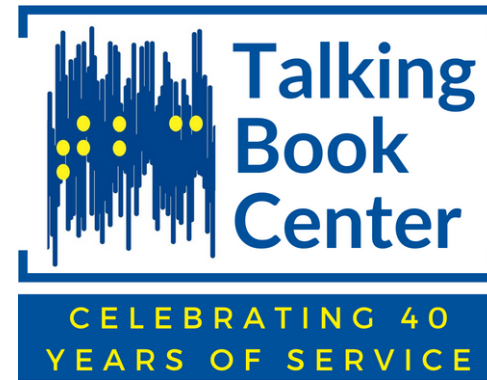
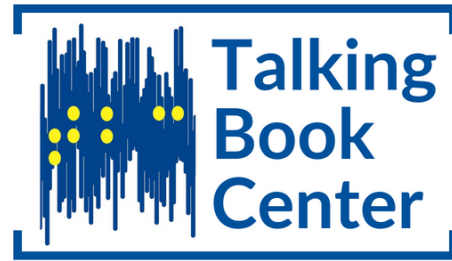


Patron Survey:

The Talking Book Center will be mailing out the biennial patron survey later this month by email (if you have a BARD account) and regular paper mail. The survey is optional and the feedback is used to apply for funding, to adjust and improve our service, and to gauge patron satisfaction so we can offer you the best library experience possible! All responses are confidential. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and mail it back, postage is free and we always appreciate your opinions.



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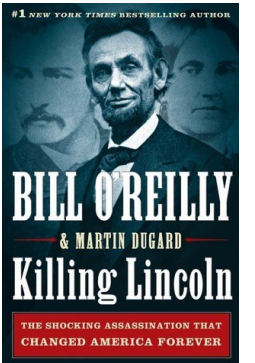
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Conservative political commentator Bill O'Reilly has teamed up with historian Martin Dugard to present compelling narratives of the true events surrounding the deaths and destruction of some of the most influential men and powerful nations in human history.



- DB100515 Killing Crazy Horse: The Merciless Indian Wars In America
- DB75615 Killing Kennedy: The End Of Camelot
- DB77565 Killing Jesus: A History
- DB108373 Killing The Killers: The Secret War Against Terrorists
- DB110641 Killing The Legends: The Lethal Danger Of Celebrity
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- DB83693 Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed A Presidency
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- DB92889 Killing The SS: The Hunt For The Worst War Criminals In History
- DB73850 Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever
- DB103537 Killing The Mob: The Fight Against Organized Crime In America
- DB80130 Killing Patton: The Strange Death Of World War II's Most Audacious General

Actor and comedian Mel Brooks will be turning 100 later this month!

- DB105810 All About Me!: My Remarkable Life In Show Business by Mel Brooks
- DB94457 Funny Man: Mel Brooks by Patrick McGilligan
- DBC32280 It's Good To Be The King: The Seriously Funny Life Of Mel Brooks by James Robert Parish

That All May Read!

Patron Recommendations:

DB135104 *The Wild East: A Biography Of The Great Smoky Mountains* by Margaret Lynn Brown (nonfiction, nature)

The Wild East explores the social, political, and environmental changes in the Great Smoky Mountains during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Several hundred years before white settlement, Cherokees farmed and hunted this land. Between 1910 and 1920, corporate lumbermen built railroads into the region's most remote watersheds and removed more than 60 percent of the old-growth forest. Despite this level of human impact, those who promoted the establishment of a national park in 1934 represented the land as an untouched wilderness and described the people living there as pioneers. Nearly twenty-five years after the book's first publication, this revised edition discusses current research, citizen science initiatives, and land management practices that are restoring native plants and wildlife populations in the twenty-first century. 2024.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB103718 *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir (sci-fi)

DB131887 *Theo Of Golden* by Allen Levi (general fiction)

DB135746 *Code Blue; Sisterhood Series 37* by Fern Michaels (mystery)

DB134543 *Woman Down* by Colleen Hoover (romantic suspense)

DB130002 *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville (classics)

DB136552 *Tried And True; Wild At Heart 01* by Mary Connealy (western romance)

DB136219 *A Season Of Secrets; Amish Bonnet Sisters 02* by Samantha Price (rel. fict.)

DB128289 *Uncle Abner: Master Of Mysteries* by Melville Davisson Post (short mysteries)

DB136075 *You With The Sad Eyes: A Memoir* by Christina Applegate (autobiography)

DB136214 *Kids, Wait Till You Hear This!: My Memoir* by Liza Minnelli (autobiography)

DBC32320 *Dizzy & Jimmy: My Life With James Dean* by Liz Sheridan (autobiography)

DB135972 *Ain't No Sunshine: The Smooth Soul And Rough Edges Of Bill Withers* (bio.)

DB134456 *Wings: The Story Of A Band On The Run* by Paul McCartney (music biog.)

DBC11772 *New England Pie: History Under A Crust* by Robert S. Cox (cooking)

DB134651 *Dementia Caregiving Companion: How To Provide Comprehensive Care At Home For Alzheimer's Disease And Other Dementias - Includes The Caregiver Self-Care Guide* by Ben Clardy (health)

DB133358 *Mayo Clinic, A to Z Health Guide: What You Need To Know About Signs, Symptoms, Diagnosis & Treatment* (health)



Summer Reading: Unearth A Story: Nonfiction

DB131584 *The Last Days Of The Dinosaurs: An Asteroid, Extinction, And The Beginning Of Our World* by Riley Black

The author walks readers through what happened in the days, the years, the centuries, and the million years after the impact, tracking the sweeping disruptions that overtook this one spot, and imagining what might have been happening elsewhere on the globe. Life's losses were sharp and deeply-felt, but the hope carried by the beings that survived sets the stage for the world as we know it now. 2022.

DB131815 *Dinner With King Tut: How Rogue Archaeologists Are Re-Creating The Sights, Sounds, Smells, And Tastes Of Lost Civilizations* by Sam Kean

History often neglects the tastes, textures, sounds, and smells that were an intimate part of our ancestors' lives, but a new generation of researchers is resurrecting those hidden details, pioneering an exciting new discipline called experimental archaeology. 2025.

DB115217 *The Rediscovery Of America: Native Peoples And The Unmaking Of U.S. History* by Ned Blackhawk

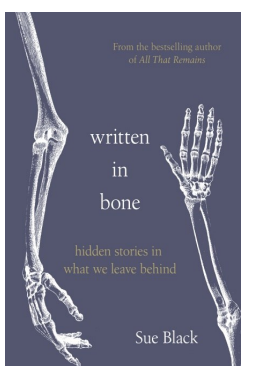
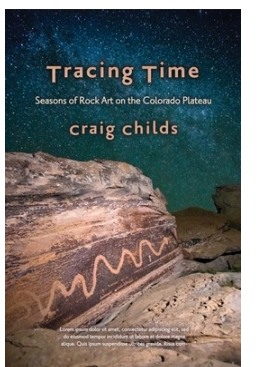
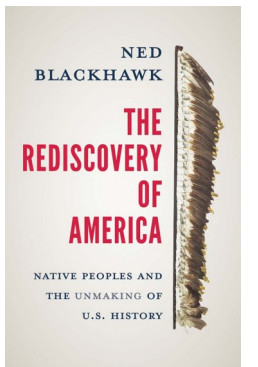
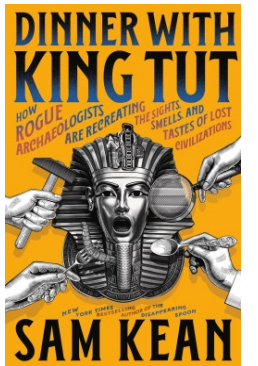
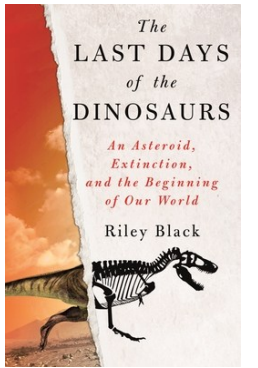
The long practice of ignoring Indigenous history is changing with a new generation of scholars saying that any full American history address the struggle, survival, and resurgence of American Indian nations. Indigenous history is essential to understanding the evolution of modern America. 2023.

DB134725 *Tracing Time: Seasons Of Rock Art On The Colorado Plateau* by Craig Childs

Craig Childs bears witness to rock art of the Colorado Plateau -- bighorn sheep pecked behind boulders, tiny spirals in stone, human figures with upraised arms shifting with the desert light, each one a portal to the open mouth of time. With a spirit of generosity, humility, and love of the arid, intricate landscapes of the desert, Childs sets these ancient communications in context, inviting listeners to look and listen deeply. 2022.

DB113967 *Written In Bone: Hidden Stories In What We Leave Behind* by Sue M. Black

Renowned forensic anthropologist and human anatomist Sue Black takes us on a guided tour of the human skeleton and explaining how each person's life history is revealed in their bones, which she calls the last sentinels of our mortal life to bear witness to the way we lived it. 2020.



Summer Reading: Unearth A Story: Fiction

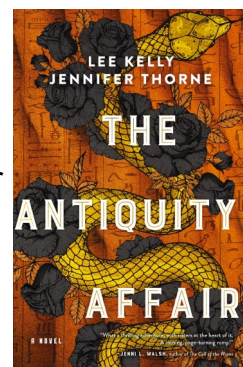
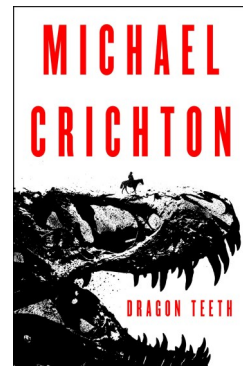
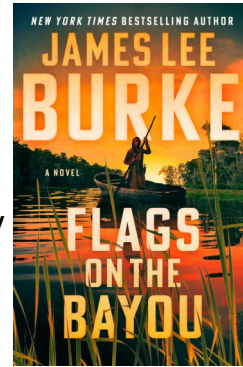
DB117205 *Flags On The Bayou* by James Lee Burke (historical mystery) 1863. When Hannah Laveau, a formerly enslaved woman working on the Lufkin plantation, is accused of murder, she goes on the run with Florence Milton, an abolitionist schoolteacher, dodging the local police and the slavecatchers that prowl the bayous. Wade Lufkin, haunted by what he observed, and did, as a surgeon on the battlefield, has returned to his uncle's plantation to convalesce, where he becomes enraptured by Hannah. 2023.

DB74729 *Conquistadora* by Esmeralda Santiago (historical fiction) 1844. Ana Larragoity Cubillas arrives in Puerto Rico with her husband Ramón, his twin brother Inocente, and sister-in-law Elena. In their country-side hacienda their relationships and fortunes rise and fall amid the harsh realities of plantation life. 2011.

DB88345 *Dragon Teeth* by Michael Crichton (historical adventure) In 1876, Yale student William Johnson joins the latest expedition of paleontologist Othniel Charles Marsh to win a bet. He is soon drawn into the Bone Wars between Marsh and his nemesis, Edward Drinker Cope. While carting back a find, William ends up fighting challenges of the Old West. 2017.

DB126389 *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis (historical suspense) Egypt, 1936: When anthropology student Charlotte Cross is offered a spot on a dig in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, she leaps at the opportunity. New York City, 1978: Annie Jenkins lands an opportunity to help organize the Met Gala. Charlotte, is now the curator of the Met's Department of Egyptian Art, and wants little to do with the upcoming gala. When one of the Egyptian art collection's most valuable artifacts goes missing, Annie and Charlotte team up to search for the missing antiquity. 2025

DB134636 *The Antiquity Affair* by Lee Kelly and Jennifer Thorne (hist. fic) 1907: The dawn of Egyptology is a time of imperialism and plunder, opulence and unrest, and Dr. Warren Ford, esteemed archaeologist, is the man of the hour. But when a secretive organization seeks to find a lost relic legendary for its dangerous power, it isn't Dr. Ford they turn to, it's his two remarkable daughters, Lila and Tess. When Lila and her father realize that Tess's life is in danger, they must act quickly to track her down and stop the Serpent's Crown from falling into the wrong hands. 2023.



Color Titles: Grey:

DB21671 *Tenant Of Wildfell Hall; Agnes Grey* by Ane Bronte (classic) 'The Tenant of Wildfell Hall' tells the story of a young girl who falls in love with a man of great charm and bad reputation. The youngest and most retiring of the three Bronte sisters wrote this novel to redeem the dissolute life of her brother Branwell. 'Agnes Grey,' based largely on the author's own experience, is the story of a clergyman's daughter who, through reverses of fortune, becomes a governess. 1848, 1847.

DB56794 *The Picture Of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde (classic) A beautiful youth has his portrait painted by an artist with a flair for the morbid. The portrait becomes the mirror of its innocent-appearing subject's inner life. 1890.

DB48694 *Zane Grey: Romancing The West* by Stephen May (biog) Biography of the popular author discusses how he spent his youth fishing and hunting near Zanesville, Ohio, a town named after his pioneer ancestor. Grey became a dentist at his father's insistence, but later returned to his love of writing. Tells how *Riders of the Purple Sage* became his first bestseller in 1912. 1997.

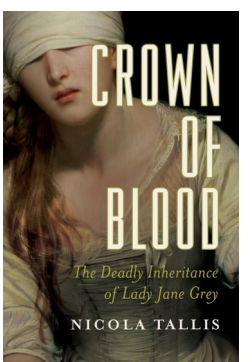
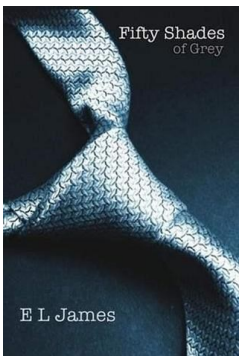
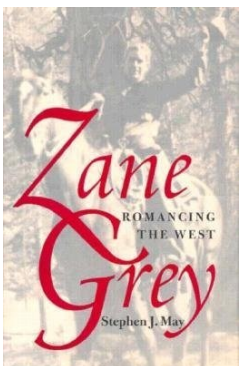
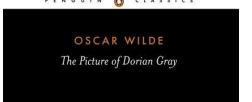
DB74504 *Fifty Shades Of Grey, Fifty Shades Darker, Fifty Shades Freed* by E.L. James (romance, erotica)

Trilogy chronicles the dominant-submissive relationship of college student Anastasia and young CEO Christian Grey. In *Fifty Shades of Grey* naive Ana is intimidated by--and drawn to--the handsome tycoon. As she indulges Christian's erotic tastes, Ana becomes aware of his dark past. Contains violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

DB90423 *Crown Of Blood: The Deadly Inheritance Of Lady Jane Grey* by Nicola Tallis (history, biography)

An account of Lady Jane Grey's downfall, trial, and execution. The author utilizes primary sources to detail the short and brutal life of the "Nine Days Queen" and trace the intrigues and plots that led to her death. 2016.

DB79768 *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham (legal fiction) Furloughed Wall Street attorney Samantha Kofer is offered an unpaid year-long stint at an Appalachian legal aid clinic with the slim chance of returning to her old job when done. Entering the murky world of coal mining, Samantha is soon engulfed in litigation that turns deadly. 2014.



Pulitzer Prize Winners From The 1970s:

DB54215 *Angle Of Repose* by Wallace Stegner (historical fiction)
Historian Lyman Ward, immobilized by illness and deserted by his wife, has retired to his ancestral California cabin to research his family's past. The loveless marriage of his grandparents—a cultivated eastern artist and a pragmatic mining engineer—mirrors the troubled expansion of the American West. 1971.

DB31668 *The Optimist's Daughter* by Eudora Welty (classic)
Middle-aged Laurel Hand, a widow since World War II, returns home to a small Mississippi town after the death of her beloved father, a judge. There she confronts her past to gain a better understanding of herself and her parents. 1973.

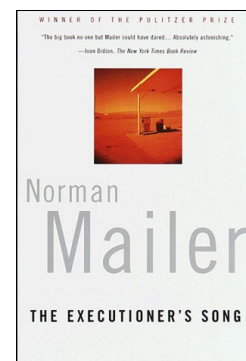
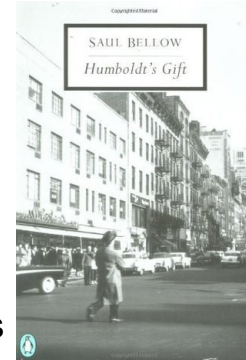
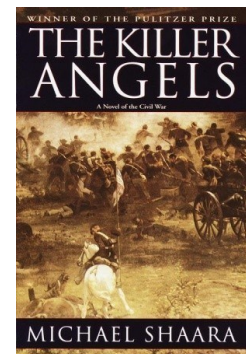
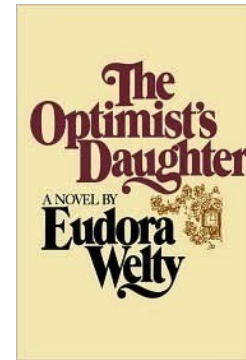
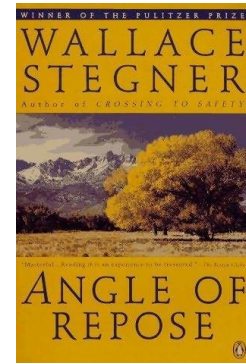
DB45457 *The Killer Angels; Civil War Trilogy 02* by Michael Shaara
Fictionalized version of the Battle of Gettysburg portrays many actual participants, such as Generals Lee, Longstreet, and Meade, and Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, who led the 20th Maine Regiment in a pivotal defense of Little Round Top. Sequel to Jeff Shaara's *Gods and Generals* (DB 43292). 1996.

DB41046 *Humboldt's Gift* by Saul Bellow (classic)
Explores the relationship between poet Von Humboldt Fleisher, who enjoyed a brief glimpse of fame, and his young friend Charlie Citrine, a playwright and biographer whose star is rising. 1975.

DB16996 *Elbow Room: Stories* by James Alan McPherson (stories)
Collection of twelve short stories dealing with African American life. In "Why I Like Country Music," an urban husband enjoys hillbilly music, much to his wife's disdain. In the title story a biracial couple struggles to find an identity. 1977.

DB65170 *The Stories of John Cheever* by John Cheever (short stories)
Sixty-one short stories about marriage, suburbia, the middle class, Manhattan, families, theology, and decency. Cheever's preface describes them as "stories of a long-lost world . . . when you heard the Benny Goodman quartets from a radio in the corner stationery store . . . when almost everybody wore a hat." 1978.

DB13985 *The Executioner's Song* by Norman Mailer (crime novel)
Obscure criminal Gary M. Gilmore, who is sentenced to die for two murders, rejects any attempts at reprieve and becomes the first man executed in America in more than a decade. Novel is based on an actual case and its outcome. 1979.



Pulitzer Prize Winners From The 1970s:

DB44604 *The Rising Sun: The Decline And Fall Of The Japanese Empire, 1936-1945* by John Toland (world history)
Chronicles well-known military actions of World War II, such as Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, and Hiroshima, from the Japanese perspective. Also details individual motivations and perceptions underlying Japan's military decisions before and during the war. 1970.

DB14261 *Stilwell And The American Experience In China, 1911-45* by Barbara Wertheim Tuchman (world history)
History of the American relationship to China during the turbulent period between 1911-1945, and the biography of the American most intimately concerned with China during this period, General Joe Stilwell. Covers the fall of the Manchu empire to the Rise of Mao Tse-tung, climaxing with the classic confrontation between Stilwell and Chiang Kai-shek. 1971.

DB52072 *Fire In The Lake: The Vietnamese And The Americans In Vietnam* by Frances FitzGerald (world history)
Examines the history and culture of the southeast Asian society and events that led to their struggle for independence. Criticizes American involvement in the country's internal affairs. 1972.

DB12593 *The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861* by David Morris Potter
An examination of the complex problems of slavery, expansion, and sectionalism in the United States between 1848 and 1861. This study analyzes these factors as causes for the Civil War, frequently challenging traditional interpretations. 1976.

DB65463 *Pilgrim At Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard (nature)
Author contemplates the metaphysics of nature in Virginia's Blue Ridge Valley during the seasons of a year. Combines meditations with scientific observations, philosophy, and introspection. 1974.

DB11651 *Beautiful Swimmers: Watermen, Crabs, And The Chesapeake Bay* by William W. Warner (nature)
A complete natural history of the succulent Atlantic blue crab. Also a study of the Chesapeake Bay and a colorful report on the frank-talking watermen who make their living crabbing. 1976.

DB44704 *The Dragons Of Eden: Speculations On The Evolution Of Human Intelligence* by Carl Sagan (psychology)
Essays by an award-winning scientist about the possible development of human intelligence, written for nonspecialists. Discusses the biological functions of sleep, increasing brain size, and language learning among chimpanzees. Chronicles advances in understanding the brain and implications for the future. 1977.

