

Fiction

Aioki, Ryka. “Light from Uncommon Stars” 2022

Shizuka Satomi made a deal with the devil: To escape damnation, she must entice seven other violin prodigies to trade their souls for success. She has already delivered six. When Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender runaway, catches Shizuka’s ear with her wild talent, Shizuka can almost feel the curse lifting. She’s found her final candidate. But in a donut shop off a bustling highway in the San Gabriel Valley, Shizuka meets Lan Tran, retired starship captain, interstellar refugee, and mother of four. As the lives of these three women become entangled by chance and fate, a story of magic, identity, curses and hope begins, and a family worth crossing the universe for is found.

SF AIOKI; BDG AIOKI; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio; HOOPLA: eBook

Barnhill, Kelly. “When Women Were Dragons” 2022

Alex Green is a young girl in a world much like ours, except for its most seminal event: the Mass Dragoning of 1955, when hundreds of thousands of ordinary wives and mothers sprouted wings, scales, and talons. They left a trail of fiery destruction in their path and took to the skies. Was it their choice? What will become of those left behind? Why did Alex’s beloved aunt Marla transform but her mother did not? Alex doesn’t know. It’s taboo to speak of. Forced into silence, Alex nevertheless must face the consequences of this astonishing event: a mother more protective than ever, an absentee father, the upsetting insistence that her aunt never even existed, and watching her beloved cousin Bea become dangerously obsessed with the forbidden.

FIC BARNHILL; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Bennett, Claire-Louise. “Checkout 19” 2022

In a working-class town in a county west of London, a schoolgirl scribbles stories in the back pages of her exercise book, intoxicated by the first sparks of her imagination. As she grows, everything and everyone she encounters become fuel for a burning talent. The large Russian man in the ancient maroon car who careens around the grocery store where she works as a checkout clerk, and slips her a copy of “Beyond Good and Evil.” The growing heaps of other books in which she loses – and finds – herself. Even the derailing of a friendship, in a devastating violation. The thrill of learning to conjure characters and scenarios in her head is matched by the exhilaration of forging her own way in the world, the two kinds of ingenuity kindling to a brilliant conflagration.

FIC BENNETT; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Blau, Anya. "Mary Jane" 2021

"Almost Famous" meets "Daisy Jones and the Six" in this funny, wise and tender novel about a 14-year-old girl's coming of age in 1970s Baltimore, caught between her straight-laced family and the progressive family she nannies for – who happen to be secretly hiding a famous rock star and his movie star wife for the summer.

FIC BLAU; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Brooks, Geraldine. "Horse" 2022

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history ... From these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history Kentucky, 1850. Jarrett, an enslaved groom, and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. As the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name painting the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack. New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a 19th century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance. Washington, D.C., 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly drawn to one another through their shared interest in the horse – one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, who became America's greatest stud sire.

FIC BROOKS; LPB FIC BROOKS; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Cruz, Angie. "How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water" 2022

Cara Romero thought she would work at the factory of little lamps for the rest of her life. But when, in her mid-50s, she loses her job in the Great Recession, she is forced back into the job market for the first time in decades. Set up with a job counselor, Cara instead begins to narrate the story of her life. Over the course of 12 sessions, Cara recounts her tempestuous love affairs, her alternately biting and loving relationships with her neighbor Lulu and her sister Angela, her struggles with debt, gentrification and loss, and, eventually, what really happened between her and her estranged son, Fernando. As Cara confronts her darkest secrets and regrets, we see a woman buffeted by life but still full of fight. Structurally inventive and emotionally kaleidoscopic, "How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water" is Angie Cruz's most ambitious and moving novel yet, and Cara is a heroine for the ages.

FIC CRUZ; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Diaz, Hernan. "Trust" 2022

Trust is made of four "subworks" in various states of completion that together shape the tale of a fictional American oligarch, Andrew Bevel, whose skilled stock market manipulations may

have caused the Twenties boom and subsequent Great Depression. The first work is a short novel, a fictionalized take of Bevel's success and his wife's loss of her grip on reality. The second is ostensibly Bevel's unfinished autobiography, which he wrote to correct supposed errors in the novel. (It's actually written by a ghostwriter, Ida Partenza, whose memoir forms the third work.) Last is a memoir fragment by Bevel's dying wife. Both historical and postmodern, this novel gives readers the task of interpreting its multiple parts and narrators, making it an intriguing, stimulating read. Throughout, Diaz's stirring prose and unforgettable imagery shine through, notably in his poetic descriptions of high finance.

FIC DIAZ; LPB FIC DIAZ; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Edward, Ashton. "Mickey7: A Novel" 2022

Dying isn't any fun, but at least it's a living. Mickey7 is an Expendable, a disposable employee on a human expedition sent to colonize the ice world Niflheim. Whenever there's a mission that's too dangerous — even suicidal — the crew turns to Mickey. After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most of his memories intact. After six deaths, Mickey7 understands the terms of his deal, and why it was the only colonial position unfilled when he took it. On a fairly routine scouting mission, Mickey7 goes missing and is presumed dead. By the time he returns to the colony base, surprisingly helped back by native life, Mickey7's fate has been sealed. There's a new clone, Mickey8, reporting for Expendable duties.

SCI FI ASHTON; LIBBY: eBook

Evanovich, Janet. "The Recovery Agent" (Gabriela Rose #1) 2022

Lost something? Gabriela Rose knows how to get it back. As a recovery agent, she's hired by individuals and companies seeking lost treasures, stolen heirlooms, or missing assets of any kind. She's reliable, cool under pressure, and well trained in weapons of all types. But Gabriela's latest job isn't for some bamboozled billionaire, it's for her own family, whose home is going to be wiped off the map if they can't come up with a lot of money fast. Inspired by an old family legend, Gabriela sets off for the jungles of Peru in pursuit of the Ring of Solomon and the lost treasure of Cortez. But this particular job comes with a huge problem attached to it — Gabriela's ex-husband, Rafer. It's Rafer who has the map that possibly points the way to the treasure, and he's not about to let Gabriela find it without him. Rafer is as relaxed as Gabriela is driven, and he has a lifetime's experience getting under his ex-wife's skin. When they aren't bickering about old times the two make a formidable team, and it's going to take a team to defeat the vicious drug lord who has also been searching for the fabled ring. A drug lord who doesn't mind leaving a large body count behind him to get it.

MYS EVANOVICH; LPB MYS EVANOVICH; CD FIC EVANOVICH; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Fitzgerald, Isaac. "Dirtbag, Massachusetts" 2022

Isaac Fitzgerald has lived many lives. He's been an altar boy, a bartender, a fat kid, a smuggler, a biker, and a prince of New England. But before all that, he was a bomb that exploded his parents' lives — or so he was told. In *Dirtbag, Massachusetts*, Fitzgerald, with warmth and

humor, recounts his ongoing search for forgiveness, a more far-reaching vision of masculinity, and a more expansive definition of family and self.

BIO FITZGERALD; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Gentill, Sulari. “The Woman in the Library” 2022

When a woman's terrified scream echoes through the reading room of the Boston Public Library, the security guards instruct everyone to stay until an all-clear is issued. While waiting, four strangers begin to chat and get to know each other. They all have different reasons for being there, and one of them may very well be a killer. You may put together all the clues, but you'll never guess who it is.

MYS GENTILL; LPB MYS GENTILL; PLAYAWAY GENTILL; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Gunty, Tess. “The Rabbit Hutch” 2022

Winner of the National Book Award for Fiction, Gunty's dense, prismatic debut, a novel of impressive scope and specificity, confines itself almost entirely to a single summer week in the fictional Midwestern city of Vacca Vale, Indiana. The book is funny, surreal, violent, and beautiful in turns. Fans of David Foster Wallace will find a lot to like here. Beware the Abominable Glow Man.

FIC GUNTY; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Hamdy, Adam. “The Other Side of Night” 2022

The “Other Side of Night” begins with a man named David Asha writing about his biggest regret: his sudden separation from his son, Elliot. In his grief, David tells a story. Next, we step into the life of Harriet Kealty, a police officer trying to clear her name after a lapse of judgment. She discovers a curious inscription in a secondhand book — a plea: Help me, he's trying to kill me. Who wrote this note? Who is “he”? This note leads Harri to David Asha, who was last seen stepping off a cliff. Police suspect he couldn't cope after his wife's sudden death. Still, why would this man jump and leave behind his young son? Quickly, Harri's attention zeroes in on a person she knows all too well. Ben Elmys: once the love of her life. A surrogate father to Elliot Asha and trusted friend to the Ashas. Ben may also be a murderer. Compulsively readable and thought-provoking.

FIC HAMDY; LIBBY: eBook

Jayatissa, Amanda. “You're Invited” 2022

What could be worse than your ex-boyfriend marrying your childhood best friend? Getting accused of her murder. From the award-winning author of “My Sweet Girl” comes a dangerously addictive new thriller about a lavish Sri Lankan wedding celebration that not everyone will survive.

FIC JAY

LaCour, Nina. "Yerba Buena" 2022

Sara Foster runs away from home at 16, leaving behind the girl she once was, capable of trust and intimacy. Years later, in Los Angeles, she is a sought-after bartender, renowned as much for her brilliant cocktails as for the mystery that clings to her. Across the city, Emilie Dubois is in a holding pattern, yearning for the beauty and community her Creole grandparents cultivated but unable to commit. On a whim, she takes a job arranging flowers at the glamorous restaurant Yerba Buena. The morning Emilie and Sara first meet at Yerba Buena, their connection is immediate. But soon Sara's old life catches up to her, upending everything she thought she wanted, just as Emilie has finally gained her own sense of purpose. Will their love be more powerful than their pasts?

FIC LACOUR; Playaway LACOUR; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

LeBlanc, Maurice. "Arsène Lupin, Gentleman-Thief" 2022

Arsène Lupin is one of literatures first and most beloved gentleman thieves. Presented here are nine early stories compiled into an oversized illustrated novel format with beautiful sketches and watercolors by Vincent Mallié. Join this dashing ne'er-do-well as he masters the art of disguise, practices artful confidence, and matched wits with a suspiciously familiar detective named Herlock Sholmes.

FIC LEBLANC

Millet, Lydia. "A Children's Bible" 2020

An indelible and haunting new novel that explores the loss of childhood, intergenerational conflict, and humanity's complacency in the face of its own demise. Lydia Millet's multilayered new novel follows a group of children and their families on summer vacation at a lakeside mansion. In "A Children's Bible," Millet offers brilliant commentary on the environment and human weakness and a vision of what awaits us on the other side of Revelations.

FIC MILLET; CD FIC MILLET; LIBBY: eAudio; HOOPLA: eAudio

Nagamatsu, Sequoia. "How High We Go in the Dark" 2022

In 2030, a grieving archeologist arrives in the Arctic Circle to continue the work of his recently deceased daughter at the Batagaika Crater, where researchers are studying long-buried secrets now revealed in melting permafrost, including the perfectly preserved remains of a girl who appears to have died of an ancient virus. Once unleashed, the Arctic plague will reshape life on Earth for generations to come, quickly traversing the globe, forcing humanity to devise a myriad of moving and inventive ways to embrace possibility in the face of tragedy. In a theme park designed for terminally ill children, a cynical employee falls in love with a mother desperate to hold on to her infected son. A heartbroken scientist searching for a cure finds a second chance at fatherhood when one of his test subjects — a pig — develops the capacity for human speech. A widowed painter and her granddaughter embark on a quest to locate a new home planet.

SCI FI NAGAMATSU; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio. HOOPLA: eBook

Prose, Nita. "The Maid" 2022

When she discovers the dead body of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black in his suite, hotel maid Molly Gray finds her orderly life upended as she becomes the prime suspect in the case and is caught in a web of deception that she has no idea how to unravel.

MYS PROSE; LPB MYSTERY PROSE; PLAYAWAY PROSE; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Seckel, Emma. "The Wild Hunt" 2022

The islanders have only three rules: Don't stick your nose where it's not wanted; don't mention the war; and never let your guard down during October. Leigh Welles has not set foot in on the island in years, but when she finds herself called home from a disappointing life on the Scottish mainland by her father's unexpected death, she is determined to forget the sorrows of the past—her mother's abandonment, her brother's icy distance, the unspeakable tragedy of World War II—and start fresh. Fellow islander Iain MacTavish, a RAF veteran with his eyes on the sky and his head in the past is also in desperate need of a new beginning. A young widower, Iain struggles to return to the normal life he knew before the war. But this October is anything but normal. This October, the sluagh are restless. The ominous, bird-like creatures of Celtic legend, whispered to carry the souls of the dead, have haunted the islanders for decades, but in the war's wake, there are more wandering souls and more sluagh. When a local boy disappears, Leigh and Iain are thrown together to investigate the truth at the island's dark heart and reveal hidden secrets of their own. Rich with historical detail and a skillful speculative edge, Emma Seckel's propulsive and pulse-pounding debut "The Wild Hunt" unwinds long-held tales of love, loss, and redemption.

FIC SECKEL

Slaughter, Karin. "Girl, Forgotten" 2022

Who killed Emily Vaughn? Prom Night. Longbill Beach, 1982. Emily Vaughn dresses carefully for what's supposed to be the highlight of any high school career. But Emily has a secret. And by the end of the night, because of that secret, she will be dead. Nearly 40 years later, Andrea Oliver, newly qualified as a U.S. Marshal, receives her first assignment: Go to Longbill Beach to protect a judge receiving death threats. But Andrea's real focus isn't the judge – it's Emily Vaughn. Ever since she first heard Emily's name a year ago, she's been haunted by her brutal death. Nobody was ever convicted – her friends closed ranks, her family shut themselves off in their grief, the town moved on – so the killer is still out there. Now Andrea has a chance to find out what really happened.

MYS SLAUGHTER; CD FIC SLAUGHTER; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Straub, Emma. "This Time Tomorrow" 2022

On the eve of her 40th birthday, Alice's life isn't terrible. She likes her job, even if it isn't exactly the one she expected. She's happy with her apartment, her romantic status, and her

independence, and she adores her lifelong best friend. But her father is ailing, and it feels to her as if something is missing. When she wakes up the next morning, she finds herself back in 1996, reliving her sixteenth birthday. But it isn't just her adolescent body that shocks her, or seeing her high school crush — it's her dad, the vital, charming, 40-something version of her father with whom she is reunited. Now armed with a new perspective on her own life and his, some past events take on new meaning. Is there anything that she would change if she could?

FIC STRAUB; CD FIC STRAUB; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Toews, Miriam. "Women Talking" 2018.

One evening, eight Mennonite women climb into a hay loft to conduct a secret meeting. For the past two years, each of these women, and more than a hundred other girls in their colony, has been repeatedly violated in the night by demons coming to punish them for their sins. Now that the women have learned they were in fact drugged and attacked by a group of men from their own community, they are determined to protect themselves and their daughters from future harm. Based on real events and told through the "minutes" of the women's all-female symposium, Toews's masterful novel uses wry, politically engaged humor to relate this tale of women claiming their own power to decide.

FIC TOEWS; LPB TOEWS; CD FIC TOEWS; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Van Pelt, Shelby. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" 2022

A luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium, and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.

FIC VAN PELT; LPB FIC VAN PELT; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Ward, Catriona. "Little Eve" 2022

Eve and Dinah are raised among the Children, a clan ruled by a mysterious figure they call Uncle, on the island of Altnaharra, off the wildest coast of Scotland. The solitude of Altnaharra is broken when the nearby townsfolk discover a massacre on the Island. Eve and Dinah's accounts of that night contradict and intertwine, but only one woman can be telling the truth. A heart-pounding literary gothic with a devastating twist.

FIC WARD; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Wilkerson, Charmaine. "Black Cake" 2022

Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children, Byron and Benny: a traditional Caribbean black cake and a voice recording. Eleanor's heartbreaking journey, the secrets she held back, and the mystery of a long-lost child, challenge everything the siblings thought they knew about their family, and themselves.

FIC WILKERSON; LPB FIC WILKERSON; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Williams, Missouri. “The Doloriad” 2022

In weighty, biblical prose, Missouri Williams’ debut novel begins in the wake of a mysterious environmental cataclysm that has wiped out most of humankind. The Matriarch, her brother, and their extended family cling to existence on the edges of a deserted city. Bleak and unrelenting – this one is not for the faint of heart.

FIC WILSON; LIBBY: eBook

Wiseman, Ellen Marie. “The Lost Girls of Willowbrook” 2022

Sage Winters always knew her sister was a little different even though they were identical twins. Six years after Rosemary's death from pneumonia, Sage, now 16, still misses her deeply. Their mother perished in a car crash, and Sage is stunned to discover a shocking secret: Rosemary didn't die. She was committed to Willowbrook State School and has lingered there until just a few days ago, when she went missing. Sage knows little about Willowbrook. It's always been a place shrouded by rumor and mystery. A place local parents threaten to send misbehaving kids. With no idea what to expect, Sage secretly sets out for Willowbrook, determined to find Rosemary. What she learns, once she steps through its doors and is mistakenly believed to be her sister, will change her life in ways she never could imagined.

FIC WISEMAN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio; HOOPLA: eAudio

Wrobel, Stephanie. “This Might Hurt” 2022

When she receives an email from Wisewood, an off-the-grid facility where her sister is learning to become her Maximized Self, threatening to expose her darkest secret, Natalie heads North to come clean and soon discovers that Wisewood won't let either of them go without a fight.

FIC WROBEL; LPB FIC WROBEL; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Zevin, Gabrielle. “Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow” 2022

This is a modern love story about two childhood friends, Sam, raised by an actress mother in LA's Koreatown, and Sadie, from the wealthy Jewish enclave of Beverly Hills, who reunite as adults to create video games. They find an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives, from the New York Times best-selling author of “The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry.”

FIC ZEVIN; LPB ZEVIN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Non-Fiction

Beaton, Kate. “Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands” 2022

Before there was Kate Beaton, New York Times bestselling cartoonist of “Hark! A Vagrant,” there was Katie Beaton of the Cape Breton Beatons, specifically Mabou, a tight-knit seaside community where the lobster is as abundant as beaches, fiddles and Gaelic folk songs. With the

singular goal of paying off her student loans, Katie heads out west to take advantage of Alberta's oil rush – part of the long tradition of East Coasters who seek gainful employment elsewhere when they can't find it in the homeland they love so much. Katie encounters the harsh reality of life in the oil sands, where trauma is an everyday occurrence yet is never discussed. “Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands” is an untold story of Canada, a country that prides itself on its egalitarian ethos and natural beauty while simultaneously exploiting both the riches of its land and the humanity of its people.

GN BEATON; LIBBY: eBook

Bloom, Amy. “In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss” 2022

Amy Bloom began to notice changes in her husband, Brian: He retired early from a new job he loved; he withdrew from close friendships; he talked mostly about the past. Suddenly, it seemed there was a glass wall between them, and their long walks and talks stopped. Their world was altered forever when an MRI confirmed what they could no longer ignore: Brian had Alzheimer’s disease. Forced to confront the truth of the diagnosis and its impact on the future he had envisioned, Brian was determined to die on his feet, not live on his knees. Supporting each other in their last journey together, Brian and Amy made the unimaginably difficult and painful decision to go to Dignitas, an organization based in Switzerland that empowers a person to end their own life with dignity and peace. Bloom sheds light on a part of life we so often shy away from discussing — its ending.

616.8311 BLOOM; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Campbell, Hayley. “All the Living and the Dead: From Embalmers to Executioners, an Exploration of the People Who Have Made Death Their Life's Work” 2022

A deeply compelling exploration of the death industry and the people – morticians, detectives, crime scene cleaners, embalmers, executioners – who work in it and what led them there. We are surrounded by death. It is in our news, our nursery rhymes, our true-crime podcasts. Yet from a young age, we are told that death is something to be feared. How are we supposed to know what we're so afraid of, when we are never given the chance to look? Fueled by a childhood fascination with death, journalist Hayley Campbell searches for answers in the people who make a living by working with the dead. Along the way, she encounters mass fatality investigators, embalmers, and a former executioner who is responsible for ending 62 lives. She meets gravediggers who have already dug their own graves, visits a cryonics facility in Michigan, goes for late-night Chinese with a homicide detective, and questions a man whose job it is to make crime scenes disappear. Through Campbell's incisive and candid interviews with these people who see death every day, she asks: Why would someone choose this kind of life? Does it change you as a person? And are we missing something vital by letting death remain hidden? A dazzling work of cultural criticism, “All the Living and the Dead” weaves together reporting with memoir, history and philosophy, to offer readers a fascinating look into the psychology of Western death.

363.75 CAMPBELL; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Gaskill, Malcolm. “The Ruin of All Witches” 2022

Before there was Salem, there was Springfield. Malcolm Gaskill’s “The Ruin of All Witches” begins with the language of an ominous fairy tale: “Once, beside a great river at the edge of a forest, there stood a small town ...” Drawing on previously unexplored source material, Gaskill vividly evokes a strange past where lives were steeped in the divine and the diabolic, in omens, curses, enchantments and witchcraft.

133.4309 GASKILL; LIBBY: eAudio

Green, John. “The Anthropocene Reviewed” 2021

The Anthropocene is the current geologic age, in which humans have profoundly reshaped the planet and its biodiversity. In this remarkable symphony of essays adapted and expanded from his groundbreaking podcast, bestselling author John Green reviews different facets of the human-centered planet on a five-star scale — from the QWERTY keyboard and sunsets to Canada geese and penguins of Madagascar.

306 GREEN; CD 306 GREEN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Hall, Alvin. “Driving the Green Book: A Road Trip Through the Living History of Black Resistance” 2023

Alvin Hall set out to revisit the world of the Green Book to instruct us all on the real history of the guide that saved many lives. With his friend Janée Woods Weber, he drove from New York to Detroit to New Orleans, visiting motels, restaurants, shops and stores where Black Americans once found a friendly welcome. They explored historical and cultural landmarks, from the theaters and clubs where stars like Duke Ellington and Lena Horne performed to the Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Along the way, they gathered memories from some of the last living witnesses for whom the Green Book meant survival — remarkable people who not only endured but rose above the hate, building vibrant Black communities against incredible odds.

917.3049 HALL

Jacobs, A.J. “The Puzzler: One Man’s Quest to Solve the Most Baffling Puzzles Ever, from Crosswords to Jigsaws to the Meaning of Life” 2022

The New York Times bestselling author of “The Year of Living Biblically” goes on a journey to understand the enduring power of puzzles: why we love them, what they do to our brains, and how they can improve our world.

793.73 JACOBS; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Mestyaneck Young, Daniella. “Uncultured: A Memoir” 2022

Behind the tall, foreboding gates of a commune in Brazil, Daniella Mestyaneck Young was raised in the religious cult The Children of God, also known as The Family, as the daughter of high-

ranking members. Her great-grandmother donated land for one of The Family's first communes in Texas. Her mother, at 13, was forced to marry the leader and served as his secretary for many years. Beholden to The Family's strict rules, Daniella suffers physical, emotional and sexual abuse — masked as godly discipline and divine love — and is forbidden from getting a traditional education. Told in a beautiful, propulsive voice and with clear-eyed honesty, "Uncultured" explores the dangers unleashed when harmful group mentality goes unrecognized, and is emblematic of the many ways women have to contort themselves to survive.

BIO MESTYANEK YOUNG; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Millard, Candice. "River of the Gods" 2022

The Nile's mythic reputation as the longest river in Africa, and arguably the world, once inspired generations of European explorers to seek its source — and exploit Africa's vast resources in the process. Now, thanks to this richly detailed story well told by historian Candice Millard, a colorful and controversial chapter in world history resurfaces. In "River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile," 19th-century explorers' egos loom godlike over expeditions, their abused local guides save lives and prompt discoveries, and the second largest continent on Earth finally gets mapped.

962 MILLARD; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Mukherjee, Siddhartha. "The Song of the Cell: An Exploration Of Medicine and the New Human" 2022.

Filled with writing so vivid, lucid and suspenseful that complex science becomes thrilling, "The Song of the Cell" tells the story of how scientists discovered cells, began to understand them, and are now using that knowledge to create new humans. Told in six parts, and laced with Mukherjee's own experience as a researcher, a doctor, and a prolific reader, "The Song of the Cell" is both panoramic and intimate — a masterpiece on what it means to be human.

571.6 MUKHERJEE; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Munroe, Randall. "What If? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions" 2022

This hysterical sequel can stand on its own for new readers as well as delight fans of Munroe's deadpan, sarcastic answers to 64 more absurd scientific questions. Even if you've never considered, "Would there be any danger from standing next to a large object that was 0 Kelvin?" you can consider the answer accompanied by charts, diagrams, and stick figures therapeutically funny.

500 MUNROE; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Powell, Eric. "Did You Hear What Eddie Gein Done?" 2021

One of the greats in the field of true-crime literature, Harold Schechter, teams with five-time Eisner Award-winning graphic novelist Eric Powell to bring you the tale of one of the most notoriously deranged murderers in American history, Ed Gein. The story is an in-depth exploration of the Gein family and what led to the creation of the necrophile who haunted the dreams of 1950s America and inspired such films as "Psycho," "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," and "The Silence of the Lambs."

GN SCHECTER; HOOPLA: eBook

Rawlence, Ben. "The Treeline: The Last Forest and the Future of Life on Earth" 2022

In the tradition of Elizabeth Kolbert and Barry Lopez, this book is a powerful, poetic and deeply absorbing account of the "lung" at the top of the world. For the last 50 years, the trees of the boreal forest have been moving north. Ben Rawlence's "The Treeline" takes us along this critical frontier of our warming planet from Norway to Siberia, Alaska to Greenland, to meet the scientists, residents and trees confronting huge geological changes. Only the hardiest species survive at these latitudes including the ice-loving Dahurian larch of Siberia, the antiseptic Spruce that purifies our atmosphere, the Downy birch conquering Scandinavia, the healing Balsam poplar that Native Americans use as a cure-all and the noble Scots Pine that lives longer when surrounded by its family. It is a journey of wonder and awe at the incredible creativity and resilience of these species and the mysterious workings of the forest upon which we rely for the air we breathe. Blending reporting with the latest science, "The Treeline" is a story of what might soon be the last forest left and what that means for the future of all life on earth.

577.3 RAWLENCE

Rojas Contreras, Ingrid. "The Man Who Could Move Clouds: A Memoir" 2022

National Book Award Finalist. For Ingrid Rojas Contreras, magic runs in the family. In 2012, spurred by a shared dream among Mami and her sisters, and her own powerful urge to relearn her family history in the aftermath of her memory loss, Rojas Contreras joins her mother on a journey to Colombia to disinter her grandfather's remains. With Mami as her unpredictable, stubborn, and often amusing guide, Rojas Contreras traces her lineage back to her Indigenous and Spanish roots. Interweaving family stories more enchanting than those in any novel, resurrected Colombian history, and her own deeply personal reckonings with the bounds of reality, Rojas Contreras writes her way through the incomprehensible and into her inheritance. The result is a luminous testament to the power of storytelling as a healing art and an invitation to embrace the extraordinary.

BIO ROJAS CONTRERAS; LIBBY: eBook and eAudio

Schiff, Stacy. "The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams" 2022

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