

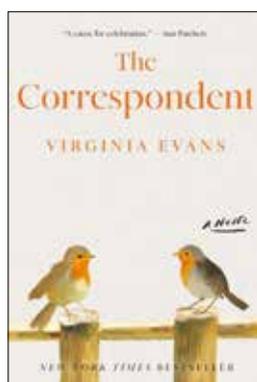
# HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

# At Home Reader

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REVIEWS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY AT HOME READERS

## Reader Recommendations



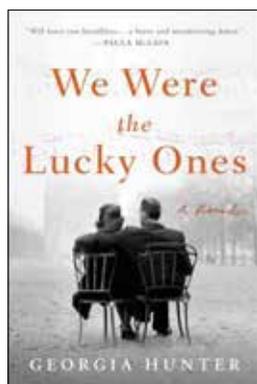
### **The Correspondent**

**By Virginia Evans**

Wow! Can a book of “only” letters hold one’s interest as a novel? Each morning at 10:30, Sybil Van Antwerp writes to friends, authors, and an unseen recipient until past letters force her to confront forgiveness. Sybil might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read in this excellent read!

*Reviewed by Peggy M., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print*



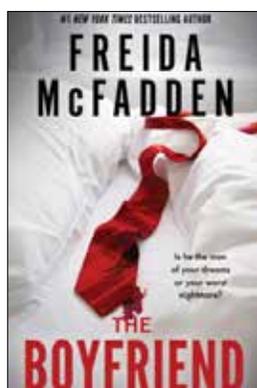
### **We Were the Lucky Ones**

**By Georgia Hunter**

This story isn’t about the camps; it offers a vivid glimpse into everyday Jewish life during WWII. Focused on the Kurc family in 1939 Poland, it follows their desperate fight for survival as they scatter across the globe, enduring exile, hiding, and hardship while clinging to hope, ingenuity, and love. It is so well written.

*Reviewed by Shirley F., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print*



### **The Boyfriend**

**By Freida McFadden**

In this great story, Sydney Shaw finally meets the perfect man, a charming doctor, after years of dating disasters. When women are murdered by someone who dates his victims, Sydney suspects her dream boyfriend may be hiding deadly secrets, and she could be next. There is a great surprise ending!

*Reviewed by Kathleen G., At Home patron*

*Also available: large print*

# New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

## **Cursed Daughters**

**By Oyinkan Braithwaite**

Born the day her cousin is buried, Eniyyi is believed to be Monife reborn. When she falls in love, she must break a family curse that ensures no man can stay in her life.

*Also available: large print*

## **NYT The Secret of Secrets**

**By Dan Brown**

Robert Langdon arrives in Prague for Katherine Solomon's lecture, but a murder and her disappearance with her manuscript spark a deadly chase through Prague, London, and New York, revealing secrets that could shatter centuries of belief.

## **The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny**

**By Kiran Desai**

On an overnight train, Sonia and Sunny reconnect after their grandparents' failed matchmaking. As a novelist and journalist, they navigate family expectations, cultural divides, and generational legacies while seeking love across India and New York.

*Also available: large print*

## **The Many Mothers of Dolores Moore**

**By Anika Fajardo**

A grieving Minneapolis cartographer, fresh off a breakup, honors her mother's wish to return to Colombia. Urged by ghostly relatives and armed with a scrap of a hand-drawn map, she sets off to discover her origins.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **A Guardian and a Thief**

**By Megha Majumdar**

In near-future India, as hunger and chaos worsen, Ma's family's visas vanished days before their flight to Michigan. Over one tense week, her search collides with a thief desperate to protect his family.

*Also available: large print*

## **Mysterious Tales of Old Minneapolis**

**By Larry Millett**

Three mysteries set in 19th-century Minneapolis follow unexpected detectives, including Oscar Wilde, investigating murders tied to a St. Anthony Falls flour mill, the Nicollet House Hotel, and a prominent labor lawyer.

## **Some Bright Nowhere**

**By Ann Packer**

As Claire's cancer battle nears its end, Eliot prepares for goodbye until her unexpected dying wish breaks his heart and upends everything he thought he knew about their life together.

*Also available: large print, CD*

## **Life, and Death, and Giants**

**By Ron Rindo**

Born an orphan with extraordinary abilities in Wisconsin, Gabriel grows up hidden by Amish grandparents. At nearly eight feet tall, he's discovered by a football coach, sparking a transformation that changes countless lives.

## **NYT Remain: A Supernatural Love Story**

**By Nicholas Sparks with  
M. Night Shyamalan**

A New York architect recovering from depression travels to Cape Cod to design a friend's summer home. There, he falls for a mysterious woman and, through a haunting family gift, uncovers secrets about her.

*Also available: large print*

**NYT** New York Times Bestseller

# New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

**NYT** **Notes on Being a Man**  
By Scott Galloway

The book explores challenges men face today, including education gaps, loneliness, and despair. It offers practical guidance on resilience, purpose, kindness, and healthy masculinity to help men thrive and support families.

**NYT** **107 Days**  
By Kamala Harris

This memoir recounts Kamala Harris' 107-day race for the presidency after Joe Biden's withdrawal. It offers candid, behind-the-scenes insights into campaign chaos, personal challenges, and the resilience required to lead in a high-stakes election.

**Awake: A Memoir**  
By Jen Hatmaker

A podcaster faces the shocking end of her 26-year marriage after discovering infidelity, and struggles to rebuild life while raising five kids. She navigates divorce, financial turmoil, and confronting beliefs about faith and family.

*Also available: CD*

**NYT** **The Greatest Sentence Ever Written**

By Walter Isaacson

To celebrate America's 250th anniversary, this book explores the Declaration's most powerful sentence and its promise of equality and liberty. The book offers fresh insights into why these words endure and how they can unite us in challenging times.

**NYT** **How to Test Negative for Stupid**

By Sen. John Kennedy

A humorous political commentary by Senator John Kennedy, blending wit, insights, and entertaining anecdotes to critique Washington's absurdities while sharing life lessons from Louisiana and the Senate.

*Also available: CD*

**Paper Girl: A Memoir of Home and Family in a Fractured America**

By Beth Macy

An Ohio town that once thrived with strong schools and steady jobs now faces economic decline and a mental health crisis. This book explores the changes and the dignity that remains.

**NYT** **The Look**

By Michelle Obama with Meredith Koop

Michelle Obama traces her style from campaign trail dresses to bold post-White House looks, showing how fashion reflected her values and identity. Insights from her stylists and designers reveal how intentional clothing can empower confidence.

**Replaceable You: Adventures in Human Anatomy**

By Mary Roach

From the author of *Fuzz* comes a journey of modern medicine's efforts to replace failing body parts, blending science, ethics, and ingenuity in stories of prosthetics, organ transplants, stem cells, and 3D-printed organs.

**A Truce That Is Not Peace**  
By Miriam Toews

When asked "Why do you write?," Toews unravels layers of grief, guilt, and unanswered questions after her sister's suicide. What emerges is an inventive exploration of memory and the struggle to transform pain into meaning.

*Also available: CD*

*Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.*

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Fiction

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### **The Unveiling**

By Quan Barry

### **Dominion**

By Addie E. Citchens

### **Guilty by Definition**

By Susie Dent

### **The Killer Question**

By Janice Hallett

*Also available: large print*

### **Clown Town**

By Mick Herron

### **Otherwise Engaged**

By Susan Mallery

*Also available: large print*

### **What We Can Know**

By Ian McEwan

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Evensong**

By Stewart O'Nan

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT The Seven Rings**

By Nora Roberts

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **NYT The Color of Hope**

By Danielle Steel

*Also available: large print*

### **Minor Black Figures**

By Brandon Taylor

*Also available: large print*

### **Pick a Color**

By Souvankham Thammavongsa

## Cozy Mystery

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### **Die Another Dane**

By Laurien Berenson

*Also available: large print*

### **Fox and Furious**

By Rita Mae Brown

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Haunting and Homicide**

By Ava Burke

*Also available: large print*

### **Something Whiskered**

By Miranda James

*Also available: large print*

### **There'll Be Shell to Pay**

By Molly MacRae

*Also available: large print*

### **And to All a Good Bite**

By David Rosenfelt

*Also available: large print*

## Historical

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### **The Guest in Room 120**

By Sara Ackerman

*Also available: large print*

### **Venetian Vespers**

By John Banville

*Also available: large print*

### **The Lost Story of Eva Fuentes**

By Chanel Cleeton

*Also available: large print*

### **Boleyn Traitor**

By Philippa Gregory

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Queen Esther**

By John Irving

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Bad Bad Girl**

By Gish Jen

*Also available: large print*

### **A Family Matter**

By Claire Lynch

*Also available: large print*

### **Workhorse**

By Caroline Palmer

### **The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe**

By James Patterson and

Imogen Edwards-Jones

*Also available: large print, CD*

**NYT** New York Times Bestseller

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## Humorous

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### **Girl Dinner**

By Olivie Blake

### **NYT The King's Ransom**

By Janet Evanovich

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Wreck**

By Catherine Newman

*Also available: large print*

### **Dating After the End of the World**

By Jeneva Rose

## Mystery

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### **Stuart Woods' Blown Away**

By Brett Battles

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **From Cradle to Grave**

By Rhys Bowen

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT The Proving Ground**

By Michael Connelly

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Last Death of the Year**

By Sophie Hannah

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Girl From Devil's Lake**

By J.A. Jance

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Robert B. Parker's Showdown**

By Mike Lupica

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT The Impossible Fortune**

By Richard Osman

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT The Black Wolf**

By Louise Penny

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Evil Bones**

By Kathy Reichs

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Murder on the Marlow Belle**

By Robert Thorogood

*Also available: CD*

## Religious

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### **Behind Enemy Bylines**

By Kathleen Fuller

*Also available: large print*

### **A Moment to Love**

By Tracie Peterson

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Her Secret Amish Admirer**

By Beth Wiseman

*Available only in large print*

## Romance

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### **Pitcher Perfect**

By Tessa Bailey

*Also available: CD*

### **The Secret Christmas Library**

By Jenny Colgan

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Second Story Bookshop**

By Denise Hunter

*Also available: large print*

### **A Ferry Merry Christmas**

By Debbie Macomber

*Also available: large print*

### **Kooky Spooky Love**

By Josie Silver

*Also available: large print*

### **Snow Kissed**

By RaeAnne Thayne

*Also available: large print*

### **And Then There Was the One**

By Martha Waters

*Also available: CD*

# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

## Science Fiction/ Fantasy

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### **Brimstone**

By Callie Hart

### **NYT The Strength of the Few**

By James Islington

### **Hemlock & Silver**

By T. Kingfisher

### **NYT Alchemised**

By SenLinYu

### **Conform**

By Ariel Sullivan

## Short Stories

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### **The Best Mystery Stories of the Year 2025**

Introduction by John Grisham

### **The Land of Sweet Forever: Stories and Essays**

By Harper Lee

### **The Eleventh Hour: A Quintet of Stories**

By Salman Rushdie

*Also available: large print*

### **Good and Evil and Other Stories**

By Samanta Schweblin

### **Ladies in Waiting: Jane Austen's Unsung Characters**

By Adriana Trigiani, et al.

*Also available: large print*

## Thriller

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### **Executive Power**

By Brian Andrews and  
Jeffrey Wilson

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT Nash Falls**

By David Baldacci

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Cry Havoc**

By Jack Carr

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **NYT Exit Strategy**

By Lee Child and Andrew Child

*Also available: large print*

### **Spasm**

By Robin Cook

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Denied Access**

By Vince Flynn and Don Bentley

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Tin Men**

By Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **The Wasp Trap**

By Mark Edwards

### **Last Seen**

By J.T. Ellison

*Also available: large print*

### **NYT The Widow**

By John Grisham

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Last One Seen**

By Rebecca Kanner

### **Coyote Hills**

By Jonathan Kellerman and  
Jesse Kellerman

*Also available: large print*

### **Quantum Tempest**

By Mike Maden

*Also available: large print, CD*

### **Code Blue**

By Fern Michaels

*Also available: large print*

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## Western

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### **Retribution Trail**

By Michael A. Black  
*Available only in large print*

### **The Gun Man Jackson Swagger**

By Stephen Hunter  
*Also available: large print*

### **Long Ride to Buffalo**

By Robert Vaughan  
*Available only in large print*

## Nonfiction

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### **Listening to the Law: Reflections on the Court and Constitution**

By Justice Amy Coney Barrett  
*Also available: large print*

### **Chasing Evil: Shocking Crimes, Supernatural Forces, and an FBI Agent's Search for Hope and Justice**

By John Edward and Robert Hilland

### **The Traitors Circle: The True Story of a Secret Resistance Network in Nazi Germany – and the Spy Who Betrayed Them**

By Jonathan Freedland  
*Also available: large print*

### **The Zorg: A Tale of Greed and Murder That Inspired the Abolition of Slavery**

By Siddharth Kara

### **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**

By Robin Wall Kimmerer  
*Also available: large print, CD*

*Note: Title selection for the Mary Ann Key Book Club event on May 13*

### **Bone Valley: A True Story of Injustice and Redemption in the Heart of Florida**

By Gilbert King

### **Joyride: A Memoir**

By Susan Orlean  
*Also available: large print, CD*

### **When Everyone Knows That Everyone Knows... Common Knowledge and the Mysteries of Money, Power, and Everyday Life**

By Steven Pinker

### **Turtle Island: Foods and Traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of North America**

By Sean Sherman

### **Tigers Between Empires: The Improbable Return of Great Cats to the Forests of Russia and China**

By Jonathan C. Slaght

### **Dead and Alive: Essays**

By Zadie Smith  
*Also available: large print*

### **100 Rules for Living to 100: An Optimist's Guide to a Happy Life**

By Dick Van Dyke  
*Also available: large print*

### **If Anyone Builds It, Everyone Dies: Why Superhuman AI Would Kill Us All**

By Eliezer Yudkowsky and Nate Soares

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