

Staff and Reader Recommendations

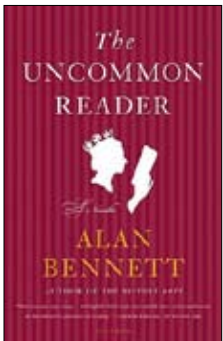
A Prisoner of Birth

By Jeffrey Archer

A man framed for the murder of his best friend seeks revenge against the four men who put him in prison. Archer's magnificent story involves people from all walks of life and how they are treated according to the circumstances of their birth.

Reviewed by Mona D., At Home by Mail customer

Also available in large print and on compact disc



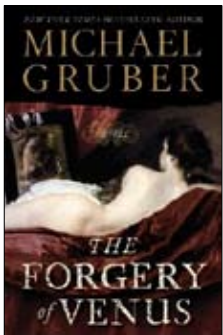
The Uncommon Reader

By Alan Bennett

If you're looking for a quick, humorous book, pick up "The Uncommon Reader." A bookmobile is parked next to Buckingham Palace and Queen Elizabeth decides to be polite. Although she never reads, she checks out a book. The next week she returns it only to check out another. Before you know it, the Queen's obsession with books has political consequences.

Reviewed by Judith B., Edina Library staff member

Also available in large print



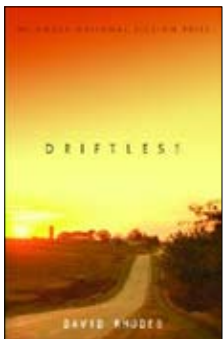
The Forgery of Venus

Michael Gruber

A fascinating thriller about art history and art fraud that probes the boundaries between sanity and madness. Chaz Wilmot, a brilliant but troubled contemporary painter, becomes involved in a scheme to forge a Velasquez painting after he finds himself capable of producing paintings that are indistinguishable from the old master's. When Chaz begins experiencing flashbacks to the 17th Century, he soon is no longer sure of even his own identity.

Reviewed by Mary B., Ridgedale Library staff

Also available in large print and on compact disc



Driftless

By David Rhodes

"Driftless" is set in the tiny Wisconsin town of Words. It begins with several disparate narratives: two dairy farmers, a wannabe rock singer, an earnest young minister, two maiden sisters, a juvenile delinquent and more. Rhodes weaves these stories into a tapestry in which each character's story provides a colorful thread, and people find their lives are all surprisingly interrelated. A remarkable book.

Reviewed by Betsy C., Deposit Collection booktalker



New Fiction

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog

Until It's Over

By Nicci French

Astrid is on her way home when her neighbor accidentally knocks her off her bike. The next day, she learns that the neighbor was beaten to death only hours after the accident. Two weeks later there's another brutal murder—and she realizes there is a killer in the neighborhood.

Also available on compact disc

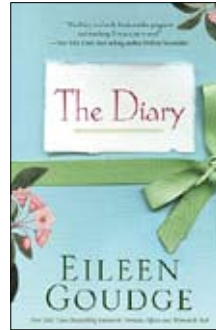


The Diary

By Eileen Goudge

After Elizabeth suffers a near-fatal stroke, her two grown daughters discover her old diary. It comes as a shock to learn that the true love of Elizabeth's life was not their father.

Also available on compact disc



The English Major

By Jim Harrison

Cliff, a 60-something man, divorced and robbed of his farm by a late-blooming real estate shark of an ex-wife, takes a road trip across America and finds many adventures along the way.

Also available in large print and on compact disc

Where Do I Go?

By Neta Jackson

Gabby Fairbanks and her husband move to Chicago where she is offered an opportunity to become program director of a women's shelter. She feels God has called her to this position, but her husband doesn't like the changes in their lives and gives her an ultimatum: quit the job or he will leave her. Spiritual fiction.

Also available in large print

A Flickering Light

By Jane Kirkpatrick

Jessie Ann Gaeble loves nothing more than capturing a gorgeous Minnesota landscape with her camera. In 1907 photography is a man's profession; nevertheless she is hired to assist in a photo studio. Now she must manage her growing attraction to her employer.

Also available in large print

Summer on Blossom Street

By Debbie Macomber

Lydia Goetz, owner of a Seattle yarn shop, offers a class called "Knit to Quit." It's for people who want to quit something—or someone—and start a new phase of their lives.

Also available in large print and on compact disc

A Body to Die For

By G.A. McKeveatt

Weight-loss diva Clarissa Jardin lures millions into buying her products with her own "before and after" photos that show her going from flabby to fit. But her squeaky clean image begins to unravel when her husband is found shot to death.

Also available in large print



Dear Husband

By Joyce Carol Oates

Fourteen stories that examine the lives of contemporary American families.

Also available on compact disc

The Tourist

By Olen Steinhauer

Twice nominated for an Edgar Award, Steinhauer tackles an intricate story of betrayal and manipulation, loyalty and risk in an utterly compelling novel that is both thoroughly modern and yet also reminiscent of the espionage genre's best writers.

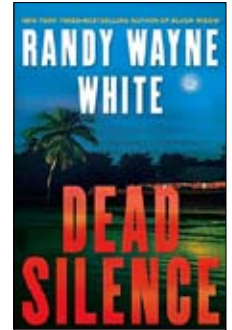
Also available in large print

Dead Silence

By Randy Wayne White

When his U.S. senator girlfriend is kidnapped during an assassination attempt outside the Explorers Club in New York City, Doc Ford sets out on a rescue mission to the Florida Keys.

Also available in large print and on compact disc





New Nonfiction

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog

Healthy Aging for Dummies

By Brent Agin and Sharon Perkins

This book offers strategies for people to stay vigorous and healthy as they age. Advice on choosing a physician, proper exercise, selecting vitamins and dealing with heart disease, cancer, and dementia. Also available in large print

The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, A Daughter...

By Amy Dickinson

Dickinson, syndicated columnist and radio personality, shares her remarkable story—a tale of how people helped her and her daughter after she became a reluctant single parent. Also available in large print

It Happened in Minnesota

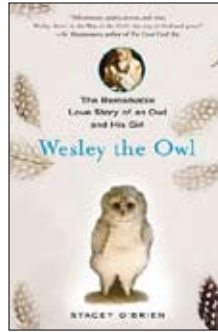
By Darrell Ehrlick

True tales of Minnesota history from the Great Dakota War to the inventions of Spam and waterskiing.

Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to be with God

By Bill Hybels

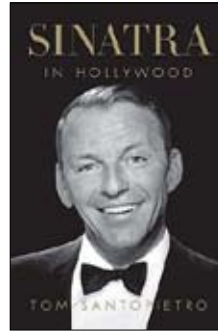
Hybels offers us his practical, time-tested ideas on slowing down to pray and spend time with God. Also available in large print



Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl

By Stacey O'Brien

Biologist O'Brien gives a home to an owl that is unable to fly and survive in the wild. This is the story of their engaging, and often funny, relationship. Also available in large print



Sinatra in Hollywood

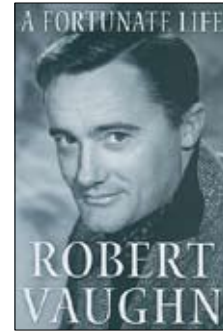
By Tom Santopietro

Each of Sinatra's 70 film appearances is examined in depth, from his rise to stardom to his Oscar-winning performance in "From Here to Eternity." Sinatra's observations on his films and life are included. Also available in large print

A Fortunate Life

By Robert Vaughn

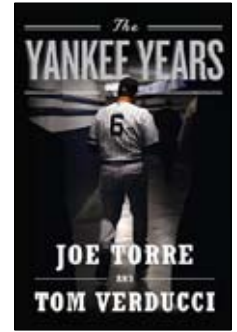
Born in Minneapolis, where his mother taught him to recite from "Hamlet" and pursue acting, Vaughn recalls friendships and romances with legendary Hollywood figures. Also available in large print



The Wordy Shipmates

By Sarah Vowell

From the author of bestseller "Assassination Vacation" comes an examination of the Puritans, their covenant communities, their political and cultural relevance, and their idealism and myriad of oddities. Also available in large print and on compact disc



The Necklace: Thirteen Women and the Experiment that Transformed Their Lives

The Women of Jewelia and Cheryl Jarvis

A group of women buy and share a luxurious diamond necklace in a quirky social experiment to raise money for charitable causes. Along the way they transcend personality and politics to join in an uncommon journey. Also available in large print and on compact disc

The Yankee Years

By Joe Torre and Tom Verducci

This is a thoughtful, honest, and behind-the-scenes look at the Yankees' organization from the most successful—and most respected—baseball manager of the modern era. Also available in large print and on compact disc



New Large Print

Alphabetical Order by Author

Fiction

Thanks for the Memories

By Cecelia Ahern

Tale of Briar Bank

By Susan Wittig Albert

Paths of Glory

By Jeffrey Archer

Little Giant of Aberdeen County

By Tiffany Baker

Death of a Witch

By M.C. Beaton

Home Safe

By Elizabeth Berg

Nemesis: The Final Case of Eliot Ness

By William Bernhardt

Heart and Soul

By Maeve Binchy

Double Minds

By Terri Backstock

The Women

By T.C. Boyle

Casting Spells

By Barbara Bretton

On the Grind

By Stephen J. Cannell

The Lost Quilter

By Jennifer Chiaverini

Just Take My Heart

By Mary Higgins Clark

The Winner Stands Alone

By Paulo Coelho

Agincourt

By Bernard Cornwell

Chasing Darkness

By Robert Crais

Corsair

By Clive Cussler with Jack Du Brul

Kiss

By Ted Dekker and Erin Healy

Danger in a Red Dress

By Christina Dodd

The Red Convertible: Selected and New Stories

By Louise Erdrich

Grave Goods

By Ariana Franklin

Nightwalker

By Heather Graham

Captain Wentworth's Diary

By Amanda Grange

Intent to Kill

By James Grippando

Don't Look Twice

By Andrew Gross

True Colors

By Kristin Hannah

Rachel's Secret

By B.J. Hoff

Night of Thunder

By Stephen Hunter

Wicked Game

By Lisa Jackson and Nancy Bush

Knit Two

By Kate Jacobs

Deadlock

By Iris Johansen

The Piano Teacher

By Janice Y.K. Lee



New Large Print

Alphabetical Order by Author

Fiction continued

Promises of Change

By Joan Medlicott

Dylan: Montana Creeds

By Linda Lael Miller

Fool

By Christopher Moore

The Second Opinion

By Michael Palmer

Eclipse

By Richard North Patterson

The Runner

By Thomas Perry

A Love to Last Forever

By Tracie Peterson

To Siberia

By Per Petterson

Harvesting the Heart

By Jodi Picoult

The Perfect Poison

By Amanda Quick

The Geometry of Sisters

By Luanne Rice

Pursuit

By Karen Robards

Best Laid Plans

By Nora Roberts

Time of My Life

By Allison Winn Scotch

Drood

By Dan Simmons

Daughter of Twin Oaks

By Lauraine Snelling

Very Valentine

By Adriana Trigiani

Loitering with Intent

By Stuart Woods

Nonfiction

All Pets Go to Heaven: The Spiritual Lives of the Animals we Love

By Sylvia Browne

Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God

By Liz Curtis Higgs

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

By Timothy Keller

Love Your Life: Living Happy, Healthy and Whole

By Victoria Osteen

The Third Chapter: Passion, Risk and Adventure

By Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot

The Big Rich

By Bryan Burrough

Healthy Aging for Dummies

By Brent Agin and Sharon Perkins

Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist

By Michael J. Fox

Michelle: A Biography

By Liza Mundy

Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief

By James M. McPherson

The Gamble: General David Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq, 2006-2008

By Thomas E. Ricks



New Talking Books

Alphabetical Order by Author

These are the newest titles on compact disc:

Fiction

Cutting Loose

By Susan Andersen

Paths of Glory

By Jeffrey Archer

First Comes Marriage

By Mary Balogh

Death of a Witch

By M.C. Beaton

Home Safe

By Elizabeth Berg

The Lost Quilter

By Jennifer Chiaverini

Prayers for Sale

By Sandra Dallas

Fatally Flaky

By Diane Mott Davidson

Fault Line

By Barry Eisler

Knitting Bones

By Monica Ferris

Still Life

By Joy Fielding

In the Dark

By Brian Freeman

The Diary

By Eileen Goudge

Intent to Kill

By James Grippando

Laura Rider's Masterpiece

By Jane Hamilton

True Detectives

By Jonathan Kellerman

Mr. and Miss Anonymous

By Fern Michaels

Execution Dock

By Anne Perry

Whisper to the Blood

By Dana Stabenow

Murder Inside the Beltway

By Margaret Truman

Nonfiction

The New Codependency: Help and Guidance...

By Melody Beattie

Your Soul's Evolution

By Michael Bernard Beckwith

Losing Mum and Pup: A Memoir

By Christopher Buckley

A Saint on Death Row: The Story of Dominique Green

By Thomas Cahill

The Brain that Changes Itself: Stories of Personal Triumph...

By Norman Doidge

Mrs. Astor Regrets: The Hidden Betrayals of a Family Beyond...

By Meryl Gordon

An Undivided Life

By Parker J. Palmer

The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts...

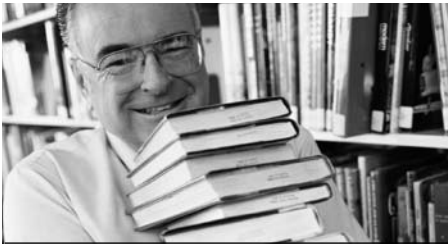
By David Sanger

Shakespeare: Ten Great Comedies

By Raphael Shargel

Perfectly Imperfect: A Life in Progress

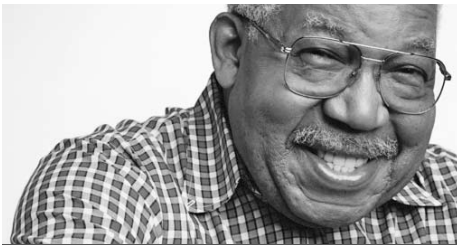
By Lee Woodruff



Forthcoming Fiction

Alphabetical Order by Author

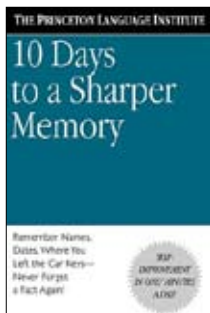
Publication Date	Author	Title
10/09	Beaton, M.C.	There Goes the Bride
10/09	Beverley, Jo	Lord Wraybourne's Betrothed
9/09	Brown, Dan	Lost Symbol
8/09	Brown, Sandra	Smash Cut
11/09	Chiaverini, Jennifer	Quilting Season
10/09	Childs, Laura	Tragic Magic
10/09	Connelly, Michael	Nine Dragons
9/09	Conroy, Pat	South of Broad
11/09	Cussler, Clive	Wrecker
10/09	Fluke, Joanne	Plum Pudding Murder
10/09	Flynn, Vince	Pursuit of Honor
10/09	Gabaldon, Diana	An Echo in the Bone
10/09	Goudge, Eileen	Once in a Blue Moon
9/09	Gregory, Philippa	White Queen
10/09	Grisham, John	Ford County
10/09	Hamilton, Laurell K.	Divine Misdemeanors
10/09	Harris, E. Lynn	Mama Dearest
11/09	Hart, Carolyn G.	Merry, Merry Ghost
11/09	Hart, Ellen	Mirror and the Mask
11/09	Howard, Linda	Ice
10/09	Johansen, Iris	Blood Game
9/09	Keillor, Garrison	Pilgrims
8/09	Kellerman, Faye	Blindman's Bluff
10/09	Kellerman, Jonathan	Evidence
11/09	King, Stephen	Under the Dome
10/09	Kingsbury, Karen	Shades of Blue
8/09	Kinsella, Sophie	Twenties Girl
11/09	Kingsolver, Barbara	Lacuna
9/09	Krueger, William Kent	Heaven's Keep
9/09	Macomber, Debbie	92 Pacific Boulevard
10/09	Steel, Danielle	Southern Lights
9/09	Weiner, Jennifer	Best Friends Forever



News & Notices

Things you would like to know

55+
AGE well
LIVE SMART.



Creative Aging/
Brain Power

To boost your brain power, turn to our finny friends--not for eating, but watching.

Researchers suggest filling your environment with fish tanks, colorful walls, curtains and fabrics, books, music, and even listening to radio broadcasts from around the world to exercise your brain. More ideas can be found in "10 Days to a Sharper Memory" by The Princeton Language Institute and Russell Roberts.



Mn Masonic Home with resident Liz S. and Eric a Valley View Middle School student.

Middle school students visit five deposit collection sites

On May 28, residents at five senior living buildings that receive deposit collection service from Hennepin County Library were visited by students from the Valley View Middle School in Bloomington. The school partnered with Hennepin County Library in this community service project. Students shared treats, books and lots of discussion with the seniors. Last fall Valley View Middle schoolers also created the "Vote for Your Favorite Book" ballot boxes and in February they helped create Valentines that were mailed to more than 700 Outreach At Home customers.

Thanks to Valley View Middle School for all of your wonderful work with Outreach customers!



News & Notices

Things you would like to know



Employee Recognition

Outreach Wins an Award

The At Home and Deposit Collection services team has won the Library's County Employee Recognition Award for Customer Service. The award recognizes an individual or team whose performance exemplifies the countywide competency of "Customer Focus," displaying a consistent dedication to meeting and exceeding the needs of internal and/or external customers.



Meet Bill B.

Information Technology Specialist Extraordinaire

Whenever the At Home Reader comes out, Bill B. is the go-to man. He sets up the recording equipment for our volunteer reader and edits her recorded copy into sections for easier listening on the website's podcast. He creates about 25 audio tapes and compact discs that are sent to Outreach customers who have visual impairments. For these customers, his work is very special!

Bill has worked at Hennepin County Library for almost 35 years. After college, he started in the Media Lab at Southdale Library where he helped customers and staff with the production of audio, video and photography projects. Bill was part of the library's "TV Studio Staff" that won an award for a library television program called "All About Kids." When the lab closed, Bill became the person in charge of the library's audiovisual equipment, which includes public address systems, projectors and televisions. Bill also is in the loop to help staff with library phones.

When he is not working, Bill likes to fish and kayak. He is a Twins and Vikings fan and is an avid veggie gardener. A favorite recent western book is "Gallows for a Gunman" by Rod Miller.



Books are the quietest and most constant of friends . . . and the most patient teachers.

Charles W. Eliot

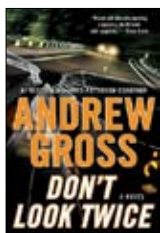


News & Notices

Things you would like to know

Do You Need a Book Now?

These large print books are on our shelves and can be mailed to you right away.



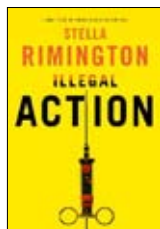
Large Print Political Thrillers

Don't Look Twice

By Andrew Gross

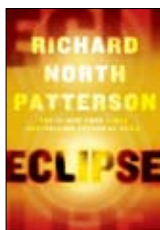
Eclipse

By Richard North Patterson



Illegal Action

By Stella Rimington



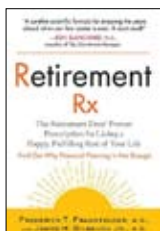
Large Print Self Help

Retirement Rx: The Retirement Docs' Proven Prescription...

By Frederick T. Fraunfelder and James H. Gilbaugh, Jr.

Love Your Life: Living Happy, Healthy and Whole

By Victoria Osteen



You: Being Beautiful: The Owner's Manual to Inner and Outer Beauty

By Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz

Fare For All offers Groceries at 40% Off

In these difficult economic times, Joy, an Outreach customer, shared information about a Minnesota grocery program called Fare For All that offers packages of fresh produce and frozen meat at 40% savings. All of the food is purchased in bulk directly from wholesalers. Utilizing bulk purchasing power allows them to get products at a good value and pass on the savings to customers. Everyone is welcome to participate and you can pick up your groceries at many suburban and metro sites. For more information, call 763-450-3880.

Reminders

Don't forget to leave us your information

When you leave us a voice mail or send back the yellow slip in your mailing bag please make sure you include your name, phone number and preferred format (large print, audio, etc.) with your request.

Going on vacation?

If you have items on request give us a call and we can suspend those requests until your return.

Larger Type Romance Paperbacks

These books are small in size and lightweight. We have them available in two different series. The "Steeple Hill" series features heart-warming inspirational romances. "Harlequin Presents" showcases glamorous international settings and passionate romances. Give us a call and we will help you order individual titles.

Please Return your Bags

As we add more people to the At Home by Mail service, we are constantly in need of the bags in which customers receive their books and audios. Please return any extras that you have.

5 Ways to Order

By phone, volunteer, returned in mail bag, U.S. mail, online

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Check the titles you would like to receive

Reader Recommendations

- A Prisoner of Birth
- The Uncommon Reader
- The Forgery of Venus
- Driftless

New Fiction

- Until It's Over
- The Diary
- The English Major
- Where Do I Go?
- A Flickering Light
- Summer on Blossom Street
- A Body to Die For
- Dear Husband
- The Tourist
- Dead Silence

New Nonfiction

- Healthy Aging for Dummies
- The Mighty Queens of Freeville
- It Happened in Minnesota
- Too Busy Not to Pray
- Wesley the Owl
- Sinatra in Hollywood
- A Fortunate Life
- The Wordy Shipmates
- The Necklace
- The Yankee Years

New Large Print

- Thanks for the Memories
- Tale of Briar Bank
- Paths of Glory
- Little Giant of Aberdeen County
- Death of a Witch
- Home Safe
- Nemesis: The Final Case of...
- Heart and Soul
- Double Minds
- The Women
- Casting Spells

- On the Grind
- The Lost Quilter
- Just Take My Heart
- The Winner Stands Alone
- Agincourt
- Chasing Darkness
- Corsair
- Kiss
- Danger in a Red Dress
- The Red Convertible
- Grave Goods
- Nightwalker
- Captain Wentworth's Diary
- Intent to Kill
- Don't Look Twice
- True Colors
- Rachel's Secret
- Night of Thunder
- Wicked Game
- Knit Two
- Deadlock
- The Piano Teacher
- Promises of Change
- Dylan: Montana Creeds
- Fool
- The Second Opinion
- Eclipse
- The Runner
- A Love to Last Forever
- To Siberia
- Harvesting the Heart
- The Perfect Poison
- The Geometry of Sisters
- Pursuit
- Best Laid Plans
- Time of My Life
- Drood
- Daughter of Twin Oaks
- Very Valentine

- Loitering with Intent
- All Pets Go to Heaven
- Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible
- The Reason for God
- Love Your Life
- The Third Chapter
- The Big Rich
- Healthy Aging for Dummies
- Always Looking Up
- Michelle: A Biography
- Tried by War
- The Gamble

New Talking Books

- Cutting Loose
- Paths of Glory
- First Comes Marriage
- Death of a Witch
- Home Safe
- The Lost Quilter
- Prayers for Sale
- Fatally Flaky
- Fault Line
- Knitting Bones
- Still Life
- In the Dark
- The Diary
- Intent to Kill
- Laura Rider's Masterpiece
- True Detectives
- Mr. and Miss Anonymous
- Execution Dock
- Whisper to the Blood
- Murder Inside the Beltway
- The New Codependency
- Your Soul's Evolution
- Losing Mum and Pup
- A Saint on Death Row
- The Brain that Changes Itself
- Mrs. Astor Regrets

- An Undivided Life
- The Inheritance
- Shakespeare
- Perfectly Imperfect

Forthcoming Fiction

- There Goes the Bride
- Lord Wraybourne's Betrothed
- Lost Symbol
- Smash Cut
- Quilting Season
- Tragic Magic
- Nine Dragons
- South of Broad
- Wrecker
- Plum Pudding Murder
- Pursuit of Honor
- An Echo in the Bone
- Once in a Blue Moon
- White Queen
- Ford County
- Divine Misdemeanors
- Mama Dearest
- Merry, Merry Ghost
- Mirror and the Mask
- Ice
- Blood Game
- Pilgrims
- Blindman's Bluff
- Evidence
- Under the Dome
- Shades of Blue
- Twenties Girl
- Lacuna
- Heaven's Keep
- 92 Pacific Boulevard
- Southern Lights
- Best Friends Forever



Hennepin County Library
 At Home Service
 12601 Ridgedale Drive
 Minnetonka, MN 55305-1909

www.hclib.org/outreach

The *At Home Reader* is produced six times each year and is distributed as a book selection aid to Hennepin County Library Outreach customers. It is also available on audiotape or compact disc and podcast.



Hennepin County Board of Commissioners

Jan Callison . Gail Dorfman . Jeff Johnson . Randy Johnson
 Peter McLaughlin . Mike Opat . Mark Stenglein

Library Board . John Gibbs . Holly Guncheon . Roger Hale . Patricia Izek
 Jill Joseph . Claudia Kelly . Kathleen Lamb . John Pacheco . David Pratt
 Cynthia Steinke . Therese VanBlarcom

Library Director . Lois Langer Thompson

HCL 6/09

Non Profit Organization
 U.S. Postage Paid
 Permit No. 796
 Hopkins, MN

Book Requests

If you receive books through the mail, call 952-847-8850 to request titles or complete this order slip and mail to:

Hennepin County Library
 At Home Service
 12601 Ridgedale Drive
 Minnetonka, MN 55305-1909

Title: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Format: Regular Print Large Print Book on Tape
 Book on CD Video DVD

If a volunteer brings you books, please request titles through your volunteer.

Book Reviews

Send us a review of a book that you've enjoyed. In a few sentences tell us the plot and what you especially liked about the book. Reviews will be published in future issues of the *At Home Reader*. We'll include your first name and last initial only. Editing for space may be necessary.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Review: _____
