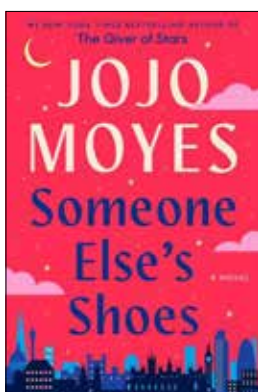


Reader Recommendations



Someone Else's Shoes

By Jojo Moyes

When Sam accidentally takes wealthy Nisha's gym bag, their lives unexpectedly intersect. Sam gains confidence and opportunity from Nisha's expensive shoes while Nisha, suddenly cut off by her husband, fights to rebuild her life. It is a funny, heartfelt story about sudden reversals and shifting perceptions, with an unexpected ending.

Also available: large print, CD

Reviewed by Jan K., At Home patron



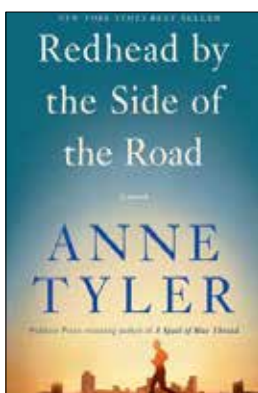
The High Notes

By Danielle Steel

Iris Cooper grows up singing in Texas bars while her father exploits her talent. Life on tour brings more mistreatment but also musicians who help her believe in herself. As she finally breaks free and pursues her dreams, it becomes a powerful story of resilience and award-winning success.

Also available: large print, CD

Reviewed by Helen L., At Home patron



Redhead by the Side of the Road

By Anne Tyler

Micah Mortimer's careful routines crumble when his woman friend faces eviction and a teen claims to be his son. These surprises unsettle his orderly world and show what his introspective, emotionally distant habits have cost him. They nudge him into a moving, gently funny journey toward connection and change.

Also available: large print, CD

Reviewed by Richard P., At Home patron

New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

The Jilted Countess

By Loretta Ellsworth

After WWII, a Hungarian countess arrives in postwar Minnesota after being abandoned by the soldier who promised to marry her. When a columnist shares her story, nearly 1,800 veterans propose, complicating her new life as her former fiancé returns.

NYT My Husband's Wife

By Alice Feeney

When artist Eden returns home, she finds an identical woman who insists she is the true wife. Months earlier, Birdy uncovered a death-prediction clinic whose secrets ultimately draw her into Eden's unraveling identity mystery.

Also available: large print, CD

The Ferryman and His Wife

By Frode Grytten

On the day he knows he will die, Nils sails alone as memories and long-lost loved ones appear around him. With the dead beside him, he waits for his remarkable wife, Marta, to return.

Also available: large print

Wolf Hour

By Jo Nesbø

In 2016 Minneapolis, a murdered gun dealer sparks a hunt for suspected serial killer Tomas Gomez, a gang-linked fugitive. By 2022, a Norwegian crime writer researching the case reveals his neutrality is not what it seems.

Also available: large print

Bog Queen

By Anna North

In northwest England, a preserved bog body draws forensic anthropologist Agnes into uncovering an Iron Age woman's life amid land-use disputes and self-doubt. The novel shifts between modern England and Celtic Europe, showing how the past shapes her life.

Also available: large print

NYT The Astral Library

By Kate Quinn

In Boston, Alix Watson discovers a secret library where books open portals into worlds inspired by Jane Austen, Sherlock Holmes, and *The Great Gatsby*. Guided by a mysterious librarian, she must protect the library from an unidentified adversary.

Also available: large print, CD

Good People

By Patmeena Sabit

After tragedy strikes the Sharaf family, conflicting accounts expose hidden tensions surrounding eldest daughter Zorah. Through varied perspectives, the story unravels the polished success narrative the family worked so hard to build.

Also available: large print

NYT Vigil

By George Saunders

Sent to escort magnate K.J. Boone into the afterlife, Jill Blaine finds a man certain his life needs no reckoning. As perspectives from his past and beyond converge, they reveal the consequences Boone refused to acknowledge.

Also available: large print

Mona's Eyes

By Thomas Schlessler

Ten-year-old Mona spends 52 Wednesdays visiting masterpieces by artists like Botticelli and Basquiat with her grandfather before she loses her eyesight forever. Through these trips, she discovers generosity, doubt, melancholy, loss, and revolt.

Also available: large print

New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

99 Ways to Die: And How to Avoid Them By Ashely Alker, M.D.

This guide explores 99 deadly threats through shocking, funny, and practical insights drawn from real emergency-room experiences. It blends wild stories with clear advice on avoiding dangers from disease, crime, animals, drugs, disasters, and more.

Miracle Children: Race, Education, and a True Story of False Promises By Katie Benner and Erica L. Green

This investigation reveals how a praised Louisiana prep school faked transcripts and stories to win elite college admissions. The scandal highlights inequities shaped by segregation, limited opportunity, and racial pressure.

NYT Homeschooled: A Memoir

By Stefan Merrill Block

Pulled from school at 9 years old to be homeschooled by his unstable mother, a boy watches their relationship unravel. His rocky return to public school, marked by bullying, is recalled against the backdrop of today's rise in homeschooling.

NYT Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage

By Belle Burden

When her husband abruptly leaves early in the pandemic, a woman reevaluates their 20-year marriage. As she pieces together the clues she ignored, she presses on and refuses to let heartbreak narrow her sense of what love can be.

NYT One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This

By Omar El Akkad

A journalist and novelist explains how decades of reporting on the War on Terror, Gaza, and deepening inequality ultimately led him to reject long-held Western ideals.

Also available: large print

NYT Nobody's Girl: A Memoir of Surviving Abuse and Fighting for Justice

By Virginia Roberts Giuffre

The late Virginia Giuffre's memoir recounts her trafficking by Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell and her role in exposing their crimes. It also preserves her legacy as an advocate for survivors.

Also available: large print

NYT Football

By Chuck Klosterman

A veteran cultural critic examines how the NFL's dominance over American television influences public identity and media habits. Drawing on personal experience, he analyzes football's ties to gambling, coaching mythology, and acceptable risk.

Winter: The Story of a Season

By Val McDermid

This celebrated Scottish novelist reflects on a winter marked by traditions like Bonfire Night and Up Helly Aa. Childhood memories deepen her meditation on ritual, creativity, and quiet.

Becoming the Twin Cities: Swindles, Schemes, and Enduring Rivalries

By Drew M Ross

Following land grabs, party clashes, and civic battles, this account details how key 19th-century players prevented a Minneapolis – St. Paul merger and defined the Twin Cities' distinct identities.

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Fiction

The Heir Apparent

By Rebecca Armitage

All the Little Houses

By May Cobb

Also available: large print

So Old, So Young

By Grant Ginder

This Is Not About Us

By Allegra Goodman

Also available: large print

Before I Forget

By Tory Henwood Hoen

Also available: large print

NYT Woman Down

By Colleen Hoover

Also available: large print

The Rest of Our Lives

By Ben Markovits

Also available: CD

NYT Half His Age

By Jennette McCurdy

Also available: large print

The Murder at World's End

By Ross Montgomery

Also available: CD

Meet the Newmans

By Jennifer Niven

Also available: large print

The Ten Year Affair

By Erin Somers

Also available: CD

NYT The Devil's Daughter

By Danielle Steel

Also available: large print, CD

Cozy Mystery

The Sisterhood

By Tasha Alexander

Also available: large print, CD

Beach Reads and Deadly Deeds

By Allison Brennan

Also available: large print

Death on Dickens Island

By Allison Brook

Also available: large print

Icing on the Murder

By Valerie Burns

Also available: large print

Gull & Bones

By Sally Goldenbaum

Also available: large print

Murder at Donwell Abbey

By Vanessa Kelly

Also available: large print

The Botanist's Assistant

By Peggy Townsend

Also available: large print

Historical

Everybody Wants to Rule the World

By Ace Atkins

Also available: CD

The Bookbinder's Secret

By A.D. Bell

Also available: large print

Huguette

By Cara Black

Also available: large print

Sharpe's Storm: Richard Sharpe and the Invasion of Southern France, 1813

By Bernard Cornwell

Also available: large print, CD

The Book of Lost Hours

By Hayley Gelfuso

Also available: large print, CD

Call Me Ishmaelle

By Xiaolu Guo

Fonseca

By Jessica Francis Kane

Also available: large print

The Rush

By Beth Lewis

Also available: large print

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Skylark

By Paula McLain

Also available: large print, CD

This Is Where the Serpent Lives

By Daniyal Mueenuddin

Blonde Dust

By Tatiana de Rosnay

Also available: large print

A Christmas Witness

By Charles Todd

Also available: large print

Humorous

Mrs. Christie at the Mystery Guild Library

By Amanda Chapman

Also available: large print

One & Only

By Maurene Goo

Also available: large print

Best Offer Wins

By Marisa Kashino

Also available: large print

The Lost Language of Oysters

By Alexander McCall Smith

Also available: CD

Mystery

Death of a Groom

By M.C. Beaton with
R.W. Green

Also available: large print

The Hadacol Boogie

By James Lee Burke

Also available: large print, CD

Robert B. Parker's Big Shot

By Christopher Farnsworth

Also available: large print

The List of Suspicious Things

By Jennie Godfrey

Jigsaw

By Jonathan Kellerman

Also available: large print

NYT Cross & Sampson

By James Patterson and
Brian Sitts

Also available: large print

NYT Stolen in Death

By J.D. Robb

Also available: large print, CD

The Librarians

By Sherry Thomas

Also available: large print

Religious

The Pretender

By Wanda E. Brunstetter

Also available: large print

The French Kitchen

By Kristy Cambron

Also available: large print

The Christmas Stranger

By Richard Paul Evans

Also available: large print, CD

At Morning's Light

By Lauraine Snelling with

Kiersti Giron

Also available: large print, CD

Romance

Remember That Day

By Mary Balogh

Also available: large print, CD

And Then There Was You

By Sophie Cousens

Also available: large print

Dark Joy

By Christine Feehan

Also available: large print, CD

The Witching Hours

By Heather Graham

Also available: large print, CD

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Romance

NYT **Two Can Play**

By Ali Hazelwood

Also available: large print

Whispers at Painswick Court

By Julie Klassen

Also available: large print, CD

Wild Eyes

By Elsie Silver

Also available: large print

Science Fiction/Fantasy

NYT **Twelve Months:**

A Novel of the Dresden Files

By Jim Butcher

Order of Royals

By Jude Deveraux

Also available: large print

The Everlasting

By Alix E. Harrow

Violet Thistlewaite Is Not a Villain Anymore

By Emily Krempholtz

Also available: large print

Witches of Dubious Origin

By Jenn McKinlay

Also available: large print

Short Stories

Tailored Realities

By Brandon Sanderson

The Best American Mystery & Suspense 2025

Edited and with an introduction
by Don Winslow

**The Final Score:
Six Short Novels**

By Don Winslow

Also available: large print, CD

Thriller

NYT **The Devil's Bible**

By Steve Berry

Also available: large print

NYT **The First Time
I Saw Him**

By Laura Dave

Also available: large print, CD

NYT **Anatomy of an Alibi**

By Ashley Elston

Also available: large print

My Husband's Wife

By Alice Feeney

Also available: large print, CD

Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Revenge

By Brian Freeman

Also available: large print

NYT **The Hard Line**

By Mark Greaney

Also available: large print

The Perfect Hosts

By Heather Gudenkauf

Also available: large print

The Storm

By Rachel Hawkins

Also available: large print, CD

Antihero

By Gregg Hurwitz

Also available: large print, CD

The Shop on Hidden Lane

By Jayne Ann Krentz

Also available: large print, CD

NYT **It's Not Her**

By Mary Kubica

Also available: large print

False Witness

By Phillip Margolin

Also available: large print

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NYT Dear Debbie

By Freida McFadden
Also available: large print

When I Kill You

By B.A. Paris
Also available: large print, CD

**NYT Pendergast:
The Beginning**

By Douglas Preston and
Lincoln Child
Also available: large print

NYT Cold Zero

By Brad Thor and Ward Larsen
Also available: large print, CD

Western

Fire of Death

By James Clay
Available only in large print

Deadly Trail

By James J. Griffin
Available only in large print

Born to Be Killed

By William W. Johnstone and
J.A. Johnstone

Nonfiction

**NYT You With the Sad Eyes:
A Memoir**

By Christina Applegate
Also available: large print

**Book of Lives:
A Memoir of Sorts**

By Margaret Atwood
Also available: large print

**The Typewriter and the
Guillotine: An American
Journalist, a German
Serial Killer, and Paris
on the Eve of WWII**

By Mark Braude
Also available: large print

**Running Deep: Bravery,
Survival, and the True
Story of the Deadliest
Submarine in World War II**

By Tom Clavin
Also available: large print

**This Way Up: When Maps
Go Wrong (and Why It
Matters)**

By Mark Cooper-Jones and
Jay Foreman

**Eat Your Ice Cream:
Six Simple Rules for a
Long and Healthy Life**
By Ezekiel J. Emanuel, M.D., Ph.D.

**Family of Spies:
A World War II Story of
Nazi Espionage, Betrayal,
and the Secret History
Behind Pearl Harbor**

By Christine Kuehn

**Softly, As I Leave You:
Life After Elvis**

By Priscilla Beaulieu Presley with
Mary Jane Ross
Also available: large print, CD

**The Other Side of Change:
Who We Become When
Life Makes Other Plans**

By Maya Shankar

**Firestorm: The Great
Los Angeles Fires and
America's New Age of
Disaster**

By Jacob Soboroff

**NYT Mattering:
The Secret to a Life of
Deep Connection and
Purpose**

By Jennifer Breheny Wallace

**The Breath of the Gods:
The History and Future
of the Wind**

By Simon Winchester



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