America within a tradition-bound Chinese family, and confronted with Chinese ghosts from the past and non-Chinese ghosts of the present.