

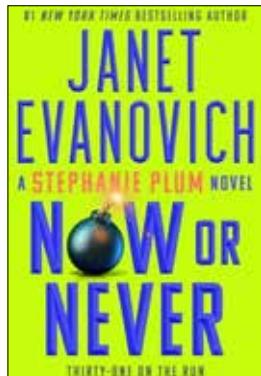
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# At Home Reader

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REVIEWS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY AT HOME READERS

## Reader Recommendations



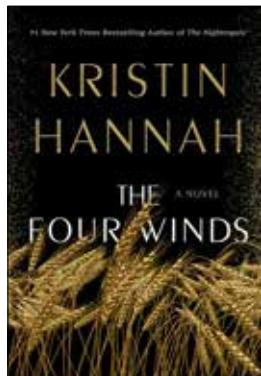
### Now or Never: Thirty-One on the Run

By Janet Evanovich

Typical Stephanie Plum chaos! While she avoids deciding between two fiancés, she hunts fugitives including a vigilante YouTube influencer, a shady wholesale produce mogul, and a vampire-obsessed laundromat manager. I quite liked the surprise ending.

Reviewed by Nancy T., At Home patron

Also available: large print, CD



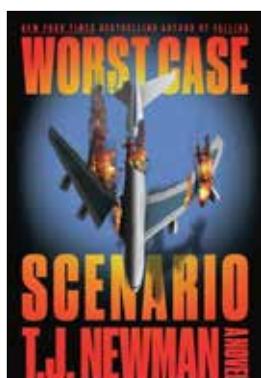
### The Four Winds

By Kristin Hannah

This historical novel follows one family caught in the trauma of the Great Depression and Dust Bowl. Its vivid language makes scenes so real that the reader can feel dirt smothering the characters' skin and airways. Though set in the past, the story echoes modern struggles with poverty and prejudice. At its heart, it honors the courage and sacrifice of women who fought to keep their families together.

Reviewed by Betty B., At Home patron

Also available: large print, CD



### Worst Case Scenario

By T.J. Newman

A jetliner crashes into a Minnesota nuclear plant, triggering the world's first Level 8 disaster. As radiation spreads, ordinary people must find the courage to protect their loved ones, their community, and the future of humanity. This thriller is a wake-up call to reality – you will not be able to put it down!

Reviewed by Lorraine M., At Home patron

Also available: large print

# New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **Twice**

**By Mitch Albom**

Alfie Logan has a magical ability to get a second chance at everything. After erasing his relationship with Gianna, he learns love can't be repeated. Years later, a detective investigates Logan's mysterious casino winnings and uncovers the truth.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **Sisters in the Wind**

**By Angeline Boulley**

After five years in foster care, Lucy learns she's Ojibwe and has a sister, more siblings, and a grandmother. But someone is following her, and her safety may depend on facing what she ran from.

*Also available: large print*

## **The Academy**

**By Elin Hilderbrand and her daughter Shelby Cunningham**

When Tiffin Academy suddenly ranks #2 among U.S. boarding schools, everyone's shocked. Then a gossip app called ZipZap starts leaking secrets, unraveling the lives of students, teachers, and even admissions staff.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **The Wayfinder**

**By Adam Johnson**

Kōrero leaves her island seeking hope. In war-torn Tonga, where poetic parrots speak in verse and souls hide in coconuts, she must navigate royal unrest and discover her role in her people's survival.

## **The Sisters**

**By Jonas Hassen Khemiri**

Ina, Evelyn, and Anastasia Mikkola, three Tunisian Swedish sisters, face betrayal, ambition, and love as their lives evolve. With their childhood friend Jonas' help, they break a long-standing curse and uncover a revelation that changes everything.

## **To the Moon and Back**

**By Eliana Ramage**

Steph Harper journeys to become an astronaut, which she believes will save her from her difficult past. As ambition pulls her from her Cherokee roots, she risks losing her mother, sister, and first love in the process.

## **When the Cranes**

**Fly South**

**By Lisa Ridzén**

When Bo's son insists Bo is too old to care for his beloved elkhound Sixten, the threat of losing the dog prompts Bo to reflect on his life, relationships, and the imperfect expression of his love.

*Also available: large print*

## **Boy From the North Country**

**By Sam Sussman**

Evan returns home to care for his dying mother. As she finally reveals her past with Bob Dylan, whom Evan resembles, he begins to understand the truths he's waited years to hear.

## **Gone Before Goodbye**

**By Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben**

After losing her medical license, elite combat surgeon Maggie McCabe accepts a secretive overseas job. When her high-profile patient vanishes mid-recovery, she must flee or risk vanishing herself.

*Also available: large print, CD*



New York Times Bestseller

# New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald**

**By John U. Bacon**

After WWII, Great Lakes shipping powered U.S. industry. In 1975, the Edmund Fitzgerald sank in a Lake Superior storm, killing all 29 crew members. This account investigates the cause and shares emotional stories from over 100 interviews.

*Also available: CD*

## **All the Way to the River: Love, Loss, and Liberation**

**By Elizabeth Gilbert**

Famed for writing Eat, Pray, Love, the author recounts falling for her best friend amid addiction and grief. As their relationship descends into turmoil, Gilbert finds resilience and her greatest awakening.

*Also available: large print*

## **Poems & Prayers**

**By Matthew McConaughey**

Actor Matthew McConaughey writes a heartfelt collection of poetry and prayers, encouraging readers to embrace wonder, faith, and dreams over logic in the search for deeper meaning.

## **History Matters**

**By David McCullough**

Published posthumously, this essay collection of McCullough includes pieces appearing for the first time and reflects on presidential character, early mentors, and artistic influences that shaped his passion for history.

*Also available: large print*

## **Confronting Evil: Assessing the Worst of the Worst**

**By Bill O'Reilly and Josh Hammer**

This book examines figures such as Genghis Khan, Stalin, and Mao, who caused immense suffering. It urges readers to confront inaction and embrace the responsibility to stand against evil.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **The Big One: How We Must Prepare for Future Deadly Pandemics**

**By Michael T. Osterholm, Ph.D., MPH and Mark Olshaker**

University of Minnesota epidemiologist Mike Osterholm examines past pandemics and critiques the global COVID-19 response. He warns of future, deadlier outbreaks and calls for immediate global preparedness to prevent catastrophe.

## **Truly**

**By Lionel Richie**

Lionel Richie shares his journey from Tuskegee during the Civil Rights era to global fame. He reflects on The Commodores, "We Are the World," American Idol, and his lasting influence on pop culture.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **The Unexpected Journey: Finding Strength, Hope, and Yourself on the Caregiving Path**

**By Emma Heming Willis**

The wife of actor Bruce Willis shares her emotional journey after his frontotemporal dementia diagnosis, offering caregivers heartfelt guidance, expert insights, and essential self-care strategies to navigate this life-altering path.

*Also available: CD*

## **Finding My Way: A Memoir**

**By Malala Yousafzai**

After surviving a Taliban attack, a young woman navigates high school isolation and college life while already seen as a global role model. Her memoir reveals the quiet, personal work of becoming herself.

*Also available: CD*

*Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.*

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Fiction

### People Watching

By Hannah Bonam-Young

### Don't Say a Word

By Allison Brennan  
*Also available: large print*

### The Gingerbread Bakery

By Laurie Gilmore

### A Dog in Georgia

By Lauren Grodstein  
*Also available: large print*

### Amity

By Nathan Harris

### Play Nice

By Rachel Harrison

### I Become Her

By Joe Hart

### The Women of Arlington Hall

By Jane Healey

### King Sorrow

By Joe Hill  
*Also available: CD*

### Heart the Lover

By Lily King  
*Also available: large print*

### If It Makes You Happy

By Julie Olivia

### The Irish Goodbye

By Heather Aimee O'Neill  
*Also available: large print*

## Cozy Mystery

### Five Golden Wings

By Donna Andrews  
*Also available: large print*

### Sugar and Spite

By M.C. Beaton with R.W. Green  
*Also available: large print*

### No Roast for the Weary

By Cleo Coyle  
*Also available: large print*

### My Father Always Finds Corpses

By Lee Hollis  
*Also available: large print*

### A Murder for Miss Hortense

By Mel Pennant  
*Also available: large print*

### Mrs. Plansky Goes Rogue

By Spencer Quinn  
*Also available: large print*

## Historical

### 33 Place Brugmann

By Alice Austen  
*Also available: large print*

### The Book Club for Troublesome Women

By Marie Bostwick  
*Also available: large print*

### Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure

By Rhys Bowen  
*Also available: large print*

### These Days

By Lucy Caldwell  
*Also available: large print*

### The Bright Years

By Sarah Damoff  
*Also available: large print*

### The Iron Storm

By Jack B. Du Brul  
*Also available: large print*

### The Wilderness

By Angela Flournoy  
*Also available: large print*

### Circle of Days

By Ken Follett  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### The Secret Book Society

By Madeline Martin  
*Also available: large print*

 New York Times Bestseller

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## **Shadow Ticket**

By Thomas Pynchon  
*Also available: large print*

## **The Hitchhikers**

By Chevy Stevens  
*Also available: large print*

## Humorous

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### **Jane and Dan at the End of the World**

By Colleen Oakley  
*Also available: large print*

### **If You Love It, Let It Kill You**

By Hannah Pittard

### **Sunny Side Up**

By Katie Sturino  
*Also available: large print*

## **Tourist Season**

By Brynne Weaver

## Mystery

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### **The Killing Stones**

By Ann Cleeves  
*Also available: large print, CD*

## **The Hallmarked Man**

By Robert Galbraith  
*Also available: large print*

### **A Slowly Dying Cause**

By Elizabeth George  
*Also available: large print*

## **The Red Queen**

By Martha Grimes  
*Also available: large print*

### **In the Time of Five Pumpkins**

By Alexander McCall Smith  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Gray Dawn**

By Walter Mosley  
*Also available: large print*

## **Framed in Death**

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

### **The Deepest Cut**

By P.J. Tracy  
*Also available: CD*

## Psychological

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### **Seduction Theory**

By Emily Adrian

### **The Elements**

By John Boyne  
*Also available: large print*

### **Big Chief**

By Jon Hickey  
*Also available: large print*

### **Will There Ever Be Another You**

By Patricia Lockwood  
*Also available: large print*

## **Friends of the Museum**

By Heather McGowan  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Hounding**

By Xenobe Purvis  
*Also available: large print*

## Religious

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### **The Amish Ballerina**

By Richelle Brunstetter with  
Wanda E. Brunstetter  
*Also available: large print*

### **Out of Time**

By Irene Hannon  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Sands of Sea**

**Blue Beach**  
By Rachel Hauck  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **My Beloved**

By Jan Karon  
*Also available: large print*

### **A Sea View Christmas**

By Julie Klassen  
*Also available: large print, CD*

# More New Books

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## Romance

### **The Paradise Petition**

By Carolyn Brown  
Also available: large print

### **Mate**

By Ali Hazelwood  
Also available: large print

### **Small Town Hero**

By Linda Lael Miller  
Also available: large print

### **Must Love Christmas Cowboys**

By Diana Palmer and  
Heather Graham  
Also available: large print

### **Crazy Spooky Love**

By Josie Silver  
Also available: large print

### **The Portrait**

By Danielle Steel  
Also available: large print, CD

### **Silverleaf Rapids**

By Jodi Thomas  
Also available: large print

### **Cruel Summer**

By Maisey Yates  
Also available: large print

## Science Fiction/ Fantasy

### **The Devils**

By Joe Abercrombie

### **Alchemy of Secrets**

By Stephanie Garber  
Also available: large print

### **The Summer War**

By Naomi Novik

### **Among the Burning Flowers**

By Samantha Shannon

## Short Stories

### **The End of the World As We Know It: Tales of Stephen King's The Stand**

Edited by Christopher Golden and Brian Keene  
Also available: CD

### **It Was the Way She Said It: Short Stories, Essays, and Wisdom**

By Terry McMillan  
Also available: large print

### **Heart Lamp**

By Banu Mushtaq

## Thriller

### **End Game**

By Jeffrey Archer  
Also available: large print

### **Denied Access**

By Don Bentley  
Also available: large print, CD

### **The List**

By Steve Berry  
Also available: large print

### **Sharp Force**

By Patricia Cornwell  
Also available: large print, CD

### **The Grave Artist**

By Jeffery Deaver and Isabella Maldonado  
Also available: large print

### **Photograph**

By Brian Freeman  
Also available: large print

### **The Intruder**

By Freida McFadden  
Also available: large print

### **Billion-Dollar Ransom**

By James Patterson and Duane Swierczynski  
Also available: large print, CD

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## **The Compound**

By Aisling Rawle

*Also available: large print*

## **The Girl With Ice in Her Veins**

By Karin Smirnoff

*Also available: large print*

## **Forget Me Not**

By Stacy Willingham

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **Western**

### **Riches Beyond Measure**

By Mary Connealy

*Also available: large print*

### **Rio Grande Deadline**

By Allan Vaughan Elston

*Available only in large print*

### **Revenge in Amarillo**

By Lauran Paine

*Available only in large print*

## **Nonfiction**

### **NYT To Rescue the American Spirit: Teddy Roosevelt and the Birth of a Superpower**

By Bret Baier with

Catherine Whitney

### **Reacher: The Stories Behind the Stories**

By Lee Child

*Also available: large print*

### **Greater Minnesota: Exploring the Land of Sky-Blue Waters**

By Patrick Hicks

### **The Carpool Detectives: A True Story of Four Moms, Two Bodies, and One Mysterious Cold Case**

By Chuck Hogan

### **Jump and Find Joy: Embracing Change in Every Season of Life**

By Hoda Kotb

### **Motherland: A Feminist History of Modern Russia, From Revolution to Autocracy**

By Julia Loffe

### **Nobody Sits Like the French: Exploring Paris Through Its World Expos**

By Charles Pappas

### **Jane Austen's Bookshelf: A Rare Book Collector's Quest to Find the Women Writers Who Shaped a Legend**

By Rebecca Romney

*Also available: large print*

### **The Aviator and the Showman: Amelia Earhart, George Putnam, and the Marriage That Made an American Icon**

By Laurie Gwen Shapiro

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT 1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History – and How It Shattered a Nation**

By Andrew Ross Sorkin

### **The Arrogant Ape: The Myth of Human Exceptionalism and Why It Matters**

By Christine Webb

### **Unbreakable: Go Strong. Live Long. A Woman's Guide to Aging With Power**

By Vonda Wright, M.D.

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