

Titles that have been added to the collection recently are identified as **NEW!**

FICTION

All the Little Live Things by Wallace Stegner (345 pages)

A retired couple is affected by their troubled neighbors of different generations.

Amagansett by Mark Mills (394 pages)

A mystery set on the eastern edge of Long Island after World War II.

Atonement by Ian McEwan (351 pages)

What a young girl with an overactive imagination sees on a summer afternoon forever changes her life and the lives of those around her.

Between, Georgia by Joshilyn Jackson (320 pages)

Although an adult, Nonny is still caught between her adopted family and her birth family in this slightly quirky but uplifting story that has a satisfying ending.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (550 pages)

The life of a young girl, Liesel Meminger, is narrated by Death in this novel of World War II Germany.

Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo (642 pages)

A poignant story of small town life, unrealized dreams and midlife.

Broken for You by Stephanie Kallos (371 pages)

Two deeply unhappy women - Margaret, an elderly woman with a serious illness, and Wanda, a young woman abandoned by the people she loves - find a way to redemption together.

Captain's Wife by Douglas Kelley (323 pages)

A young woman must navigate a clipper ship around Cape Horn in 1856 when her captain husband falls gravely ill.

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon (226 pages)

This novel, narrated by a fifteen-year old with Asperger's syndrome, is at once a mystery, a coming-of-age story, and a look at a life without an understanding of emotions.

The Devil in the Junior League by Linda Francis Lee (352 pages)

Texas socialite, Freddy Ware faces challenges to her near perfect life in this humorous book that has a satisfying ending.

Digging to American by Anne Tyler (277 pages)

Two couples meet as they are adopting children and become lifelong friends.

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran (326 pages)

A young boy deals with losing his father on September 11th.

The Fig Eater by Jody Shields (311 pages)

A husband and wife solve the same murder in different ways in 1910 Vienna.

The Forest Lover by Susan Vreeland (333 pages)

A novel based on the life of the British Columbian painter, Emily Carr.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (290 pages)

Residents of the island cope with Nazi occupation.

Himalayan Dhaba by Craig Joseph Danner (311 pages)

The lives of locals and expatriates intertwine in a remote Himalayan village in northern India where American physician, Mary Davis travels to work in a public clinic after the sudden death of her husband.

Home to Harmony by Philip Gulley (256 pages)

A Quaker minister returns to his hometown and a varied congregation in this humorous and uplifting book.

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez

Four sisters cope with life in a new country.

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez (325 pages)

A novel based on the true story of the four Mirabel sisters who each became caught up in the political turmoil in the Dominican Republic during the time of the dictator Trujillo.

Kindred by Octavia Butler (287 pages)

A modern African-American woman travels back through time to the antebellum South to help an ancestor.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini (372 pages)

The history and culture of Afghanistan are brought alive in this captivating story of friendship, betrayal and family ties.

Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper by Harriet Scott Chessman (164 pages)

In a novel set in 19th century Paris, Lydia poses for her sister, artist Mary Cassatt, as she battles a debilitating illness.

The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean (231 pages)

Alternates between past and present to tell the story of an 82-year-old Russian émigré who as a young woman gave tours of the Hermitage Museum but who now lives in the Pacific Northwest and suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear (294 pages)

As a former nurse in France during World War I and now a private investigator, Maisie Dobbs must confront her past as she solves two cases with rare insight and compassion in 1929 London.

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett (217 pages)

A dark, hard-boiled detective story set in 1930 San Francisco.

Margherita Dolce Vita by Sefano Benni (226 pages)

Margherita's somewhat eccentric family life changes drastically when a new family moves next door. A thought-provoking commentary on modern life.

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards (432 pages)

When his wife gives birth to twins and one is born with Down syndrome, a doctor makes a fateful decision.

NEW! Night Train to Lisbon by Pascal Mercier

A chance meeting with a Portuguese woman on a bridge causes ancient languages professor, Raimund Gregorius to abruptly change his life. (438 pages)

The Sea by John Banville (195 pages)

After his wife dies, a man returns to the seaside where he spent summers as a young man and tries to make sense of his past.

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See (288 pages)

A touching look at the lives of two women, Lily and Snow Flower, and the traditions of 19th century rural China that included sworn sisterhood, secret writing and foot binding.

A Sudden Country by Karen Fisher (379 pages)

Love, adventure and loss along the Oregon Trail.

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky (395 pages)

A beautifully written novel of the French people caught up in the occupation of France during World War II.

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield (432 pages)

When a young woman is asked to write the biography of an elderly popular English writer, she enters a world of dark secrets in this haunting suspense tale. Reminiscent of Rebecca and Jane Eyre.

A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell (430 pages)

An historical novel of Italian resistance to the occupying Germans during World War II.

The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig (345 pages)

Set in rural Montana at the beginning of the 1900s, the lives of the motherless Milliron boys change forever with the arrival of a housekeeper, Rose, who proclaims that she "can't cook, but doesn't bite".

When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka (144 pages)

The powerful story of one Japanese American family and their internment during World War II.

NONFICTION

Agent Zigzag: The True Story of Nazi Espionage, Love and Betrayal by Ben Macintyre

A captivating story of an unlikely but very successful British spy during World War II.

Autobiography of Ben Franklin by Ben Franklin

The life of Franklin: scientist, statesman, philosopher, businessman, and civic leader, in his own words.

Basilica: the Splendor and the Scandal: Building St. Peter's by R.A. Scotti (299 pages)

Focuses on the individuals involved in the building of St. Peter's in Rome: the artists, architects, popes and the faithful.

Chosen by A Horse: A Memoir by Susan Richards (248 pages)

A woman with many personal problems devotes herself to a sick horse.

Confederates in the Attic by Tony Horwitz (406 pages)

In this very readable book, the author looks at how the Civil War still affects us today.

A Crocodile Eats the Sun: A Memoir of Africa by Peter Godwin (341 pages)

A Zimbabwe-born writer returns to Africa to understand the tragic reality of his once prosperous homeland.

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert (334 pages)

When her marriage ends, a woman embarks on a spiritual quest and a journey of self-discovery that takes her to Italy, India and Indonesia.

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser (383 pages)

The author examines fast food and how it affects our lives in many ways.

Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire by Amanda Foreman (454 pages)

One of the most prominent women of her day, this relative of Diana, Princess of Wales was a leader in politics as well as in fashion. A biography based on letters and documents of the time – 1757-1806.

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls (288 pages)

A memoir of Jeannette Walls growing up in a dysfunctional, poor family and her struggle to rise above her beginnings.

Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali (353 pages)

A Somali-born woman escapes an arranged marriage, seeks asylum in the Netherlands and becomes a voice for downtrodden women.

The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town by John Grisham

(360 pages)

The true story of police and judicial mistakes that led to two innocent men being convicted of murder.

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (207 pages)

An educated young man gives up his possessions and walks alone into the Alaskan wilderness.

Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda by Rosamund Carr

An American woman makes Rwanda her home in a life filled with adventure, hard work, caring and compassion.

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan (362 pages)

A young Jewish woman and a young Palestinian refugee have a lifelong friendship and frank dialogue. A true story that illuminates the complex history of the Middle East.

The Man Who Loved China by Simon Winchester (316 pages)

The story of Cambridge intellectual, Joseph Needham, and his efforts to document the stunning history of Chinese scientific achievement.

Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War by Nathaniel Philbrick (463 pages)
A detailed look at the lives of the Plymouth colonists and the Native Americans whose land they settled in the years before the Revolutionary War.

The Most Famous Man in American by Debby Applegate (529 pages)
The life and times of a controversial preacher and the scandal that became his downfall. A 2007 Pulitzer Prize winner.

Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich (230 pages)
A journalist goes undercover to tell the story of life as a minimum wage worker in the United States.

Oil on the Brain by Lisa Margonelli (324 pages)
The journey of oil from the ground to the pump is examined in this very readable title.

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan (450 pages)
A surprising and thoughtful account of how Americans produce and market their food and decide what to eat.

Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe by Laurence Bergreen (458 pages)
A lively telling of Ferdinand Magellan's expedition in 1519 - the first to circumnavigate the globe.

The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan (351 pages)
A very clever homemaker keeps her family afloat during hard times and family turmoil by winning contests in the 1950s and 60s.

Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi (356 pages)
A female university professor and a group of young women meet in secret to discuss forbidden literature in modern day Iran.

Self-Made Man: One Woman's Journey into Manhood and Back Again by Norah Vincent (290 pages)
A woman decides to explore what it is really like to be a man.

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Lincoln (916 pages)
A biography not only of Lincoln but of the team he put together to help him lead the country in a time of crisis – both political friends and political rivals.

There Is No Me Without You by Melissa Fay Greene (472 pages)
One woman's response to the African AIDS crisis.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations – One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin (347 pages)
A mountain climber commits to building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy by Carlos Eire (390 pages)
A memoir of a boy growing up in Cuba in the 1950s and of the revolution that changed his life forever.

Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan (340 pages)

A moving and very readable history of the Dust Bowl. A National Book Award winner.

COMING SOON:

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin (369 pages)

The Eleventh Man by Ivan Doig (406 pages)

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