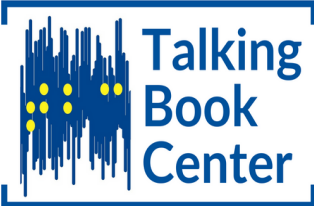


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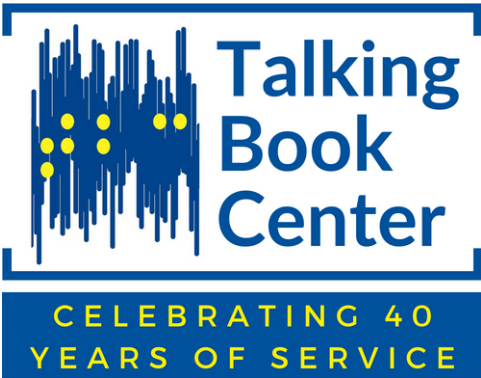
- ♦ A compartment in the back of the player can be used for power cord storage while the player is not in use or is operating on battery power. The machine does not need to be plugged in to play.
- ♦ The machine is programmed to give instructions in Spanish as well as English. This will not play the book in Spanish, but Spanish language books are available.
- ♦ The Bookshelf feature is helpful if there are several books on a cartridge. Press and hold the green square Play/Stop button for two seconds and listen for the “bookshelf” prompt. Use the Rewind and Fast Forward buttons to scroll through the available titles, and press the square Play/Stop button to play the book. The player will remember the book selected even if the cartridge is removed from the player.
- ♦ Verbosity can be reduced by pressing the Fast Forward and Speed Down buttons at the same time. This will stop the machine from saying “volume up”, “volume down”, “speed up”, “speed down”, “tone up”, and “tone down” every time a button is pushed.
- ♦ The white Sleep button, shaped like a crescent moon, can be used to start a timer for 15, 30, 45 or 60 minutes, after which the machine will turn itself off. The timer can be turned off by pressing the Play/Stop button.



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DB100097 Imperfect Union: A Father’s Search For His Son In The Aftermath Of The Battle Of Gettysburg by Chuck Raasch

DBC19492 Major General Philip Kearny: A Soldier And His Time In The American Civil War by Robert R. Laven

DB63155 The Dead Of Winter: How Battlefield Investigators, WWII Veterans, And Forensic Scientists Solved The Mystery Of The Bulge's Lost Soldiers by Bill Warnock

DB70931 Hero Of The Pacific: The Life Of Marine Legend John Basilone by James Brady

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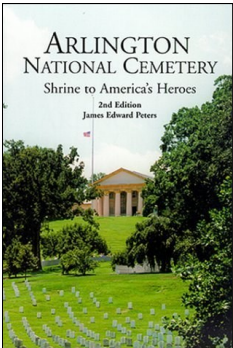
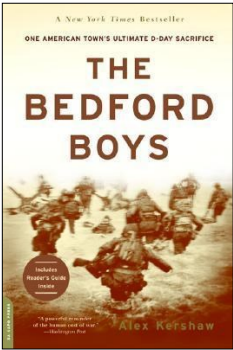
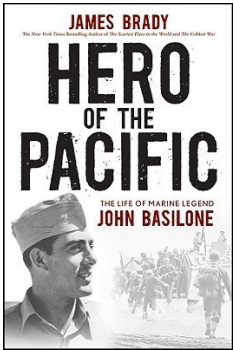
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DB79116 Vanished: The Sixty-Year Search For The Missing Men Of World War II by Wil S. Hylton

DBC00600 Final Flight: The Mystery Of A WWII Plane Crash And The Frozen Airmen In The High Sierra by Peter Stekel

DB64313 Arlington National Cemetery, Shrine To America's Heroes by James Edward Peters

DB80705 Section 60: Arlington National Cemetery: Where War Comes Home by Robert M. Poole



Patron Recommendations:
Oath And Honor: A Memoir And A Warning by Liz Cheney (government, history)
In the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, Donald Trump and many around him, including certain other elected Republican officials, intentionally breached their oath to the Constitution: they ignored the rulings of dozens of courts, plotted to overturn a lawful election, and provoked a violent attack on our Capitol. Liz Cheney, one of the few Republican officials to take a stand against these efforts, witnessed the attack first-hand, and then helped lead the Congressional Select Committee investigation into how it happened. Cheney tells the story of this perilous moment in our history, those who helped Trump spread the stolen election lie, those whose actions preserved our constitutional framework, and the risks we still face. 2023.

- New and Popular Books on BARD:**
- DB119365 Vanished by Irene Hannon (religious fiction, suspense)
 - DB119646 Fortune Teller; Miss Fortune 24 by Jana DeLeon (mystery)
 - DB118763 Upside Down by Danielle Steel (human relations)
 - DB118896 The Women by Kristin Hannah (historical fiction)
 - DB119526 Robert B. Parker’s Fallout by Mike Lupica (suspense)
 - DB119524 The Morning Show Murders by Al Roker (mystery fiction)
 - DB119380 A Beacon Of Light: An Amish Romance by Linda Byler (religious fiction)
 - DB119627 Love On The Range; Brothers In Arms 03 by Mary Connealy (religious fiction)
 - DB119630 Operation Underworld: How The Mafia And US Government Teamed Up To Win World War II by Matthew Black
 - DB118964 Controversies & Commanders: Dispatches From The Army Of The Potomac by Stephen Sears
 - DB119475 "Lee Is Trapped And Must Be Taken": Eleven Fateful Days After Gettysburg, July 4 - July 14, 1863 by Thomas Ryan
 - DB118985 Angels In The ER: Inspiring True Stories From An Emergency Room Doctor by Robert D. Lesslie
 - DB118040 Ghosts Of Honolulu: A Japanese Spy, A Japanese American Spy Hunter, And The Untold Story Of Pearl Harbor by Mark Harmon
 - DBC16492 Gertie: The Fabulous Life Of Gertrude Sanford Legendre, Heiress, Explorer, Socialite, Spy by Kathryn Smith
 - DB119800 Standing My Ground: A Capitol Police Officer’s Fight For Accountability And Good Trouble After January 6th by Harry Dunn

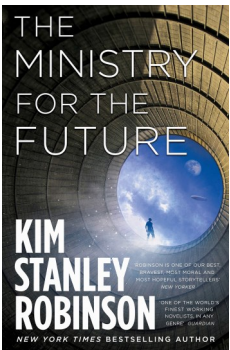


- Global Reading: Egypt**
- DB32793 Wedding Song by Naguib Mahfūz (literature)
An acting company is forced to rehearse and perform an experimental play apparently depicting their own lives. Each character presents a personal interpretation of the same series of events. Different versions provoke questions about art and life. (1988 Nobel Prize in Literature)
 - DB50704 A Daughter Of Isis: The Autobiography Of Nawal El Saadawi (biography)
The memoir of an Egyptian-born feminist, essayist, and novelist. Relates her Islamic village upbringing, her fight for education, her resistance to arranged marriage, and her growing awareness of the problems of being an intelligent female in a patriarchal society. Covers her early years, from 1931 through her medical studies in Cairo. 1999.
 - DB49246 The Innocence Of The Devil by Nawal El Saadawi (literature)
Set at an Egyptian mental institution, focusing on a new patient, Ganat, and the head nurse, Narguiss. The histories and present situations of the inmates and staff reveal the difficulties of women in a patriarchal society where men dominate every facet. 1992.
 - DB52254 The Map Of Love by Ahdaf Soueif (historical romance)
Dashing Pasha courts British widow Anna nearly a century before American journalist Isabel falls in love with courtly conductor Omar. A trunkful of family journals and letters link the pairs of lovers as they surmount cultural obstacles in Egypt. 1999.
 - DB73075 The Anchor Book Of Modern Arabic Fiction (short stories)
Short stories and excerpts from novels by seventy-nine writers from fourteen countries--from Morocco in the west to Iraq in the east. Features "A Man of Letters" by Egyptian Taha Hussein, who has been blind since early childhood. 2006.
 - DB30678 Awakening Osiris: A New Translation Of The Egyptian Book Of The Dead
A new translation, from the hieroglyphs, of the Egyptian Book of the Dead, one of the oldest classics of Western spirituality. The author's perspective is that the divine and the human are not necessarily separate and that these ancient writings are relevant today.
 - DB72130 Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff (biography)
Cleopatra VII, the last Egyptian pharaoh of the Greek Ptolemy dynasty, was a woman of great wealth, education, and political acumen. 2010.
 - DB107566 River Of The Gods: Genius, Courage, And Betrayal In The Search For The Source Of The Nile by Candice Millard (history)
 - DB16823 The Egyptian Way Of Death: Mummies And The Cult Of The Immortal by Ange-Pierre Leca (social science, hist)
 - DB88734 A History Of Ancient Egypt: Volume : From The First Farmers To The Great Pyramid by John Romer (history)

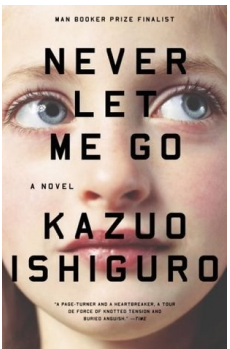


Speculative fiction is a broad category of fiction encompassing genres with certain elements that are nonexistent in terms of reality, recorded history, or nature and the present universe, covering various themes in the context of the supernatural, futuristic, and many other imaginative topics.

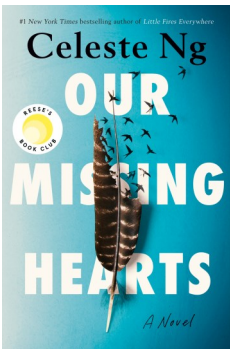
DB113492 The Ministry For The Future by Kim Stanley Robinson
Established in 2025, the purpose of the new organization was simple: To advocate for future generations and to protect all living creatures, present and future. It soon became known as the Ministry for the Future, and this is its story. 2020.



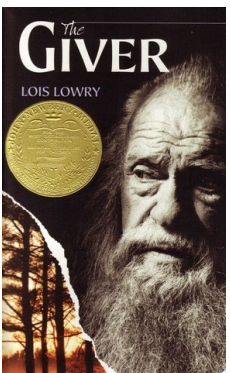
DB59667 Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
England, 1990s. Kathy and Tommy attended Hailsham, one of the better academies where human clones bred to be organ donors are sheltered from reality. Now thirty-one, Kathy has been a donor caregiver for eleven years. As her own time to donate nears, Kathy appreciates her privileged upbringing. 2005.



DB110518 Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives with his father who works at a library. Life has been ruled by laws written to preserve “American culture” in the wake of years of instability and violence. Authorities are now allowed to relocate children of dissidents and libraries have been forced to remove books seen as unpatriotic, including the work of Bird’s mother who left the family four years prior. When Bird receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find her. 2022.



DB116836 Terrace Story by Hilary Leichter
Annie, Edward, and their daughter live in a cramped apartment. One night they find a beautiful terrace hidden in their closet. It wasn't there before, and it seems to only appear when their friend Stephanie visits. A dream come true, but every extra bit of space has a hidden cost, and the terrace sets off a seismic chain of events, forever changing the shape of their tiny home, and the shape of the world. 2023.



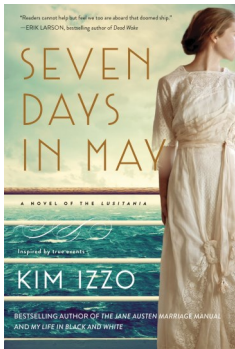
DB37689 The Giver by Lois Lowry
At the age of twelve, Jonas, a young boy from a seemingly utopian, futuristic world, is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who alone holds the memories of the true joys and pain of life. 1993.

DB102299 Ballad Of Songbirds And Snakes; Hunger Games 00 by Suzanne Collins
Years before the events of The Hunger Games, a young Coriolanus Snow prepares for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. But he's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12. 2020.

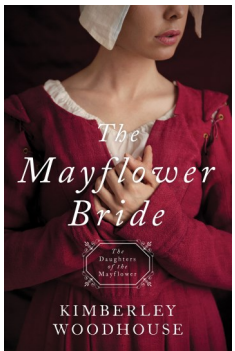
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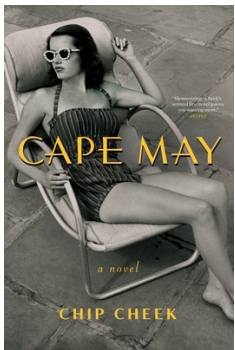
DBG10565 Seven Days In May: A Novel Of The Lusitania by Kim Izzo (historical fiction)
As the First World War rages in continental Europe, heiresses Sydney and Brooke are due to set sail for England. Brooke is engaged to marry aristocrat Edward, while Sydney is drawn to the burgeoning suffrage movement. Meanwhile in London, Isabel, a young woman from Oxford, finds employment at the British Admiralty. It isn't long before her skills in codes and cyphers are called on, and she learns the truth. 2017



DB97180 The Mayflower Bride; Daughters Of The Mayflower 01 by Kimberly Woodhouse (religious historical fiction)
In 1620, Mary Elizabeth Chapman is a Separatist seeking a better life in the New World. William Lytton embarks on the Mayflower as a carpenter and is offered a job as a spy in Virginia. The two face hardships together in the colonies. 2018.

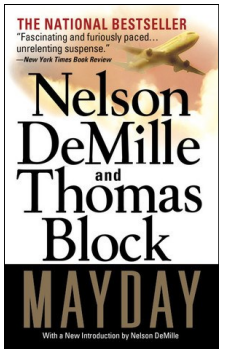


DB103666 Mayday by Nelson DeMille (adventure fiction)
A jumbo passenger jet, flying from San Francisco to Japan, is hit when a missile test goes horribly wrong over the Pacific Ocean. The few survivors who aren't injured are tasked with landing the plane. 1979.

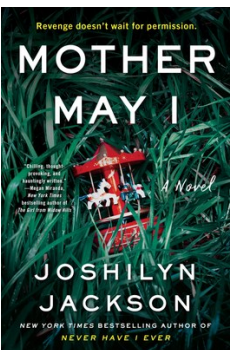


DB94987 Cape May by Chip Cheek (historical fiction)
Newlyweds Effie and Henry arrive in Cape May, New Jersey, in late September for their honeymoon but are surprised by the near-deserted town. They decide to cut their trip short, but before they leave they meet glamorous socialite Clara and playboy Max, who draw them into decadent adventures. Unrated. 2019.

DBG08443 Hawk Of May by Gillian Bradshaw (historical fantasy)
Legendary warrior Gawain tells the story of how he came to King Arthur's court. He studied sorcery with his mother as a boy, nearly falling under the spell of darkness before devoting himself to the light. 2010.

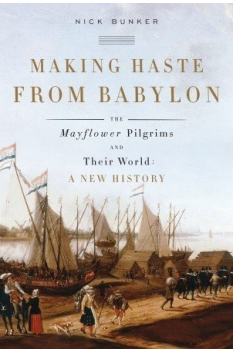


DB103346 Mother May I by Joshilyn Jackson (suspense)
Bree Cabbat wakes to see an old woman peering into her bedroom window, but the woman disappears. Bree thinks she imagined her, until later in the day when she briefly sees the woman before Bree's infant son disappears. To get him back, Bree will do anything. 2021.

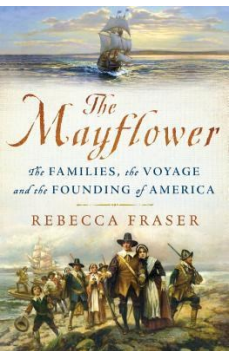


DB84518 Manhattan Mayhem by various authors
From Wall Street and Greenwich Village to Chinatown, Harlem and beyond, the streets and skyscrapers of Manhattan are brimming with crimes and misdemeanors. Mystery Writers of America presents several crime stories by its members that are set in different parts of New York City. 2015.

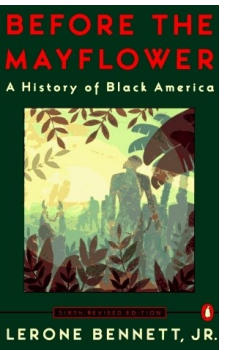
DB71830 Making Haste From Babylon; The Mayflower Pilgrims And Their World: A New History by Nick Bunker
British reporter uses archives to examine the roots and early history of the Puritan Separatists as they emigrated from England to settle the New World. Focuses on the commercial, political, social, and religious motives of Robert Browne, William Brewster, and other Pilgrim leaders. 2010.



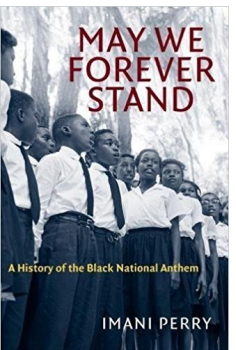
DBC19704 The Mayflower: The Families, The Voyage, And The Founding Of America by Rebecca Fraser (history, biography)
Shedding light on the Winslow family, caught up in all the perils of crossing the ocean and settling in the wilderness. Settlers had to become linguists, explorers, and traders, and yet not forget their roots and customs from the old country. Bringing to life an ordinary family made less ordinary by challenges of the New World. 2016.



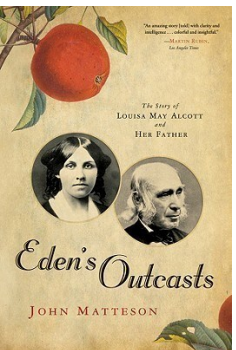
DB32994 Before The Mayflower: A History Of Black America by Lerone Bennett
A classic history of African-Americans. Bennett begins with the great empires of West Africa and traces black history through the transatlantic journey into slavery, the founding of the nation, and the Reconstruction and Jim Crow eras to the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and 1970s. Includes a chronology and a section entitled "Black Firsts." 1993.



DB96961 May We Forever Stand: A History Of The Black National Anthem by Imani Perry (music appreciation, history)
A historian tells the story of the song that became known as the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Examines the lives of the composer and lyricist, and describes how the song became a reflection of black social and cultural history. 2018.



DB66716 Eden's Outcasts: The Story Of Louisa May Alcott And Her Father by John Matteson (biography)
Portrait of nineteenth-century Little Women author and her father Bronson, a noted New England educator and friend of transcendentalists. Describes the influence of his penury and emotional fragility on Louisa, who assisted the family despite her Civil War-contracted illness. 2007.



DB87732 Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life... And Maybe The World by William McRaven
A retired Navy admiral expands upon the commencement address he gave that became a viral video. He shares some of the principles he learned while training as a Navy SEAL that have helped him throughout his life. 2017.