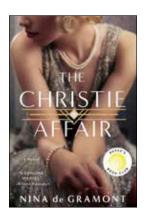
# At Home Reader

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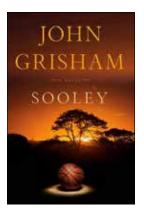
## Reader Recommendations



## The Christie Affair By Nina de Gramont

The author weaves fact and fiction so cleverly in this re-imagination of one of the most talked-about unsolved mysteries of the 20th century. I found myself reading it as a true crime novel with unlikely dalliances, complex motivations, and jaw-dropping surprises. It will keep you riveted until the very last page. It is a magnificent read.

Reviewed by Carol D., At Home patron Also available: large print

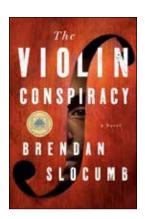


## Sooley

## By John Grisham

A 17-year-old receives a college scholarship to play basketball and moves from war-torn South Sudan to North Carolina. He is determined to succeed so he can bring his family to America. Unlike most of Grisham's books, this is a human-interest story that could be real. I could relate to a young basketball player from reading it, and I couldn't put it down.

Reviewed by Beth S., At Home patron Also available: large print



## The Violin Conspiracy By Brendan Slocumb

Ray McMillian loves playing the violin more than anything, and nothing will stop him from pursuing his dream of becoming a professional musician. When he makes the startling discovery that his great-grandfather's fiddle is a priceless Stradivarius, his star begins to rise. This book is a delight that is made richer by the multiple descriptions of the classical music which Ray plays.

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

## New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Chain-gang All-stars By Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

Two top women gladiators are fighting for their freedom within a depraved private prison system not so farremoved from America's own. *Also available: large print* 

## The Last Animal By Ramona Ausubel

A single mother, Jane, and her two teen daughters engage in a wild scientific experiment in Siberia and discover a 4,000-year-old baby mammoth that sets off a chain of events that pits Jane against her male colleagues. Also available: large print

## The Cuban Heiress By Chanel Cleeton

In 1934, a luxury cruise becomes a fight for survival as two women's pasts collide on a round-trip voyage from New York to Havana. Also available: large print

# The Exchange: After the Firm By John Grisham

Find out what became of Mitch and Abby McDeere after they exposed the crimes of Memphis law firm Bendini, Lambert & Locke and fled the country, in this follow-up to one of the author's bestselling books.

Also available: large print, CD

## Little Ray of Sunshine By Kristan Higgins

A woman secretly placed her baby son up for adoption years ago. One day, he walks into her bookstore as an adult surprising and upending not only her life but his adoptive mother's as well. Also available: large print, CD

## Happiness Falls

## By Angie Kim

A Korean American family's beloved father and husband goes missing. What follows is a ticking-clock investigation into his whereabouts and an emotionally rich portrait of a family whose personal secrets may be at the heart of his disappearance. Also available: large print

Absolution
By Alice McDermott

In Saigon in 1963, two women form a wary alliance as they balance the era's mandate to take a backseat to their ambitious husbands with their own impulse to do good for the people of Vietnam.

Also available: large print

## The Wishing Game By Meg Shaffer

Lucy is one of four diehard fans who receive the invitation of a lifetime: to stay on a private island and compete for the un-published manuscript of the final book in her favorite series.

Also available: large print

## Happiness By Danielle Steel

Sabrina Brooks is a bestselling author who lives a quiet life in the Berkshires with her dogs – until she becomes heir to her deceased uncle's title and estate outside London. *Also available: large print, CD* 

New York Times Bestseller

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.

## New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## NYD Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune By Anderson Cooper and **Katherine Howe**

John Jacob Astor, one of the wealthiest men to have ever lived, built a fortune through his beaver trapping business, which he grew in real estate – enriching him at the expense of Manhattan's poorest residents.

Also available: large print

## Stay Sane in an Insane World: How to Control the **Controllables and Thrive** By Greg Harden

World-class athletes, doctors, lawyers, teachers, business leaders, college students, and professionals from all walks of life have come to Harden for advice and direction. Also available: CD

## **Enough By Cassidy Hutchinson**

The author's desk was just steps from the most controversial president in recent American history. She provides her experiences as a young woman thrust into the middle of a national crisis.

Also available: CD

## W Elon Musk By Walter Isaacson

This is a look at one of the leading innovators of our time – a visionary who helped to lead the world into the era of electric vehicles. private space exploration, and artificial intelligence. Also available: CD

## Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of **America**

#### **By Heather Cox Richardson**

The author offers an explanation of how America, once a beacon of democracy, now teeters on the brink of autocracy – and how we can turn back.

Also available: large print

## The Wisdom of Morrie: Living and Aging **Creatively and Joyfully** By Morrie Schwartz

The subject of the beloved classic "Tuesdays With Morrie" offers an insightful, poignant masterpiece on staying vibrant and connected for life. Also available: large print

## The Best Strangers in the World: Stories From a Life Spent Listening By Ari Shapiro

A broadcaster takes readers around the globe to reveal the stories behind narratives that are heartwarming, sometimes heartbreaking, but always poignant. Also available: large print

## **W** Worthy By Jada Pinkett Smith

The creator of the Red Table Talk series shares her own story – her path to accepting her power as a woman, and her discovery that a strong sense of self is every woman's right and saving grace.

Also available: CD

## If You Would Have Told Me: A Memoir By John Stamos with **Daphne Young**

Over the past four decades, the author has become one of his generation's most successful actors, lived out his dreams as an honorary Beach Boy, and surprised everyone with his success, including himself.

Also available: CD

## More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **Fiction**

## The Paris Assignment

By Rhys Bowen Also available: large print

#### The Summer Skies

By Jenny Colgan Also available: large print

## What Happened to **Ruthy Ramirez**

By Claire Jimenez Also available: large print

### Nightbloom

By Peace Adzo Medie Also available: large print

## Summer Stage

By Meg Mitchell Moore Also available: large print

## Wade in the Water

By Nyani Nkrumah Also available: large print

## **Everything's Fine**

By Cecilia Rabess Also available: large print, CD

#### Cassandra in Reverse

By Holly Smale Also available: large print

#### Silver Alert

By Lee Smith Also available: large print

#### **Second Act**

By Danielle Steel Also available: large print, CD

### The Breakaway

By Jennifer Weiner Also available: large print

## The Unmaking of June Farrow

By Adrienne Young

## Cozy Mystery

## The Vanishing Type

By Ellery Adams Also available: large print

## **Peg and Rose** Stir up Trouble

By Laurien Berenson Also available: large print, CD

## Murder is a Piece of Cake

By Valerie Burns Also available: large print

## Honey, Drop Dead

By Laura Childs Also available: large print

## The Diva Delivers on a Promise

By Krista Davis Also available: large print, CD

#### Mother of the Bride Murder

By Leslie Meier Also available: large print

## Historical

## The Armor of Light

By Ken Follett Also available: large print, CD

#### The River We Remember

By William Kent Krueger Also available: large print, CD

#### Lone Women

By Victor LaValle Also available: large print

#### The Air Raid Book Club

By Annie Lyons Also available: large print

#### Silver Nitrate

By Silvia Moreno-Garcia Also available: large print

#### Homestead

By Melinda Moustakis Also available: large print

#### **Dust Child**

By Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai Also available: large print



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

## **Mrs. Porter Calling**

By A.J. Pearce Also available: large print

## The Old Lion: A Novel of **Theodore Roosevelt**

By Jeff Shaara Also available: large print

## **Good Night, Irene**

By Luis Alberto Urrea Also available: large print

#### The Covenant of Water

By Abraham Verghese Also available: large print, CD

## Let Us Descend

By Jesmyn Ward Also available: large print, CD

## Humorous

## Don't Forget to Write

By Sara Goodman Confino

## Games and Rituals

By Katherine Heiny Also available: large print

### The Burnout

By Sophie Kinsella Also available: large print, CD

## The English Experience

By Julie Schumacher Also available: large print

## Mystery

## The Secret

By Lee Child and Andrew Child Also available: large print, CD

#### **Dead Man's Wake**

By Paul Doiron Also available: large print

## **W** Dirty Thirty

By Janet Evanovich Also available: large print

#### Tell-tale Bones

By Carolyn Haines Also available: large print

## **Blessing of the Lost Girls**

By J.A. Jance Also available: large print, CD

## The Longmire Defense

By Craig Johnson Also available: CD

## The Bone Hacker

By Kathy Reichs Also available: large print

## Payback in Death

By J.D. Robb Also available: large print, CD

## **W** Judgment Prey

By John Sandford Also available: large print, CD

#### **Heart of the Nile**

By Will Thomas Also available: large print

## Psychological

## The Spare Room

By Andrea Bartz Also available: large print

#### **House of Cotton**

By Monica Brashears Also available: large print

#### Too Late

By Colleen Hoover Also available: large print

#### **Fixit**

By Joe Ide Also available: large print, CD

## W Holly

By Stephen King Also available: large print, CD

### Yellowface

By R.F. Kuang Also available: large print

#### **Prom Mom**

By Laura Lippman Also available: large print

## More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Religious

#### Into the Fire

By Irene Hannon Also available: large print

#### The Heirloom

By Beverly Lewis Also available: large print, CD

#### Finding Us

By Tracie Peterson Also available: large print, CD

## Romance

## Hello Stranger

By Katherine Center Also available: large print, CD

## Something in the Heir

By Suzanne Enoch Also available: large print

## Love, Theoretically

By Ali Hazelwood Also available: large print

### This Bird Has Flown

By Susanna Hoffs Also available: large print

## The True Love Experiment

By Christina Lauren Also available: large print, CD

## Things We Left Behind

By Lucy Score Also available: large print

## Science Fiction/ Fantasy

### A Fire in the Flesh

By Jennifer L. Armentrout Also available: CD

#### Sword Catcher

By Cassandra Clare

## Royal Assassin

By Robin Hobb Also available: CD

#### **Ink Blood Sister Scribe**

By Emma Törzs Also available: large print

## **Short Stories**

## **Normal Rules Don't Apply**

By Kate Atkinson Also available: large print

## Tomb Sweeping

By Alexandra Chang

## **Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology**

Edited by Shane Hawk and Theodore C. Van Last Jr.

### **Roman Stories**

By Jhumpa Lahiri

## Wednesday's Child

By Yiyun Li

## A Darker Shade of Noir: **New Stories of Body Horror by Women Writers**

**Edited by Joyce Carol Oates** 

#### 23 ½ Lies

By James Patterson Also available: large print, CD

### Holler, Child

By Latoya Watkins

## Night Side of the River: **Ghost Stories**

By Jeanette Winterson

## Thriller

## **Tom Clancy Weapons Grade**

By Don Bentley Also available: large print

## Out of Nowhere

By Sandra Brown Also available: large print, CD

## Blood Lines

By Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille Also available: large print, CD This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

## Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Defiance

By Brian Freeman Also available: large print

## A Good Family

By Matt Goldman Also available: large print, CD

## The Last Ranger

By Peter Heller Also available: large print

#### **Tides of Fire**

By James Rollins Also available: large print

## After That Night

By Karin Slaughter Also available: large print, CD

## Western

#### Devil's Gulch

**Bv William Johnstone** Also available: large print

#### Fires of Hell

By William Johnstone Also available: large print

#### Halo Moon

By Jim Jones Also available: large print

## Nonfiction

## Camera Girl: The Coming of Age of Jackie Bouvier Kennedy

By Carl Sferrazza Anthony Also available: large print

## **Build the Life You Want:** The Art and Science of **Getting Happier**

By Arthur C. Brooks and **Oprah Winfrey** Also available: large print

## **Black AF History:** The Un-Whitewashed **Story of America**

By Michael Harriot Also available: CD

## Prequel: An American **Fight Against Fascism**

By Rachel Maddow Also available: large print

## Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell

By Sy Montgomery

## Killing the Witches: The Horror of Salem, Massachusetts

By Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard Also available: large print, CD

**Dolly Parton Behind the Seams:** My Life in Rhinestones By Dolly Parton

## The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year

By Margaret Renkl

## **Brave the Wild River:** The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon

By Melissa L. Sevigny Also available: large print

## The Woman in Me

By Britney Spears Also available: CD

## Dear Jacob: A Mother's Journey of Hope

By Patty Wetterling with Joy Baker

**W** Being Henry: The Fonz . . . and Beyond By Henry Winkler

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