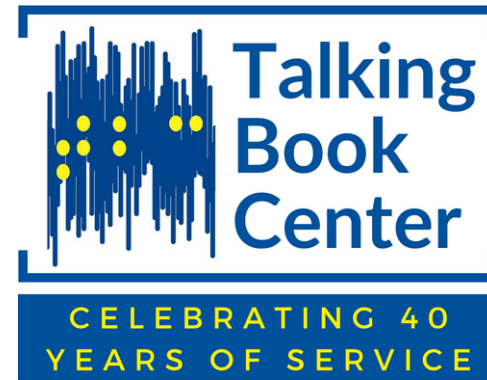
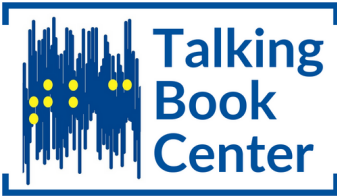


The Talking Book Center and the Staunton Public Library will be closed on January 6 for a planned maintenance project in the building. The TBC will also be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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Most Popular Downloads Of 2025 By TBC Patrons:

DB120671 Life Unseen: A Story Of Blindness by Selina Mills (autobiography)

DB113637 Don't Ask The Blind Guy For Directions: A 30,000-Mile Journey For Love, Confidence, And A Sense Of Belonging by John Samuel (autobiography)

DB127213 The Crash by Freida McFadden (suspense fiction)

DB129760 Hidden Nature by Nora Roberts (romantic suspense)

DB126298 Bellevue by Robin Cook (suspense, medical fiction)

DB128607 The Writer by James Patterson (suspense)

DB128659 Nobody's Fool by Harlan Coben (suspense)

DB126128 Our Little Secret by Lisa Jackson (psychological fiction)

DB127943 Blood Bounty Of The Mountain Man; Mountain Man 52 by William W. Johnstone (western)



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Daily Devotions:

DBC05122 One Year Book Of Hymns by Randy Petersen

DB115874 Experiencing God Day-By-Day: The Devotional And Journal by Henry T. Blackaby

DB119204 Quite Times With God Devotional: 365 Daily Inspirations by Joyce Meyer

DB117340 Turning Points With God: 365 Daily Devotions by David Jeremiah

DB114781 Strength For Each Day: 365 Devotions To Make Every Day A Great Day by Joyce Meyer

DB120327 Have A Beautiful, Terrible Day!: Daily Meditations For The Ups, Downs, And In-Betweens by Kate Bowler

DB125465 Through The Valley Of Grief: A 365-Day Devotional Of Spiritual Practices For Hope In Suffering by Mattie Jackson

DB126972 Women Of The Bible: A One-Year Devotional Study Of Women In Scripture by Ann Spangler

Did you know, there are several organizations that provide reading materials specific to religious interests. Xavier Society For The Blind provides Catholic based reading materials in braille and audiobooks. The Jewish Braille Institute connects patrons to Jewish life with braille, audiobooks, and liturgical materials in Hebrew, Russian, and Yiddish languages. As Talking Book Center patrons, you are eligible to receive these services, but there is an application process. The audiobook cartridges are identical to the ones that TBC provides, and they use the same talking book machine. These services are also free!



That All May Read!

Patron Recommendations:

DB50844 Winter Solstice by Rosamunde Pilcher (human relations)
Elfrida, a retired actress; Oscar, a recent widower; Carrie, recovering from a love affair; Lucy, Carrie's niece; and Sam, deserted by his wife, spend the winter solstice in a Scottish cottage, where they form a lasting bond that allows them to recover from their various challenges and losses. 2000.

DB130925 The Book Club For Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick (historical fiction)
Four dissatisfied sixties-era housewives form a book club turned sisterhood that will hold fast amid the turmoil of a rapidly changing world and alter the course of each of their lives. Things begin to change when they read Betty Friedan's The Feminine Mystique. Controversial and groundbreaking, the book struck a chord with an entire generation of women, helping them realize that they weren't alone in their dissatisfactions, or their longings, lifting their eyes to new horizons of possibility and achievement. 2025.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

- DB105337 The Judge's List by John Grisham (legal mystery)
- DB131019 Stone Cold; Alex Stone 01 by Joel Goldman (legal mystery)
- DB131970 Framed In Death; Eve Dallas 61 by J. D. Robb (mystery)
- DB129852 Silent Country; David Wolf 18 by Jeff Carson (mystery)
- DB131980 We Are All Guilty Here by Karin Slaughter (mystery)
- DB131735 The Hamptons Lawyer; Jane Smith 03 by James Patterson (suspense)
- DB132237 Terminal Velocity; Jack Ryan Jr. 14 by M.P. Woodward (spy fiction, suspense)
- DB129857 An Amish Mother For His Child; Amish Country Matches 04 by Patricia Johns
- DB131724 Lightning Down: A World War II Story Of Survival by Thomas Clavin (biog.)
- DB129522 The Fate Of The Day: The War For America, Fort Ticonderoga To Charleston, 1777-1780 by Rick Atkinson (war history)
- DB131224 Those Devils In Baggy Pants by Ross S. Carter (WWII history, 504 Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, originally published in 1951)
- DB132190 Blood Harmony: The Everly Brothers Story by Barry Mazor (music biography)
- DB132118 Amish Proverbs: Words Of Wisdom From The Simple Life by Suzanne Woods Fisher (inspiration, nonfiction)
- DB132115 Beneficiary Guide For Everyone: How To Receive What's Yours From Estates, Trusts, And More by Ronald Farrington Sharp (legal issues)



Popular Nonfiction Books Of 2025:

DB131688 The Colonel And The King: Tom Parker, Elvis Presley, And The Partnership That Rocked The World by Peter Guralnick (biography)

From the biographer of Elvis Presley, this book is a groundbreaking dual portrait of the relationship between the iconic artist and his legendary manager, Colonel Tom Parker, drawing on a wealth of Parker's never-before-seen correspondence to reveal that this oft-reviled figure was in fact a confidant, friend, and architect of his client's success. 2025.

DB131217 A Marriage At Sea: A True Story Of Love, Obsession, And Shipwreck by Sophie Elmhirst (adventure, biography)

The true story of Maurice and Maralyn, an unlikely couple who abandon ordinary life to sail the world--only to face disaster when a whale sinks their boat in the Pacific. Stranded in a raft with little hope of rescue, they battle starvation, the elements, and each other in a gripping tale of survival, obsession, and the limits of love. 2024.

DB127333 Lorne: The Man Who Invented Saturday Night Live by Susan Morrison (biography, stage and screen)

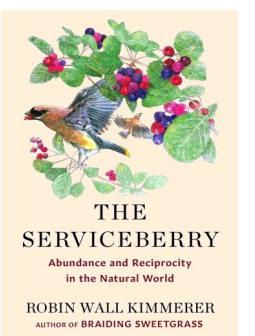
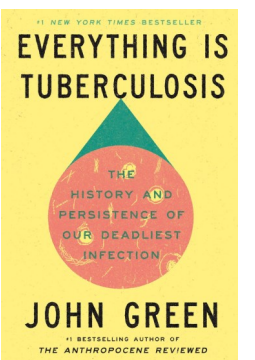
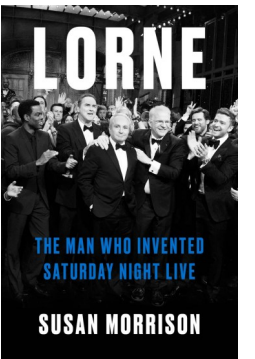
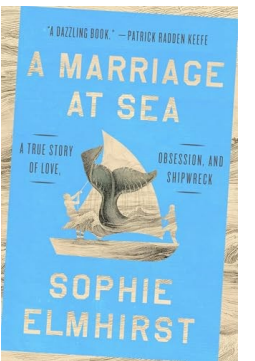
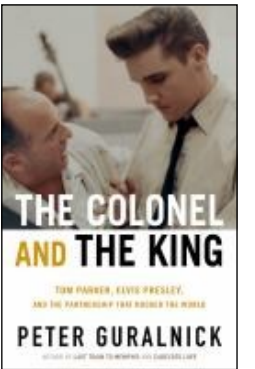
Ever since its debut in the fall of 1975, Saturday Night Live's impact on the culture has been lasting and profound. It has been a breeding ground for our brightest comedy stars. At the center of it all, from the moment of its inception to the present day, is one man: producer Lorne Michaels. Over his 50 years running the show, Lorne Michaels has become a bewildering presence in the world of entertainment. 2025.

DB128745 Everything Is Tuberculosis: The History And Persistence Of Our Deadliest Infection by John Green (biography, health)

Tuberculosis has been entwined with humanity for millennia. Once romanticized as a malady of poets, today tuberculosis is seen as a disease of poverty that walks the trails of injustice and inequity we blazed for it. The author tells of his friendship with a young tuberculosis patient in Sierra Leone, and becomes a vocal advocate for increased access to treatment and wider awareness of the infectious disease 2025.

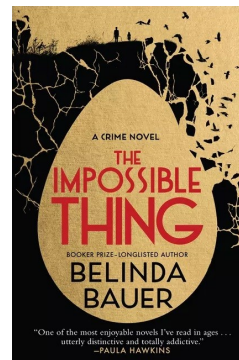
DB125771 The Serviceberry: Abundance And Reciprocity In The Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer (nature)

As Indigenous scientist Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests Serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most? 2024.



Popular Fiction Books Of 2025:

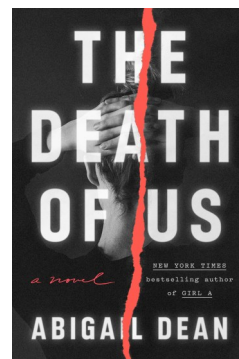
DB132230 *The Impossible Thing* by Belinda Bauer (suspense)
A tale set in the obsessive, and now illegal, world of bird egg collectors. Switching between 1920s Yorkshire, when young Celie reverses her impoverished family's fortunes by stealing a rare red egg from a sea bird, and the 21st century, when Patrick is trying to track down the burglar who stole an "old egg" in an ornamental box from his neighbor. 2025.



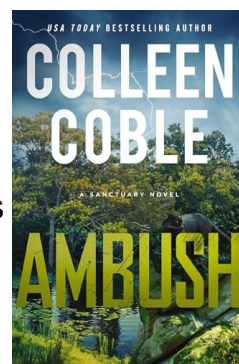
DB130264 *Fair Play* by Louise Hegarty (mystery)
A group of friends gather on New Year's Eve. Abigail is throwing a jazz-age Murder Mystery themed birthday party for her brother Benjamin. As the night plays out, someone kisses the wrong person; someone else's heart is broken. In the morning, all of them wake up -- except Benjamin. As Abigail attempts to wrap her mind around her brother's death, a detective arrives determined to find Benjamin's killer. Now everyone is a suspect, and nothing is quite as it seems. 2025.



DB128718 *The Death Of Us* by Abigail Dean (psychological fiction)
Edward and Isabel's home is invaded by a serial killer. Theirs was a classic story of young love that moves into true partnership--but their marriage implodes in the wake of this violence. Two decades later, they are reunited for their tormenter's trial and forced to confront their lifelong love affair: the secrets, passions, and encounter that bind them still. Can closure set Isabel free? And what might that mean for Edward? 2025.



DB128707 *Ambush* by Colleen Coble (religious fiction, suspense)
Paradise Alden's childhood was idyllic until the night her parents were murdered. Returning to her hometown is a last resort to finding her life again. She's hoping the wildlife refuge where she's accepted a job will be the perfect place to heal from recent traumas and unlock her memories about the night her parents died. The day she arrives, a body is found. And soon, a series of deadly events threatens not only her future, but the man who, despite all odds, still makes her pulse stutter. 2025.

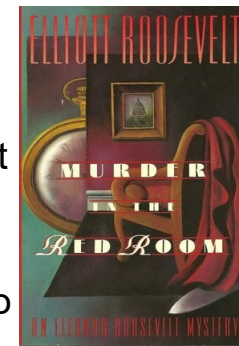


DB127035 *Onyx Storm; Emyrean 03* by Rebecca Yarros (fantasy)
After several months at Basgiath War College, Violet Sorrengail knows there's no more time for lessons, and with enemies closing in from outside their walls and within their ranks, it's impossible to know who to trust. Now Violet must journey beyond the failing Aretian wards to seek allies from unfamiliar lands to stand with Navarre. She will do anything to save what she loves--her dragons, her family, her home. They need the one thing only Violet can find--the truth. But a storm is coming...and not everyone can survive its wrath. 2025.



Color Titles: Red:

DB36438 *Murder In The Red Room; Eleanor Roosevelt Mystery 10* by Elliott Roosevelt (historical fiction, mystery)

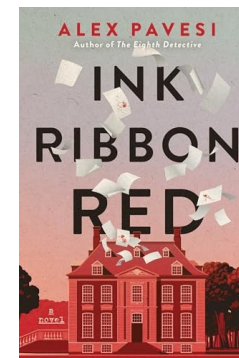


While Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt are entertaining the Supreme Court justices, someone is murdering Shondor Jack in the Red Room. Shondor Jack has a shady past in Cleveland, where he narrowly escaped murder charges. Why was he in the White House? And is it a coincidence that two attorneys seen wandering the halls that night are also from Ohio? In fact, all of the clues seem to point to that state. 1992.

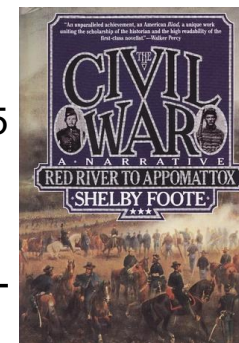
DB129050 *Sing For The Red Dress* by Joseph M. Marshall (mystery)
The Smokey River Tribal Police Force decides to make a difference when they find the names of twelve Native girls who are thought to have been abducted for sex trafficking to oil field workers. Risking their own lives to rescue the girls, when the tribal police and others, including Gavin Lone Wolf and Katherine Hill, infiltrate the oil camps and dig deeper they uncover a cultured but ruthless villain who will stop at nothing to maintain his power. 2024.



DB130813 *Ink Ribbon Red* by Alex Pavesi (mystery)
Anatol invites five of his oldest friends to his family home in the Wiltshire countryside to celebrate his thirtieth birthday. At his request, they play a game of his invention: Motive Method Death. Everyone chooses players at random, then writes a story in which one kills the other. Of course it's only natural for each friend to use what they know. Secrets. Grudges. Affairs. But once they've put it in a story, that secret is out. With each fictional crime, someone new gets a very real motive. Can the friends survive the weekend, or will truth turn out to be deadlier than fiction? 2025

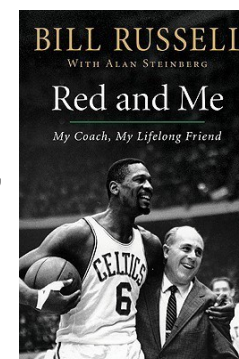


DB16016 *Red River To Appomattox: Civil War 03* by Shelby Foote (U.S. history)



Third and final volume of a American Civil War trilogy discusses Lee's surrender, Jefferson Davis' flight and capture, and an epilogue on Lincoln's death. 1974.

DB69492 *Red And Me: My Coach, My Lifelong Friend* by Bill Russell (autobiography)



Former Boston Celtics basketball player Bill Russell, an African American, ruminates about his five-decade-long friendship with his coach, the late Red Auerbach, a Brooklyn Jew. Recounts the nine championships he and Auerbach won during the 1950s and 1960s, and discusses their shared values and mutual respect. 2009.

Pulitzer Prize Winners From The 1920s:

The first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded June 4, 1917, created after newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer left money in his will to Columbia University to launch a journalism school. The prizes were seen as incentive to excellence, and were awarded for journalism and drama, having expanded over the century to include investigative reporting, writing, photography in journalism, and biographies, fiction, history, poetry, and memoirs in drama.

DB65343 *The Age Of Innocence* by Edith Wharton (fiction)
New York, 1870s. Newland Archer anticipates a safe, conventional future with his socially impeccable fiancée, May Welland, until the arrival of May's exotic cousin, Countess Ellen Olenska. Archer finds himself torn between his attraction to Ellen and his security in a bland, but proper, marriage to May. 1920.

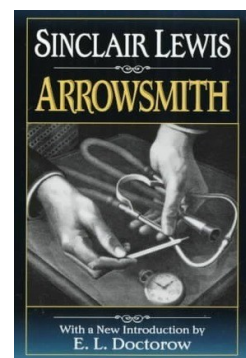
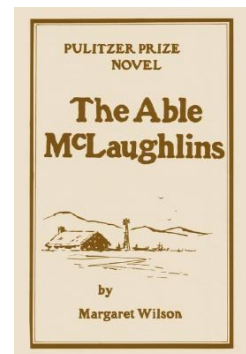
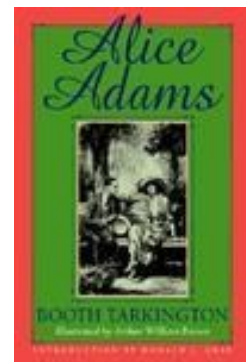
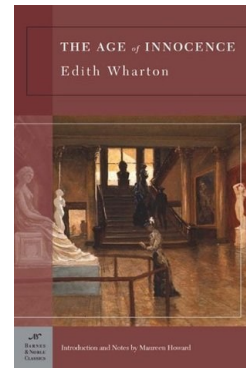
DB47570 *Alice Adams* by Booth Tarkington (fiction)
Alice, a socially ambitious girl from a midwestern lower-middle-class family, hopes to find a rich husband. She makes up stories that lead her family to suffer scandals and push her further from her goal. 1921.

DB27930 *One Of Ours* by Willa Cather (fiction)
After a year at the state university, a young man unsuccessfully tries to bring culture to his Nebraska town in this turn-of-the-century novel. Bound to both the soil and a religion he feels is shallow, he finds World War I an escape. 1922.

DB45247 *The Able McLaughlins* by Margaret Wilson (fiction)
After serving in the Civil War, Wully McLaughlin returns to his midwest home and his beloved Chirstie McNair, who has become pregnant against her will. Wully accosts the culprit and banishes him from the town. Wully marries Chirstie and assumes paternity, but the child's father is not yet out of their lives. 1923.

DB44189 *So Big* by Edna Ferber (fiction)
A farm woman's indomitable spirit and quick response to beauty are unquenched by years of hardship-- all for the sake of her son. 1924.

DB12622 *Arrowsmith* by Lewis Sinclair (fiction)
Social satire is subordinated to the progress of a likable young doctor toward a career of scientific research, and to a tender love story. His wife, Leora, is a wholly believable and sympathetic character. 1925.



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DB41185 *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder (fiction)
This novel surveys the lives of five Peruvian travelers, victims of the collapse of a famous Incan bridge in 1714. Franciscan Brother Juniper, witness to the tragedy, weaves a story revealing how these people came together on the bridge at that final moment. Was it fate or was it an act of God? 1927.

DB14880 *Scarlet Sister Mary* by Julia Mood Peterkin (fiction)
A slender, high-spirited black girl of fifteen marries the wildest young slave on the plantation and is deserted within a year. She maintains her cheerfulness as she fills her house with a new child year after year. Reveals the fine qualities and the superstitions of the Gullah Negro of South Carolina. 1928.

DB33829 *Laughing Boy* by Oliver La Farge (fiction)
A Pulitzer Prize-winning novel set in the Navajo Southwest of 1915. In telling the haunting story of the young lovers, Laughing Boy and Slim Girl, the author depicts the lives of the Indians from his experiences as an anthropologist. 1929.

DB98555 *From Immigrant To Inventor* by Michael Pupin (memoir)
Memoir of Serbian-American physicist (1858-1935) who contributed to the extension of the range of the long-distance telephone line. Discusses immigrating to the United States as a teen in the 1870s; studies in America, England, and Germany; and work to advance scientific discoveries. 1924.

DB57610 *John Brown's Body* by Stephen Vincent Benét (poetry)
This long narrative poem in rhyme and blank verse is a rank-and-file history of the Civil War, or "the rich man's war and the poor man's fight." Portrays the lives of soldiers, leaders, and civilians on both sides of the conflict, North and South. 1928.

DB43680 *Edna St. Vincent Millay: Selected Poems: The Centenary Edition* by Edna St. Vincent Millay (poetry)
This gathering of poems begins with "Renaissance," a poem Millay entered in a contest in 1912 and that brought her immediate recognition. The simplicity and accessibility that sometimes prompted critics to pass over her poems is the very skill that also created her appeal and made her work popular for nearly forty years. Her lyricism is discussed in an extensive introduction. 1923.

