

ADULT BOOKLIST

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Fiction

Absurdistan by Gary Shteyngart

A Russian student, held up by bureaucracy in his homeland, tries to return to New York by getting a fake passport in the new nation of Absurdistan. (DLA, LP)

Anatomy of Fear by Jonathan Santlofer

A NYPD sketch artist uses his skills to put a face on a vicious serial killer.

Away by Amy Bloom

A fleeing mother, survivor of a massacre that killed her family, returns to Siberia when she finds out her daughter may be alive.

The Beach House by Jane Green

A 65-year-old Nantucket widow is forced to take in an odd lot of paying boarders. (AUD, LP)

Black Will Shoot by Jesse Washington

A hip-hop journalist and his producer brother untangle a tale of murder and conspiracy in the New York City rap industry.

The Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani

A young girl in medieval Persia is forced into an unsuitable marriage after the death of her beloved father.

Dear American Airlines by Jonathan Miles

Stranded at O'Hare Airport, a distraught passenger begins a letter of complaint that turns into an extended meditation on his troubles in life.

Fiction

Dirty Girls on Top by Alisa Valdes Rodriguez

Six Latina women, college friends now in their 30s, rely on one another to help deal with their family and career issues.

Ellington Boulevard: A Novel in A-Flat by Adam Langer

Life, love and real estate in a New York City apartment, as a clarinetist and his dog face eviction.

The Forgery of Venus by Michael Gruber

A twisting psychological journey through the life of one artist that explores artifice, art and morality.

The Genius by Jesse Kellerman

An aspiring art dealer stumbles upon original artwork by a missing hermit artist with a nasty past.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

An author corresponds with Guernsey residents who describe how they kept their spirits alive throughout the German occupation of their island during World War II. (DLA)

Just Too Good to Be True by E. Lynn Harris

A college football player's possible professional career is complicated by sexual temptation and emerging family secrets. (AUD, DLA, LP)

The Knitting Circle by Ann Hood

Reeling from the sudden death of her daughter, Mary discovers the healing power of knitting.

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

Prominent architect Frank Lloyd Wright and his mistress leave behind their marriages and elope to Europe.

Lulu Meets God and Doubts Him by Danielle Ganek

An artist dies, leaving his assistant to discover that art, though sometimes pretentious, matters.

Fiction

Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland

In the wake of the Franco-Paris War, Impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir explores the lives of his models as he works on a future masterpiece.

Nothing Is Quite Forgotten in Brooklyn by Alice Mattison

Constance arrives in Brooklyn and makes troubling discoveries about her family that will change her life forever. (DLA, LP)

The Painter of Battles by Arturo Pérez-Reverte, translated from Spanish by Margaret Sayers Peden

A photographer is visited by an ex-soldier—the subject of one of his most famous photos—who has revenge in mind.

Song Yet Sung by James McBride

A slave acquires the ability to see the future and undertakes a dangerous journey on the Underground Railroad. (DLA, LP)

Nonfiction



The Adventures of Grandmaster Flash: My Life, My Beats

by Grandmaster Flash

This icon offers a firsthand look at the early days of hip-hop and his musical journey.

Alligators, Old Mink & New Money: One Woman's Adventures in Vintage Clothing by Alison Houtte and Melissa Houtte

A former model remembers her adventures as the owner of a vintage clothing boutique in Brooklyn.

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life

by Barbara Kingsolver

A look into the year this author and her family spent raising their own vegetables and livestock.

Nonfiction

The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World by Eric Weiner

A self-proclaimed grump sets off on a journey in search of bliss.

The Legs Are the Last to Go: Aging, Acting, Marrying & Other Things I Learned the Hard Way by Diahann Carroll

Singer-actress Carroll, the first black woman to win a Tony, gives a candid view into the highs and lows of a glamorous life.

Life Beyond Measure: Letters to My Great-Granddaughter

by Sidney Poitier

Poitier reflects on his amazing life, offering advice and inspiration.

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

Find out how talent, family background, childhood and sheer hard work contribute to success.

Seven Days in the Art World by Sarah Thornton

Meet the artists, dealers, critics, collectors and institutions who transform personal expression into commerce and status.

The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music by Steve Lopez

Nathaniel Ayers's dreams of being a concert violinist are dashed by schizophrenia and homelessness, until a chance encounter with a journalist.

The Star Machine by Jeanine Basinger

Learn about the Golden Age of Hollywood and how the studio system created the stars of the 1930s and 40s.

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