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"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace."

~ Milan Kundera, Czech novelist and poet

New and Recently Released!

***The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* - by Stieg Larsson; translated from the Swedish by Reg Keeland**

Publisher: Random House Audio

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 9/16/2008

ISBN: 9780739370643

ISBN-10: 0739370642



Thriller. With his career in ruins thanks to a lawsuit, muckraking journalist Mikael Blomqvist is at loose ends. So when eccentric octogenarian Henrik Vanger hires him to search for his great-niece Harriet, who vanished 40 years ago from the family's secluded island home, Mikael accepts the assignment. Helping Mikael is private investigator Lisbeth Salander, a computer hacker who sports a curious tattoo of a dragon. As the pair pursues the mystery, they uncover family secrets better left buried in this bestseller by the late Stieg Larsson. Originally published in Sweden, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* is the first book in a trilogy.

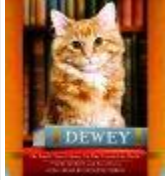
***Dewey: A Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* - by Vicki Myron, with Bret Witter**

Publisher: Hachette Audio

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 9/24/2008

ISBN: 9781600243820

ISBN-10: 1600243827



Memoir. On a bitterly cold January night in 1988, someone made an unusual deposit in the book drop of Iowa's Spencer Public Library: a tiny orange kitten. When library director Vicki Myron found the half-frozen creature the next morning, she didn't know if he would live or not. Dubbed Dewey Readmore Books, the kitten not only survived but thrived, becoming the library's mascot and--for nearly 20 years--bringing an entire town together. *Booklist* calls *Dewey* a "beguiling, poignant, and tender tale of survival, loyalty, and love."

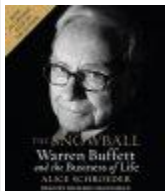
***The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life* - by Alice Schroeder**

Publisher: Random House Audio

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 9/29/2008

ISBN: 9780739334065

ISBN-10: 0739334069



Biography. Warren Buffett is the richest man in the world--and a rich subject for a biography. From his first visit to the New York Stock Exchange at age 10, Buffett knew that he wanted to dedicate his life to business. At 14, his paper route netted him so much cash that he had to file a tax return, and by the time he graduated high school, his business ventures were helping him outearn his teachers. Want to know more? Then pick up this book, which *The New York Times* says "will mesmerize anyone interested in who Mr. Buffett is or how he got that way."

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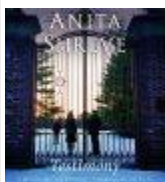
***Testimony* - by Anita Shreve**

Publisher: Hachette Audio

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 10/21/2008

ISBN: 9781600244049

ISBN-10: 1600244041



Fiction. Scandal erupts at a prestigious New England prep school when a video featuring three members of the basketball team having sex with a freshman girl ends up on the Internet. Despite efforts on the part of the school to contain the situation, the news travels across the nation, leaving tragedy in its wake as lives are ruined. Told from numerous points of view, including those of the participating students, their parents, teachers, classmates, and school administrators, *Testimony* is a gripping read that reveals "the heartbreaking consequences of a single reckless act" (*Booklist*).

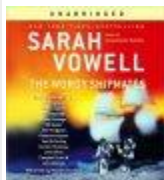
***The Wordy Shipmates* - by Sarah Vowell**

Publisher: Audioworks

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 10/7/2008

ISBN: 9780743578196

ISBN-10: 0743578198



History. Author Sarah Vowell, a frequent contributor to NPR's *This American Life*, follows up her acclaimed *Assassination Vacation* by taking a look at the Puritans. Interweaving history, memoir, and social commentary, Vowell both educates and entertains as she documents the lives and complicated legacies of prominent Puritans such as John Winthrop, Roger Williams, and Anne Hutchinson. *Publishers Weekly* calls this book a "witty exploration of the ways in which our country's present predicaments are inextricably tied to its past."

The Art of Happiness in a Troubled World - Dalai Lama XIV

Publisher: Random House

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 9/15/2009

ISBN: 9780739334416

ISBN-10: 0739334417



Gods behaving badly [sound recording] - Marie Phillips

Publisher: Hachette Audio

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 12/10/2007

ISBN: 9781600240720

ISBN-10: 1600240720



Alive and well in the twenty-first century in spite of the need to hold jobs to support themselves, the twelve Greek gods of Olympus work as dog walkers, TV psychics, and sex operators before a pair of humans is swept up in a battle of wills between Aphrodite and Apollo.

Canine Companions

Marley & Me - by John Grogan

Publisher: Harperaudio

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 3/1/2008

ISBN: 9780061671326

ISBN-10: 0061671320



Memoir. *Philadelphia Inquirer* columnist John Grogan and his wife had been married less than a year when they decided to adopt a dog. Despite being unable to keep a houseplant alive, the Grogans opened their hearts and home to a yellow lab puppy named Marley...who proceeded to turn their lives upside down. From being kicked out of obedience school to chewing through walls, Marley became a 100-pound furry menace--and, surprisingly, a loyal, lovable friend. "Dog lovers will love this account of Grogan's much loved canine," says *Publishers Weekly*.

Cesar's Way: The Natural, Everyday Guide to Understanding and Correcting Common Dog Problems - by Cesar Millan with Melissa Jo Peltier

Publisher: Random House Audio
[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 4/4/2006
ISBN: 9780739324998
ISBN-10: 0739324993



Nonfiction. Dog rehabilitator Cesar Millan, star of the popular TV series *The Dog Whisperer*, has a simple message: humans are humans, and dogs are dogs. Part autobiography, part canine behavior guide, *Cesar's Way* relates how Millan's early experiences with dogs shaped his understanding of their needs. Claiming that the biggest mistake dog owners make is to treat their pets as if they're human, Millan maintains that what dogs need is exercise, discipline, and affection (in that order). If you've ever wondered what's on your dog's mind, check out this insightful overview of canine psychology.

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***Sweetwater Creek* - by Anne Rivers Siddons**

Publisher: Harper Audio
[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 9/1/2005
ISBN: 9780060751012
ISBN-10: 0060751010



Fiction. After her brother Buddy dies and her mother abandons her, 12-year-old Emily Parmenter has no one to turn to--except her beloved spaniel, Elvis. When Emily (with Elvis' help) discovers that she has a talent for training hunting dogs, her life begins to improve. However, just as she's beginning to feel comfortable in her new routine, disturbed debutante Lulu Foxworth arrives on the scene and proceeds to turn Emily's world upside down. For a powerful coming of age story about love, loss, and friendship, be sure to read *Sweetwater Creek*.

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***The Art of Racing in the Rain* - by Garth Stein**

Publisher: Harper Audio
[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 5/1/2008
ISBN: 9780061565403
ISBN-10: 0061565407



Fiction. Facing death yet certain he'll be reincarnated as a man, philosophical mutt Enzo reflects on his life with his human family: widowed racecar driver Denny Swift and Denny's daughter Zoe. Having served as their protector ever since Denny's wife died, Enzo knows the score even if Denny and Zoe don't. For example, Denny's in-laws are eager to get custody of Zoe--so eager that they're willing to frame Denny for a crime he didn't commit. *Booklist* cites "Enzo's wild, original voice" as just one reason to pick up this captivating story of a dog and his man.

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