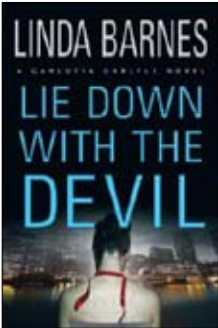


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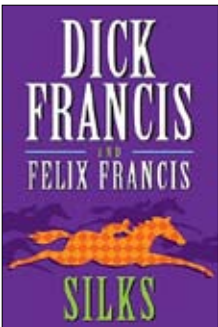
Lie Down With the Devil

By Linda Barnes

Bostonian private investigator Carlotta Carlyle's mobbed-up fiancé, Sam, is being sought for murder while a nervous bride-to-be hires Carlotta to make sure her fiancé is being faithful. A relatively new author for me, I really liked this book and will definitely read more by her.

Reviewed by Janice P., At Home by Mail Customer

Also available in large print and on compact disc



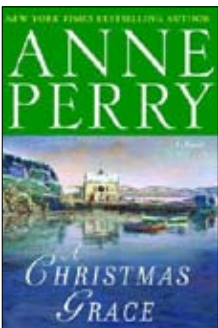
Silks

By Dick Francis and Felix Francis

This thriller mystery takes place in one of London's small towns with horse racing, jockeys, murder and barristers. This second mystery from father and son grabs the reader with suspense and surprise.

Reviewed by Wanda K., At Home by Mail Customer

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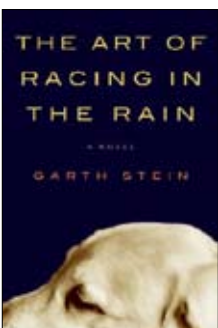
A Christmas Grace

By Anne Perry

Taking place in 1895, main character Emily Radley is called by Father Tyndale to visit an estranged dying aunt in Ireland where she finds the people in the small village gripped in fear. I enjoy Perry's Victorian settings and the customs. Her characters become friends that make you laugh and cry.

Reviewed by Katherine D., At Home by Mail Customer

Also available in large print and on compact disc



The Art of Racing in the Rain

By Garth Stein

A dog named Enzo tells the story of his family. Enzo is a lab terrier with a philosopher's heart and soul. He lives with his beloved master Denny, a car mechanic aspiring to be a race car driver. Although sometimes sad, the novel is also laugh-out-loud funny. The story's conclusion is absolutely perfect and brilliant.

Reviewed by Kim B., Ridgedale Librarian

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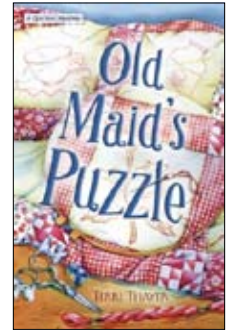
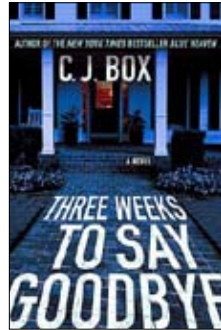
New Fiction

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog

Bones of Betrayal

By Jefferson Bass

Forensic detective Dr. Bill Brockton and assistant Miranda arrive in Tennessee to uncover the truth about the death of former physicist and leader of the Manhattan Project, Dr. Leonard Novak.
Also available in large print and on compact disc



The School of Essential Ingredients

By Erica Bauermeister

Eight students gather in Lillian's restaurant every Monday night for cooking class. It soon becomes clear that each one seeks a recipe for something beyond the kitchen that will help them with their personal lives.
Also available in large print and on compact disc

One Bad Apple

By Sheila Connolly

Meg Corey is renovating the two-hundred-year-old house her mother inherited. Her difficult task is made even harder by developers who want to pave over her orchard and a dead body that is found in the septic tank.
Also available in paperback and large print

Promises of Change

By Joan Medlicott

In Covington, life seems peaceful with newly married Hannah and Max until Max's estranged son, Zachary, returns from India with his pregnant wife, Sarina. Hannah grows fond of Sarina and the baby, but the rift between father and son seems to grow.
Also available in large print

Three Weeks to Say Goodbye

By C.J. Box

Nine months after bringing their adopted daughter home, Jack and Melissa receive a devastating phone call: the birth father wants his child back.
Also available in large print and on compact disc

Shannon

By Frank Delaney

A shell-shocked American Marine chaplain is sent to Ireland to recover his spirit and secure his silence.
Also available in large print and on compact disc

To Siberia

By Per Petterson

Two young people growing up in Danish Jutland have dreams of leaving their frigid coastal town while coping with distant parents and eccentric family. After their grandfather's suicide, and the Nazi invasion, their idyllic dreams change forever.
Also available in large print

Tsar: A Thriller

By Ted Bell

Russia gains a new leader. Not just a president, but a new tsar, and he seeks to make Russia a powerful world leader. It's up to international spy Alex Hawke to stop the madness.
Also available in large print

Addition

By Toni Jordan

In Australia, a neurotic 35-year-old woman, who loves to count, meets Irishman Seamus Joseph O'Reilly. Deciding to give love a chance, she must balance her obsession with her desire.
Also available in large print

Old Maid's Puzzle

By Terri Thayer

Dewey Pellicano is learning to love her new role as proprietress of Quilter Paradiso. But an ugly murder scares off customers and threatens to sink an already shady bottom line.
Also available in large print



New Nonfiction

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog

The Power of Less: The Fine Art of Limiting Yourself to the Essential

By Leo Babauta

Lessons to do less, be more effective, get more done and simplify your life. Also available on compact disc

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

By Sylvia Browne

With 40 years of research and stories culled from her decades' long career, Browne reveals keen insights into the true beings of animals. Also available in large print

The Big Rich

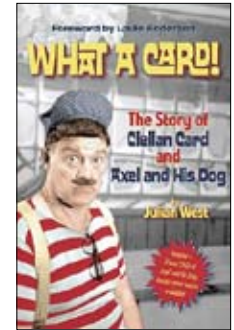
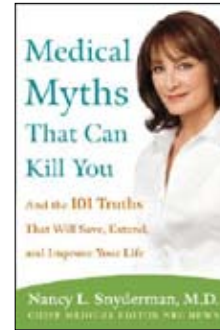
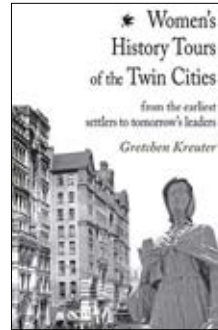
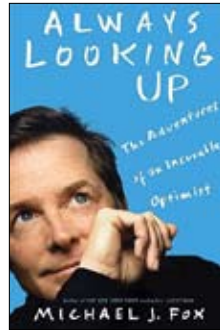
By Bryan Burrough

Chronicles the rise and fall of Texas oil with stories of power, family feuds, scandals, and bankruptcies of the industry's Big Four -- Roy Cullen, H.L. Hunt, Clint Murchison and Sid Richardson. Also available in large print and on compact disc

Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist

By Michael J. Fox

Fox re-examines his life: work, politics, faith and family. After a decade with Parkinson's, he reveals his journey of self-discovery and reinvention looking at challenges as gifts. Also available in large print and on compact disc



The Longest Trip Home: A Memoir

By John Grogan

The *Marley & Me* author tells about his upbringing in a devoutly Roman Catholic household, his struggles with his faith, meeting his wife and how he sold the *Marley* book to a publisher. Also available in large print and on compact disc

Women's History Tours of the Twin Cities

By Gretchen Kreuter

Take an armchair tour of sites that explore the contributions made by women to the history of the Twin Cities. Included are Gibbs Farm, Fort Snelling, Harriet Island, and the Young Quinlan building. Lots of historical background on each site and interesting photos.

What's Age Got to do With it?

By Robin McGraw

McGraw reclaims what it means to be, act, and feel young, showing women how to live a vibrant life of meaning and satisfaction at any age. Also available on compact disc

The Gamble: General David Petraeus and the American...

By Thomas E. Ricks

The story of Petraeus and the American military reveals that many high-level officials were opposed to the 2003 invasion. Also available in large print

Medical Myths That Can Kill You

By Nancy L. Snyderman

Dr. Snyderman, chief medical editor for NBC News, provides clear, practical, scientifically proven advice that can lead you to a healthier, happier life. Also available in large print

What a Card! The Story of Clellan Card and Axel and His Dog

By Julian West

Explores the early days of broadcasting, tracing Card's career from his 1930s radio days to his career as Axel on television. A great trip down memory lane. Available in regular print only. Two-hour DVD included



New Large Print

Alphabetical Order by Author

Fiction

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By Rochelle Alers

Delia's Heart

By V.C. Andrews

Beat the Reaper

By Josh Bazell

Killstraight

By Johnny D. Boggs

Cast a Long Shadow

By Frank Bonham

Three Weeks to Say Goodbye

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The Lawman

By Lyle Brandt

The Chocolate Snowman Murders

By JoAnna Carl

Blood Memory

By Margaret Coel

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By Tim Dorsey

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By Suzanne Enoch

Plum Spooky

By Janet Evanovich

Lethal Legacy

By Linda Fairstein

Extreme Measures

By Vince Flynn

The Private Concierge

By Suzanne Forster

Pictures of Us

By Amy Garvey

Good Luck

By Whitney Gaskell

A Great Deliverance

By Elizabeth George

The Archbishop in Andalusia

By Andrew M. Greeley

Black Ops

By W.E.B. Griffin

Born to Run

By James Grippando

The Associate

By John Grisham

The Maltese Falcon

By Dashiell Hammett

Basketball Jones

By E. Lynn Harris

Doggone

By Gabriella Herkert

A Darker Place

By Jack Higgins

Stormy Vows

By Iris Johansen

To Bed a Beauty

By Nicole Jordan

People Who Walk in Darkness

By Stuart M. Kaminsky



New Large Print

Alphabetical Order by Author

Fiction continued

Exposed

By Alex Kava

This Side of Heaven

By Karen Kingsbury

Blood and Bone

By William Lashner

The World According to Bertie

By Alexander McCall Smith

The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet

By Colleen McCullough

The Green Revolution

By Ralph M. McInerney

Final Justice

By Fern Michaels

Nora

By Diana Palmer

Run for Your Life

By James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge

Lion in the Valley

By Elizabeth Peters

Lucky Charm

By Carly Phillips

Exit Music

By Ian Rankin

The Sweet In Between

By Sheri Reynolds

Bad Boys

By Frank Roderus

Breakneck

By Erica Spindler

One Day at a Time

By Danielle Steel

Cutter's Run

By William G. Tapply

Hell Bent

By William G. Tapply

The Good Thief

By Hannah Tinti

Dead Time

By Stephen White

Mounting Fears

By Stuart Woods

Nonfiction

Guilty: Liberal "Victims" and Their Assault on America

By Ann Coulter

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

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

Motley Fool Million Dollar Portfolio

By David and Tom Gardner

Led to Believe: Inspiring Words from Billy Graham

By Billy Graham

What Would Google Do?

By Jeff Jarvis

The Ayatollah Begg to Differ: The Paradox of Modern Iran

By Hooman Majid

Things I've Been Silent About

By Azar Nafisi

Heaven is Real: Lessons on Earthly Joy...

By Don Piper and Cecil Murphey

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

By Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz



New Talking Books

Alphabetical Order by Author

These are the newest titles on compact disc:

Fiction

The School of Essential Ingredients

By Erica Bauermeister

Beat the Reaper

By Josh Bazell

The Silent Man

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The Women

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Still Alice

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Runner

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Glitter Baby

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Breakneck

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Among the Mad

By Jacqueline Winspear

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Snoop: What Your Stuff Says About You

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The Power of Slow: Finding Balance and Fulfillment...

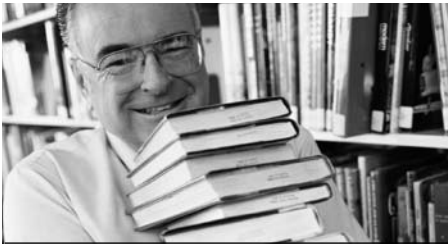
By Carl Honore

Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln...

James M. McPherson

Things I've Been Silent About

By Azar Nafisi



Forthcoming Fiction

Alphabetical Order by Author

Publication Date	Author	Title
9/09	Atwood, Margaret	Year of the Flood
10/09	Barr, Nevada	13 1/2
8/09	Cook, Robin	Intervention
10/09	Crombie, Deborah	Necessary as Blood
9/09	Doctorow, E.L.	Homer and Langley
10/09	Evans, Richard Paul	Christmas List
10/09	Ferris, Monica	Blackwork
8/09	Francis, Dick	Even Money
10/09	Frank, Dorothea Benton	Return to Sullivan's Island
7/09	Garlock, Dorothy	Moon Looked Down
10/09	Irving, John	Last Night in Twisted River
8/09	Keillor, Garrison	Life Among the Lutherans
7/09	La Plante, Linda	Deadly Intent
5/09	Leonard, Elmore	Road Dogs
7/09	Lescroart, John T.	Plague of Secrets
9/09	Lewis, Beverly	Missing
6/09	Margolin, Phillip	Fugitive
10/09	Mayle, Peter	Vintage Caper
8/09	McMurtry, Larry	Rhino Ranch
5/09	Michaels, Fern	Mr. and Miss Anonymous
9/09	Oates, Joyce Carol	Little Bird of Heaven
9/09	Paretsky, Sara	Hardball
9/09	Patterson, Richard North	Spire
10/09	Perry, Anne	Christmas Promise
10/09	Rice, Anne	Angel Time
7/09	Richards, Emilie	Happiness Key
9/09	Saul, John	House of Reckoning
6/09	Sefton, Maggie	Dropped Dead Stitch
10/09	Snelling, Lauraine	Measure of Mercy
6/09	Steel, Danielle	Matters of the Heart
10/09	Steel, Danielle	Southern Lights
10/09	Tyler, Anne	Noah's Compass
9/09	Woods, Stuart	Hothouse Orchid



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A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

~Henry Ward Beecher

55+ AGE well LIVE SMART.

May is Older Americans Month

Many libraries are offering fun, interesting programming to celebrate. To find out if classes or events are available at your neighborhood library, give us a call at 952-847-8850.

First Pages: Start Your Memoir – For Writers 55 and Older

Senior Tech Camp

Senior Surf Day

Wii Games for Seniors

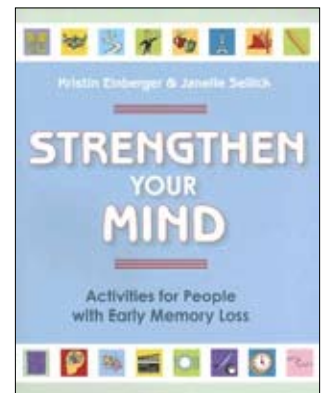
10 Sites in 10 Clicks: Technology for Seniors

Laughter Yoga (June & July)

Library Open House for those 55+

Creative Aging/Brain Power

Strengthen Your Mind, by Kristin Einberger and Janelle Sellick, has more than 70 memory activities that will interest those with early memory loss or those who just want to do some brain stimulation.



Put one of these activities to the test!

Example: Found in Fours

- What famous foursome made its American debut on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964?
- What “good luck” plant has four leaves, rather than the usual three?
- The area where Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado meet is called what?
- What organization for youth focuses on agriculture?
- Four babies born at one time are called what?

Answers are at the bottom of page 10

Need help with spring home repairs and maintenance?

H.O.M.E. (Household and Outside Maintenance for the Elderly) offers home making and home maintenance services to assist older adults to remain independent in their house or apartment. Services are based on a sliding fee scale and include housecleaning, laundry, lawn care, exterior painting and minor home repairs. Contact them at 952-541-1019.



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**Hennepin County Library Director
Lois Langer Thompson**

Meet Hennepin County Library's New Director

In 2009, Lois Langer Thompson was selected from several excellent candidates to become Hennepin County Library's newest director. Lois began her career with the Library about 25 years ago and has held many positions. She started by being a substitute librarian at Minneapolis Central. Then, went briefly to adult services in New Ulm and returned to Hennepin County in 1988, where she has been a familiar face to library customers in Westonka, Bloomington, Richfield, St. Anthony, Plymouth and other communities. Her positions at Hennepin County Library have included being a children's librarian, adult services librarian, coordinating librarian, deputy director and now, director for the 41 libraries of the Hennepin County Library system. As director she loves connecting with staff, library boards, Friends groups and Hennepin County commissioners. She enjoys working with the commissioners because "We're the good news. People always ask for more of what we do."

She remembers becoming a librarian because, "I loved libraries and the concept of information with everyone being welcome and included. It is the only place in the community where you don't have to buy something or join a club."

Her personal life includes time spent enjoying four little grandchildren who range in age from 1 to 3 years. "I do love to read," she says and she also enjoys fishing. Lois has almost always belonged to a book club and recommends the book *The Lady and the Panda: The True Adventures of the First American Explorer to Bring Back China's Most Exotic Animal* by Vicki Constantine Croke. "It's really quite fascinating."

The continuing work of merging the city and suburban library systems has been a priority in her new position and she often looks at the strengths that each system has brought to the table. "We are finding out how much we can learn from each other," she says.

"Everyone loves the library," she says, "It is an honor to hold this job that so many other wonderful directors have held."



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Do you need a book now?



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

Large Print Historical Fiction

A Great Deliverance

By Elizabeth George

Powder and Patch

By Georgette Heyer

So Long at the Fair

By Christina Schwarz

Large Print Mysteries

Cat in a Sapphire Slipper

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Burn Out

By Marcia Muller



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Reminders

If you phone in a request for a best-seller that has a long waiting list, please let us know if you need something to read right now. We will be happy to make some suggestions and get something in the mail to you immediately while you are waiting for your other items.

Find titles that can be mailed to you quickly in the *Do you need a book now?* column featured in every issue of the *At Home Reader*.

Have you read something really good lately? Why not share it with others? We welcome your book reviews for the front cover of the *At Home Reader*. The *Staff and Reader Recommendations* are always the most requested titles from each issue. It's easy to do -- just call us with a favorite book title and we'll write down your review over the phone. You can also use the form that is on the back cover of this issue. Newer books are always the most popular and we do require that the library has five copies of your reviewed book in its collection.

Answers to the Creative Aging/Brain Power quiz

- Beatles
- Four-leaf clover
- Four Corners
- 4-H Club
- Quadruplets

5 Ways to Order

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