

Staff & Reader Recommendations

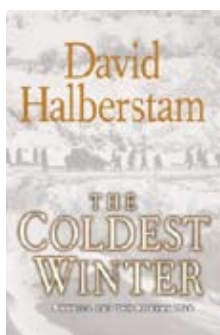


Blind Submission

By Debra Ginsberg

Remember the prima donna boss from *The Devil Wears Prada*? In this debut novel, Angel Robinson's boss at a San Francisco literary agency is equally as terrifying. Angel is working on a blind submission manuscript and she's becoming alarmed as the chapters begin to parallel her real life. A great page turner.

Reviewed by Kim B., Ridgedale Librarian



The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War

By David Halberstam

This story of the beginning of the Korean War combines the best of Halberstam's two schools of history. His primary subject--or target--in this case is General Douglas MacArthur. It is a fitting end to a fine career for the journalist turned popular historian, as Halberstam had just completed this book when he was killed in an auto accident.

Reviewed by Patrick J., Outreach Manager

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT



Home to Holly Springs

By Jan Karon

Recently retired Father Tim heads for his boyhood home of Holly Springs, Mississippi. What he finds there is so unbelievable that you can't put the book down. The characters are so real and will seem just like the people who live down the block from you. This popular book has a waiting list.

Reviewed by Jane W., a fan of the At Home Reader

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT AND ON COMPACT DISC



Thunder Bay

By William Kent Krueger

Like most of Krueger's novels, this one stars Cork O'Connor. This time O'Connor helps his old Ojibway friend, Henry Meloux, find his long-lost son. Krueger's descriptions of northeastern Minnesota and Canada are outstanding--I loved it!

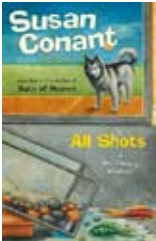
Reviewed by Betty L., Brookdale Library customer

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New Fiction

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*All Shots

By Susan Conant

Holly Winter and her prize-winning malamute pups must sniff out

the murder clues before the murderer crosses their own paths.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT

*Blink of an Eye

By Ted Dekker

Graduate student Seth Borders meets Miriam, a beautiful Saudi Arabian princess who has fled an arranged marriage. Cultures collide even while Miriam is fleeing for her life.

A Week From Sunday

By Dorothy Garlock

Adrianna Moore has just had a double shock: the death of her father and the discovery that he left his entire estate to his lawyer, who promises to give her back her inheritance if she agrees to marry him a week from Sunday.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT AND ON COMPACT DISC

*Hearts of Horses

By Molly Gloss

A remarkable story about the connections between people and animals and how they touch one another in unexpected and profound ways.

C.J.'s Fate

By Kay Hooper

Librarian C.J. Adams thinks marriage is a fine tradition for others until she meets a gorgeous stranger during a trip to Aspen.

AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK, LARGE PRINT AND ON COMPACT DISC

*St. Patrick's Day Murder

By Leslie Meier

The luck of the Irish was certainly not with Tinker's Cove's recently murdered bartender in this latest reporter Lucy Stone, cozy mystery.

*Harriet and Isabella

By Patricia O'Brien

A novelization based on a historical sex scandal surrounding the famous late 19th century Beecher family. The downfall of Henry Ward Beecher divided the nation and severed the loving relationship between his two sisters.



*Trilby

By Diana Palmer

Hating her duties as an Arizona rancher's daughter, former Louisiana

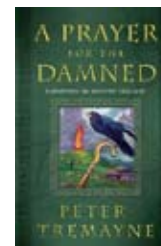
socialite Trilby refuses the attentions of an untamed cowboy, Thorn Vance.

*Where My Heart Belongs

By Tracie Peterson

Twelve years after disappearing without a trace, Amy Halbert shows up at the family farm in Kansas to visit her dying father. Spiritual fiction.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT



*A Prayer for the Damned

By Peter Tremayne

In this mystery set in seventh-century Ireland,

a wedding is interrupted when the fanatical Abbot Ultan is murdered.



New Nonfiction

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*Brother, I'm Dying

By Edwidge Danticat

This deeply personal memoir describes the author's relationships with the two men closest to her ---her father and his brother, Joseph, a pastor with whom she lived after her parents emigrated from Haiti to the U. S.—in a poignant story of family, love, grief and hope. ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT AND ON COMPACT DISC

*If I Only Knew Then:

Learning From our Mistakes
By Charles Grodin and Friends

A CBS News commentator, actor and activist shares life lessons imparted by friends such as Carol Burnett and Senator Orrin Hatch.

*Leading Ladies:

American Trailblazers
By Kay Bailey Hutchison

March is *Women's History Month*. This series of biographical portraits recounts the stories of American women who shaped history.

*Ethel Merman: A Life

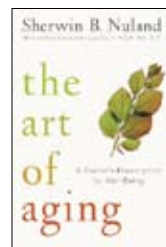
By Brian Kellow

An authoritative portrait of the iconic Broadway star traces her life from her childhood in Queens to her three-decade career. ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT

*Gastroanomalies:

Questionable Culinary Creations from the Golden Age of American Cookery
By James Lileks

Food ads, recipes, photographs, airline menus and commentaries of the "best of the worst" dishes from the 1950s and 1960s make up this humorous collection.



The Art of Aging:

A Doctor's Prescription for Well-being
By Sherwin B. Nuland

Dr. Nuland explores the impact of aging on our minds and bodies and relationships. ALSO AVAILABLE ON COMPACT DISC



*America, 1908: The Dawn of Flight, the Race to the Pole, the Invention of the Model T...

By Jim Rasenberger

The author looks at this pivotal time and events in American history which contributed to the nation's growing dominance as a world power.

Smoke, Mirrors, and Murder: And Other True Cases

By Ann Rule

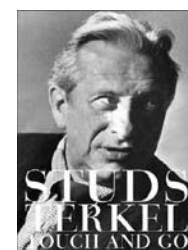
What happens when clues in a case are shrouded in smoke and mirrors, and when criminals skillfully evade law enforcement? True cases are analyzed in Ann Rule's latest collection of stories.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT

*Time America: An Illustrated History

Published by Time Books

This magnificent book which collects the nation's history in iconic images illuminates the story of America in a fascinating new way.



*Touch and Go: A Memoir

By Studs Terkel
The Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and

author recounts his early childhood in Chicago, his beginnings as a disc jockey after World War II and his struggles after being blacklisted in spite of television successes.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON COMPACT DISC



New Large Print

Alphabetical Order by Author

Fiction

The Venetian Betrayal
By Steve Berry

Night Light
By Terri Blackstock

Love with the Proper Stranger
By Suzanne Brockmann

A Whole New Light
By Sandra Brown



Fear of Frying
By Jill Churchill

Simple Gifts
By Lori Copeland

Wizard's Daughter
By Catherine Coulter

The Chase
By Clive Cussler

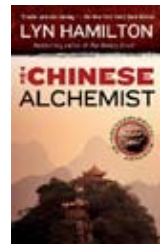
Undead and Uneasy
By MaryJanice Davidson

Big Ike
By Andrew J. Fenady

Sammy's House
By Kristin Gore

Woman in Red
By Eileen Goudge

T is for Trespass
By Sue Grafton



The Chinese Alchemist
By Lyn Hamilton

Haunting of Josie
By Kay Hooper

Third Degree
By Greg Iles

Hand of Evil
By J.A. Jance

Summer Smile
By Iris Johansen

Full Bloom
By Jayne Ann Krentz

Red Dahlia
By Lynda La Plante



Norah: An Orchard Valley Novel
By Debbie Macomber

Stephanie: An Orchard Valley Novel
By Debbie Macomber

Antony and Cleopatra
By Colleen McCullough



New Large Print

Alphabetical Order by Author

Fiction continued

The Widow's Mate:
A Father Dowling...
By Ralph McInerney



**The Senator's
Wife**
By Sue Miller

Judith
By Betty Neels

Body in the Attic
By Katherine Hall Page

Body in the Moonlight
By Katherine Hall Page

Return of the Fast Gun
By Luran Paine

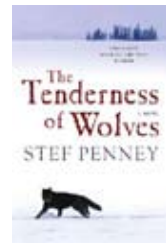
Blind Promises
By Diana Palmer

Man in Control
By Diana Palmer

Bleeding Kansas
By Sara Paretsky

Double Cross
By James Patterson

The Race
By Richard North Patterson



**The
Tenderness of
Wolves**
By Stef Penney

The Abstinence Teacher
By Tom Perrotta

Mystic Guardian
By Patricia Rice

Heart in Hiding
By Francine Rivers

Creation in Death
By J.D. Robb

Blood Brothers
By Nora Roberts

One Summer
By Nora Roberts

Murder on K Street:
A Capital Crimes Novel
By Margaret Truman



**Vengeance
Moon**
By Charles G. West

Cassidy
By Lori Wick

Everlasting
By Kathleen E. Woodiwiss



New Large Print

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Nonfiction

Psychic Children:
Revealing the Intuitive...
By Sylvia Browne

American Creation:
Triumphs and Tragedies at the
Founding...
By Joseph J. Ellis

Heroic Conservatism:
Why Republicans Need to
Embrace...
By Michael J. Gerson



Merle's Door:
Lessons from a
Freethinking Dog
By Ted Kerasote

Born Standing Up:
A Comic's Life
By Steve Martin

**Three Cups of Tea: One
Man's Mission to Promote
Peace...**
*By Greg Mortenson and David
Oliver Relin*

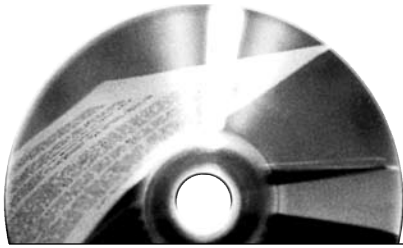


**Look Me in
the Eye:**
My Life with
Asperger's
*By John Elder
Robison*

**Smoke, Mirrors, and
Murder**
By Ann Rule

Sick Girl
By Amy Silverstein

My Grandfather's Son:
A Memoir
By Clarence Thomas

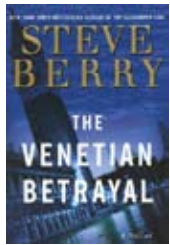


New Talking Books

Alphabetical Order by Author

These are the newest titles on compact disc:

Fiction



The Venetian Betrayal
By Steve Berry

Burning Bright
By Tracy Chevalier

The Chase
By Clive Cussler

Sleeping Doll
By Jeffery Deaver

Hurricane Punch
By Tim Dorsey

Dark Celebration
By Christine Feehan

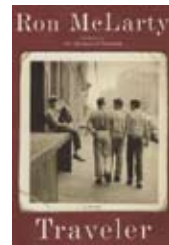
When Darkness Falls
By James Grippando

Hand of Evil
By J. A. Jance

Devil May Cry
By Sherrilyn Kenyon

Duma Key
By Stephen King

God of Animals
By Ayrn Kyle



Traveler
By Ron McLarty

Bleeding Kansas
By Sara Paretsky

Painter of Battles
By Arturo Perez-Reverte

Special Topics in Calamity Physics
By Marisha Pessl

Natural Born Charmer
By Susan Elizabeth Phillips

Nonfiction

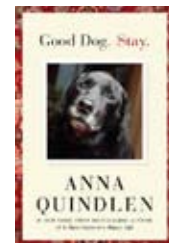


Jane Boleyn: The True Story of the Infamous...
By Julia Fox

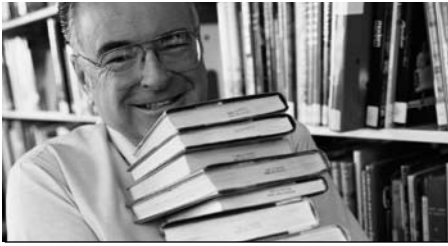
The Diamond in Your Pocket: Discovering Your True Radiance
By Gangaji

The Field
By Lynne McTaggart

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto
By Michael Pollan



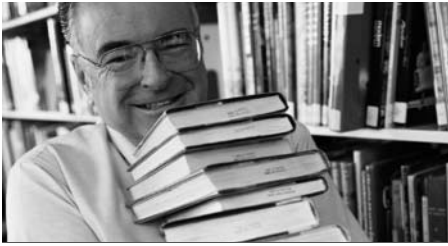
Good Dog, Stay.
By Anna Quindlen



Forthcoming Fiction

Alphabetical Order by Author

PUBLICATION DATE	AUTHOR	TITLE
7/08	Adler, Elizabeth	One of Those Malibu Nights
6/08	Allen, Sarah Addison	Sugar Queen
7/08	Barnes, Linda	Lie Down With the Devil
7/08	Block, Lawrence	Hit and Run
6/08	Brown, Dale	Shadow Command
9/08	Bushnell, Candace	One Fifth Avenue
7/08	Cabot, Meg	Queen of Babble Gets Hitched
6/08	Child, Lee	Nothing to Lose
8/08	Clark, Mary Jane Behrends	It Only Takes a Moment
8/08	Cook, Robin	Foreign Body
7/08	Crombie, Deborah	Where Memories Lie
8/08	Daheim, Mary	Vi Agra Falls
7/08	Davidson, MaryJanice	Undead and Unworthy
6/08	Deaver, Jeffery	Broken Window
8/08	Frey, Stephen	Cutoff Man
7/08	Gardner, Lisa	Say Goodbye
6/08	Goudge, Eileen	Domestic Affairs
6/08	Green, Jane	Beach House
5/08	Griffin, Emily	Love the One You're With
6/08	Griffin, W.E.B.	Death and Honor
8/08	Hamilton, Laurell K.	Blood Noir
7/08	Hilderbrand, Elin	Summer Affair
8/08	Jance, J.A.	Damage Control
8/08	Kellerman, Faye	Mercedes Coffin
9/08	Kingsbury, Karen	This Side of Heaven
9/08	Krueger, William Kent	Red Knife
8/08	Letts, Billie	Made in the U.S.A.
8/08	Lindsey, Johanna	No Choice but Seduction



Forthcoming Fiction

Alphabetical Order by Author

PUBLICATION DATE	AUTHOR	TITLE
6/08	Lowell, Elizabeth	Blue Smoke and Murder
6/08	Margolin, Philip	Executive Privilege
8/08	Monroe, Mary Alice	Time is a River
7/08	Oates, Joyce Carol	My Sister My Love
6/08	Parker, Robert B.	Resolution
7/08	Patterson, James	Dangerous Days of Daniel X
7/08	Pearson, Ridley	Killer View
8/08	Pelecanos, George	Turnaround
5/08	Perry, Thomas	Fidelity
8/08	Preston, Douglas	Revenant
8/08	Reichs, Kathy	Devil Bones
6/08	Rendell, Ruth	Not in the Flesh
8/08	Rice, Luanne	Last Kiss
7/08	Roberts, Nora	Tribute
6/08	Siddons, Anne Rivers	Off Season
8/08	Slaughter, Karin	Fractured
5/08	Wambaugh, Joseph	Hollywood Crows
7/08	Wiggs, Susan	Snowfall at Willow Lake



News & Notices

Things you would like to know

Customer Survey Results

Where do you, the customer, look for information about new books?

At Home Reader	68%
Friends or family	17%
Newspaper/magazines	8%
Radio/television	7%

Customer Question: I'd like to get books sooner. How can I do that?

When we request an item for you, your request becomes part of the queue that is made up of all Hennepin County Library customers waiting for that item. Some titles have long request lists. We have a small collection of books/audios in Outreach that are used to fill some requests, but most of your requests are filled with items that circulate throughout the entire library system. If you need something to read right away, ask the librarian for suggestions on titles that are on the shelf, ready to be mailed. Remember, you are welcome to borrow any library items -- movies, compact discs, magazines, and children's material.

Customer Comment: People at the At Home Library are always so helpful and pleasant. They make me feel like I am their only reader.

Thank you! All Outreach staffers enjoy working with you, our wonderful customers.

Volunteer News

Annual Volunteer Recognition Event

Saturday, May 17, 2008
9-11 a.m.

Golden Valley
Country Club

All At Home and Deposit Collection volunteers who worked 15+ hours in 2007 are invited. Meet some of the Outreach staff and enjoy a delicious meal. Invitations will be mailed in the spring.

The next issue of the *At Home Reader* will celebrate volunteers. We would like to feature book reviews written by volunteers or the At Home customers that they serve. If you have read something especially good lately, mail in a short review on the form printed on the back page of this newsletter.



Hot Reads

The names of the *Hot Reads* winners will appear in the May/June issue of the *At Home Reader*. We publish first names only. Your active participation was awesome.



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Libraries Merged

As of Jan. 1, the 15 Minneapolis libraries became part of the Hennepin County Library system, creating a premier 41-library system to serve a growing Hennepin County.

“Our consolidated library system is an extraordinary cultural and educational resource for all Hennepin County citizens. Together, our services will be strengthened as we team up to serve people in libraries, online and in the community. I am very excited by the future and look forward to a wonderful 2008,” said Library Director Amy Ryan.

Be My Valentine

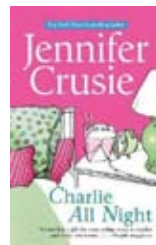
Did you receive a Valentine from the Outreach Department in the mail? We sent out more than 650 Valentines to At Home customers. These were made by ten teen groups that volunteer at the library. We'll list all of the groups in the next *At Home Reader*.



Available Now!

These biographies and romances have little or no waiting. Most are in Large Print and regular print.

Romances



Slightly Tempted
By Mary Balogh

Charlie All Night
By Jennifer Crusie



Sealed with a Kiss
By Carly Phillips

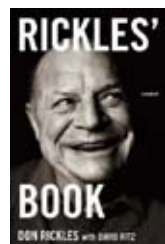
All in the Family
By Heather Graham Pozzessere



Biographies

Where have all the Leaders Gone
By Lee Iacocca

Prisoner of Tehran
By Marina Nemat



Rickles' Book
By Don Rickles

Sick Girl
By Amy Silverstein

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.
~Groucho Marx



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Meet the Library Staff

The library's mailroom is located on the lower level of the Ridgedale Library. Three stock clerks: Bill, Jason and Michael, handle all of the Hennepin County Library's mail from there. They send out over 24,000 items per year to Outreach customers. Also, they photocopy, collate and mail out 2400 copies of the *At Home Reader* to individuals, senior living facilities, senior centers and all suburban Minneapolis libraries six times a year.

While he has been employed by Hennepin County for 14 years, Michael (pictured left) transferred to the library only four years ago. He likes organic gardening and loves to listen to music. Michael recommends Kevin Trudeau's *Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About*.



Jason (pictured center) is the newest member of the staff and he paints and draws in his spare time. He thought the biography *The Lance and the Shield: The Life and Times of Sitting Bull* by Robert M. Utley was a great read.

Bill (pictured right) has worked for the library for 24 years and likes to bike and camp when he's not at work. He's also an organic gardener and recently read *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan.

These three library employees are an important part of Outreach service. Thanks guys!

Do you want help getting your groceries or prescription medications delivered into your kitchen?



Store to Door is a nonprofit organization providing low cost grocery shopping and prescription delivery services for elderly and disabled adults to support their independence in their homes. Groceries are delivered to your kitchen; delivery charges are based on income. Contact them at 651-642-1892 or www.storetodoor.org

Reminders

If you request multiple titles at one time, they may all come to Outreach for mailing to you at the same time. You can help us stagger your mailings by requesting only five items at a time.

At Home Phone Line

952-847-8850

Monday-Friday
10 a.m.-5p.m.

If you choose to leave a message after hours, please make sure you leave your complete name and phone number.



5 Ways to Order

By phone, volunteer, returned in mail bag, U.S. mail, online

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Check the titles you would like to receive

READER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Blind Submission
- The Coldest Winter: America...
- Home to Holly Springs
- Thunder Bay

NEW FICTION

- All Shots
- Blink of an Eye
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- Gastroanomalies: Questionable...
- The Art of Aging: A Doctor's...
- America, 1908: The Dawn of...
- Smoke, Mirrors, and Murder...
- Time America: An Illustrated...
- Touch and Go: A Memoir

NEW LARGE PRINT

- The Venetian Betrayal
- Night Light
- Love with the Proper Stranger
- A Whole New Light
- Fear of Frying
- Simple Gifts
- Wizard's Daughter
- The Chase
- Undead and Uneasy
- Big Ike
- Sammy's House
- Woman in Red
- T is for Trespass
- The Chinese Alchemist
- Haunting of Josie

- Third Degree
- Hand of Evil
- Summer Smile
- Full Bloom
- Red Dahlia
- Norah: An Orchard Valley...
- Stephanie: An Orchard Valley...
- Antony and Cleopatra
- The Widow's Mate: A Father...
- The Senator's Wife
- Judith
- Body in the Attic
- Body in the Moonlight
- Return of the Fast Gun
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- Double Cross
- The Race
- The Tenderness of Wolves
- The Abstinence Teacher
- Mystic Guardian
- Heart in Hiding
- Creation in Death
- Blood Brothers
- One Summer
- Murder on K Street: A Capital...
- Vengeance Moon
- Cassidy
- Everlasting
- Psychic Children: Reavling the...
- American Creation: Triumphs...
- Heroic Conservatism: Why...
- Merle's Door: Lessons from a...
- Born Standing Up: A Comics...
- Three Cups of Tea: One Man's...
- Look Me in the Eye: My Life...
- Smoke, Mirrors, and Murder
- Sick Girl
- My Grandfather's Son...

FORTHCOMING FICTION

- One of Those Malibu Nights
- Sugar Queen
- Lie Down With the Devil

- Hit and Run
- Shadow Command
- One Fifth Avenue
- Queen of Babble Gets Hitched
- Nothing to Lose
- It Only Takes a Moment
- Foreign Body
- Where Memories Lie
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- Revenant
- Devil Bones
- Not in the Flesh
- Last Kiss
- Tribute
- Off Season
- Fractured
- Hollywood Crows
- Snowfall at Willow Lake



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 AT HOME SERVICE

12601 RIDGEDALE DRIVE
 MINNETONKA, MN 55305-1909

Title: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

FORMAT: REGULAR PRINT LARGE PRINT BOOK ON TAPE
 BOOK ON CD VIDEO DVD

If a volunteer brings you books, please request titles through your volunteer.

Book Reviews

Send us a review of a book that you've enjoyed. In a few sentences tell us the plot and what you especially liked about the book. Reviews will be published in future issues of the *At Home Reader*. We'll include your first name and last initial only. Editing for space may be necessary.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Review: _____
