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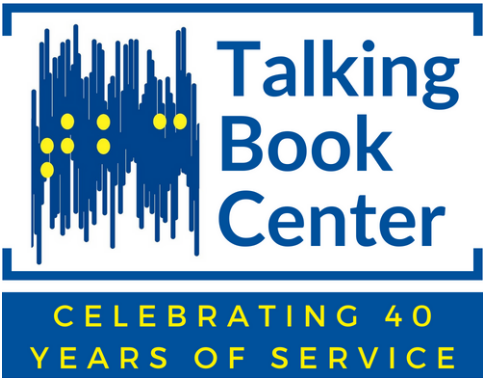
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Remembering 9/11 And First Responders:

DB106108 The Book Of Mychal: The Surprising Life And Heroic Death Of Father Mychal Judge by Michael Daly (biography)

Mychal Judge was the New York Fire Department's Chaplain, ministering not only to the city's firefighters, but also its homeless, alcoholics, and AIDS victims. On September 11, 2001, he rushed to the World Trade Center, and was among the first to perish. 2008.

DB96933 The Only Plane In The Sky: An Oral History Of 9/11 by Garrett M. Graff

An account of the 9/11 terrorist attack on America through the voices of the people who experienced it. Draws on transcripts, interviews, declassified documents, and oral histories from government officials, first responders, witnesses, survivors, friends, and family members. 2019.

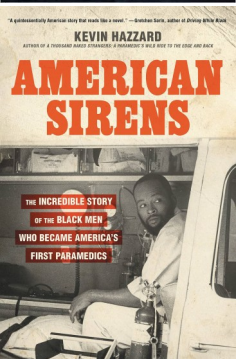
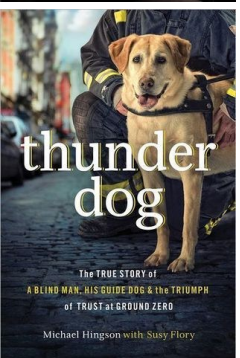
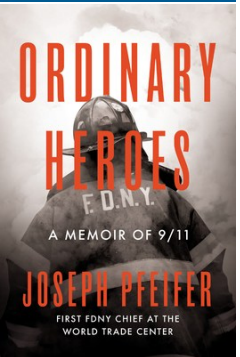
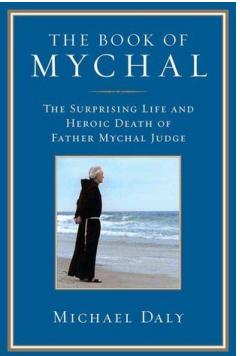
DB106361 Ordinary Heroes: A Memoir Of 9/11 by Joseph Pfeifer
In this memoir from the first FDNY chief to respond to the 9/11 attacks, the author recounts his harrowing experience of the terrorist attack and the days that followed. He also describes his own struggles with the resulting trauma and grief and his journey to resiliency and hope. 2021.

DB73300 Thunder Dog: The True Story Of A Blind Man, His Guide Dog, And The Triumph Of Trust At Ground Zero by Michael Hingson

Michael Hingson, an executive who worked in the North Tower of the World Trade Center, recounts his escape after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Hingson, blind since birth, describes what he and his guide dog Roselle experienced as she led him down seventy-eight flights of stairs to safety. 2011.

DBC25075 American Sirens: The Incredible Story Of The Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics by Kevin Hazzard

The extraordinary story of an unjustly forgotten group of Black men in Pittsburgh who became the first paramedics in America, saving lives and changing the course of emergency medicine around the world. 2022.



Patron Recommendations:

DB129105 The Correspondent by Virginia Evans (human relations)
Throughout her life Sybil Van Antwerp has used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings Sybil sits down to write letters--to her brother, to her best friend, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter. Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has. A mother, grandmother, wife, divorcée, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness. 2025.

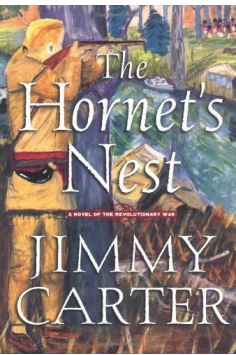
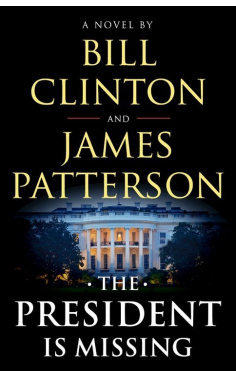
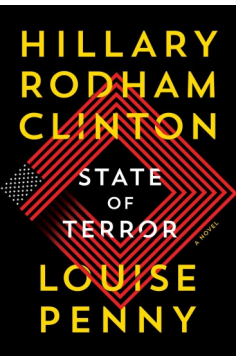
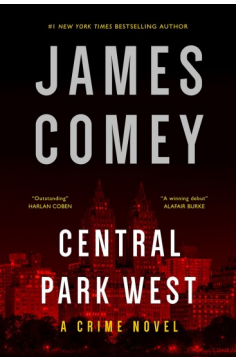
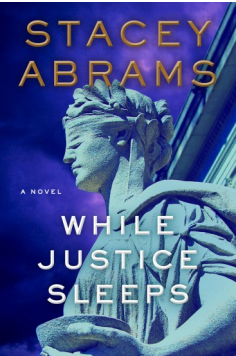
New and Popular Books on BARD:

- DB127734 Emma’s Amish Faith Tested; Amish Women Of Lawrence County 01 by Tracy Fredrychowski (religious fiction)
- DB128149 Rebcca’s Amish Heart Restored; Amish Women Of Lawrence County 02 (religious fiction)
- DB130132 Beach House Rules by Kristy Woodson Harvey (romance)
- DB130236 Never Flinch by Stephen King (occult, suspense)
- DB130129 The Wife Upstairs by Freida McFadden (suspense)
- DB126841 The Big Empty; Elvis Cole And Joe Pike 20 by Robert Crais (mystery)
- DB130298 Nightshade; Detective Stilwell 01 by Michael Connelly (mystery)
- DB130166 Return To Sender; Walt Longmire 21 by Craig Johnson (mystery)
- DB130041 25 Alive; Women’s Murder Club 25 by James Patterson (mystery)
- DB130125 The First Gentleman by Bill Clinton and James Patterson (suspense)
- DB130021 Stuart Woods’ Finders Keepers; Stone Barrington 66 by Brett Battles (myst.)
- DBC30978 Laura: The Life Of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Donald Zochert (bio of writer)
- DB130141 Class Clown by Dave Barry (memoir of humor columnist)
- DB129905 The Bible Says So: What We Get Right, And Wrong, About Scripture’s Most Controversial Issues by Daniel O. McClellan (religion)
- DB130056 Ave Maria: The Mystery Of A Most Beloved Prayer by Pope Francis (religion)
- DB130303 We All Shine On: John, Yoko, And Me by Elliot Mintz (music appreciation)
- DBC32207 Grand Avenues: The Story Of The French Visionary Who Designed Washington D.C. by Scott W. Berg (biography of Pierre Charles L'Enfant)



Political Fiction Written By Political Figures:

- DB103183 While Justice Sleeps; Avery Keene 01 by Stacey Abrams
When Supreme Court Justice Howard Wynn falls into a coma, his clerk Avery Keene is shocked to find he left instructions for her to serve as his guardian and power of attorney. She discovers Wynn had been looking into a possible conspiracy, and she is now targeted. 2021.
- DB116279 Central Park West; Nora Carleton 01 by James Comey
A murder investigation reveals deadly connections between high-ranking politicians and the mafia. When a case against a powerful mobster finally cracks and an unimpeachable witness takes the stand, prosecutor Nora Carleton is looking forward to putting the defendant away for good. As the testimony concludes, a note offers up information into the assassination of the former governor, murdered in his penthouse apartment just days before. It's enough to blow the case wide open, and to send Nora into a high-stakes investigation of conspiracy, corruption, and danger. 2023.
- DB105509 State Of Terror by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny
Newly appointed Secretary of State Ellen Adams is a controversial choice. While she attends the new president's first address to Congress, foreign service officer Anahita Dahir receives a baffling text--a warning. As terrorist attacks threaten America's standing, Adams and her team fight to uncover a conspiracy. 2021.
- DB91164 The President Is Missing by Bill Clinton and James Patterson
A threat so huge that it jeopardizes not just Pennsylvania Avenue and Wall Street, but all of America. There are whispers of cyberterror and espionage and a traitor in the Cabinet. Even the president himself becomes a suspect, and then he disappears from public view. 2018.
- DB57352 The Hornet’s Nest by Jimmy Carter
Philadelphia Quakers Ethan and Epsey Pratt move to North Carolina, where they homestead until political troubles brew between the Regulators and the British. Relocating to Georgia in 1771 they develop local friendships with both Indians and settlers. Ethan joins the militia despite his religious beliefs. 2003.
- DB59549 Murder At Union Station by Margaret Truman
Washington, D.C. The subject of Richard Marienthal's latest book, mobster-turned-informant Louis Russo, is murdered at the train station before he can testify for the government. Marienthal realizes that material in his manuscript threatens to expose secrets in high places and endanger his fiancée and himself. 2004.



Political Fiction:

DB38799 Advise And Consent by Alan Drury
Political machinations and personal conflict are activated when the Senate must decide whether to confirm the president's nominee for secretary of state. Most are in favor of the nominee, but a senator from the South has reservations. 1959.

DB53553 All The King’s Men by Robert Penn Warren
Recreates the world of a corrupt southern politician of the 1920s and 1930s. Country boy Willie (Stark) Talos rises to become governor of his state only to be brought down by his personal failings. 1946.

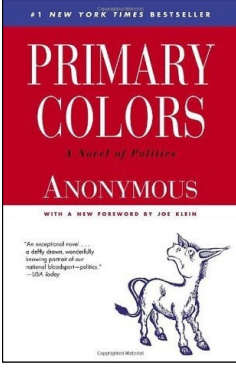
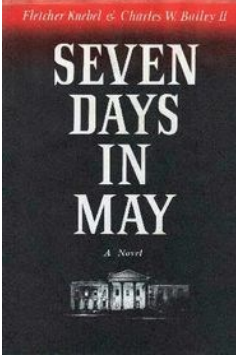
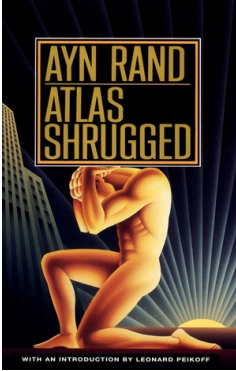
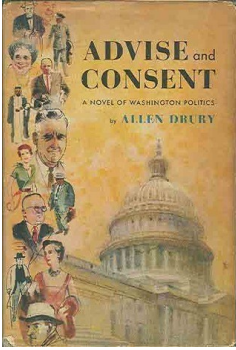
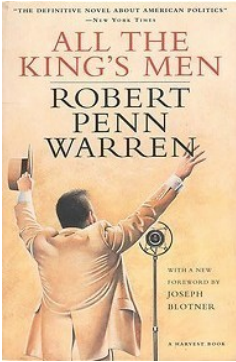
DB51074 Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand
Dagny Taggart, manager of a transcontinental railroad, opposes John Galt and others who relinquish control over their enterprises in exchange for security through government regulations. Espouses the clear-cut social values of the author's philosophy of objectivism within a fictional story line. 1957.

DB32706 The Manchurian Candidate by Richard Condon
An American soldier captured during the Korean War is brainwashed by his communist captors and hypnotized to commit crimes on command. When he returns home he is hailed as a hero, but immediately becomes the center of political intrigue. 1959.

DB31883 Seven Days In May by Fletcher Knebel and Charles Bailey II
A political novel set in Washington, D.C. in the 1970s involving a military plot to take over the government, and the President's attempts to prove that the plot exists and to foil it. 1962.

DB41822 Primary Colors: A Novel Of Politics by Anonymous
When Jack Stanton, a southern governor, runs for the presidency, he recruits Henry Burton as his deputy campaign manager. At first Henry sees the opportunity to gain an insider's view of politics as a welcome distraction. But the business of politics soon builds a formidable backdrop to Henry's personal identity crisis. 1996.

DB48892 A God In Ruins by Leon Uris
Colorado governor Quinn Patrick O'Connell, an Irish Catholic adopted at age three, is running for president of the United States, and it looks as if he will win. Then a week before the election, O'Connell's past suddenly rushes forth to reveal long-hidden secrets that could cost him the election. 1999.



September Titles:

DB17919 Will You Love Me In September by Philippa Carr (hist. rom.)
Though Clarissa is only twelve when she first encounters Lance, she is not too young to fall in love, nor to become the pawn in a deadly game of power and passion. The time is 1715 in an England rife with discontent, and Clarissa is caught up in events which will alter England's history and lure her into a strange, shadowbox future. 1981.

DB116597 The September House by Carissa Orlando (horror, suspense)
Margaret is determined to stay in her dream home even after it becomes haunted, no matter the cost... When the walls of her house start to drip blood, her husband Hal decides to leave. Now he has gone missing and their daughter Katherine arrives, convinced something has happened to him. But the hauntings at the September House grow more harrowing, because there are some secrets the house needs to keep. 2023.

DB62135 September In The Rain: The Life Of Nelson Riddle by Peter J. Levinson (biography)

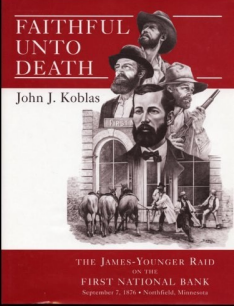
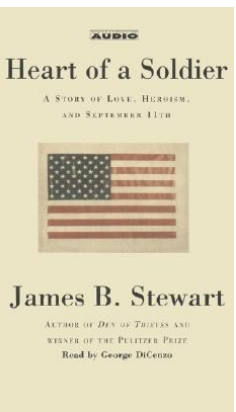
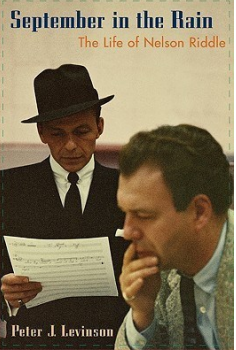
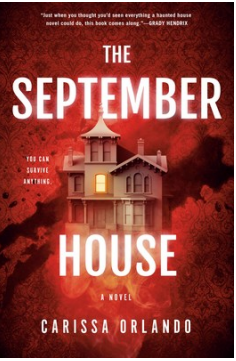
Biography of composer/arranger who began his career with the dance bands of the 1940s, including a stint with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra. Describes his personal and professional life, his success in rekindling Frank Sinatra's career, and his work with Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, and others. 2005.

DB55549 Heart Of A Soldier: A Story Of Love, Heroism, And September 11th by James B. Stewart (biography)
The life of Rick Rescorla, security director of Morgan Stanley at New York's World Trade Center, who helped rescue thousands during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack before losing his life. His wife, army comrade, and his coworkers pay tribute to his courage. 2002.

DBC17958 A Weekend In September by John Edward Weems (history)
During the weekend of September 8, 1900 at least 6,000 people lost their lives in a hurricane that struck Galveston, Texas. It is to date the worst recorded disaster to ever strike the North American continent. 1957.

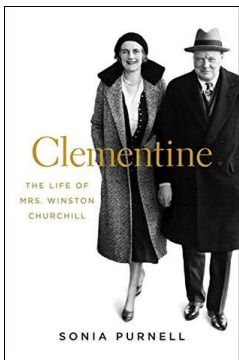
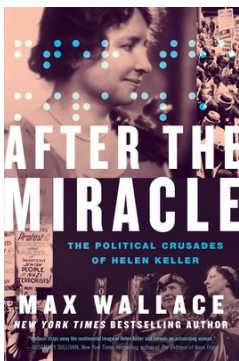
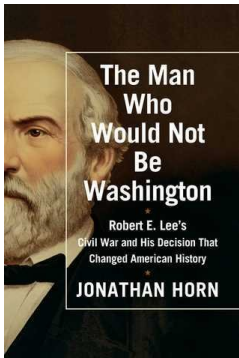
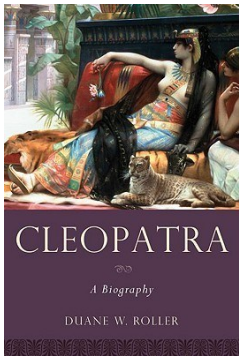
DBC24799 Faithful Unto Death: The James-Younger Raid On The First National Bank Northfield, Minnesota, September 7, 1876 by John J. Koblas (true crime)

The most accurate and detailed history yet written of the 1876 James-Younger raid on the First National Bank of Northfield, Minnesota. Combines an exhaustive sweep of original source materials with previously unpublished information. 2001.



Political Biographies:

- DB60602 Stalin: A Biography by Robert Service
- DB123749 Cleopatra: A Biography by Duane W. Roller
- DB49113 John McCain: An American Odyssey by Robert Timberg
- DB80203 Shirley Chisholm: Catalyst For Change by Barbara Winslow
- DB95030 The Man Who Would Not Be Washington: Robert E. Lee's Civil War And His Decision That Changed American History by Jonathan Horn
- DB43429 Jesse Jackson: The Life And Pilgrimage Of Jesse Jackson by Marshal Frady
- DBC19606 The Essential Bernie Sanders And His Vision For America by Jonathan Tasini
- DB23725 Ferraro, My Story by Geraldine Ferraro
- DB113951 After The Miracle: The Political Crusades Of Helen Keller by Max Wallace
- DB123402 True Gretch: What I've Learned About Life, Leadership, And Everything In Between by Gretchen Whitmer
- DB94274 Shortest Way Home: One Mayor's Challenge And A Model For America's Future by Pete Buttigieg
- DB73796 In My Time: A Personal And Political Memoir by Dick Cheney
- DB74049 Gabby: A Story Of Courage by Gabrielle Giffords
- DB17354 Eva Perón by Nicholas Fraser
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- DB65595 Hugo Chávez by Christina Marcano
- DB117659 Romney: A Reckoning by McKay Coppins
- DB76179 Patrick Henry: First Among Patriots by Thomas S. Kidd
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- DB119288 John Lewis: In Search Of The Beloved Community by Raymond Arsenault
- DB88505 Clementine: The Life Of Mrs. Winston Churchill by Sonia Purnell
- DB75899 Patriarch: The Remarkable Life And Turbulent Times Of Joseph P. Kennedy by David Nasaw



Political Biographies:

- DB77768 Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China by Jung Chang
- The life of Empress Dowager Cixi (1835-1908). Chronicles her selection as concubine, orchestration of a coup that made her de facto ruler, reign during the Taiping and Boxer rebellions and an eight-country invasion, and implementation of sweeping reforms. 2013.
- DB99105 The Shadow Of Vesuvius: A Life Of Pliny by Daisy Dunn
- A biography of Pliny the Younger, a survivor of the historic Vesuvius eruption who became a Roman lawyer, senator, poet, and representative of the Emperor. Also recounts his adoption by his uncle, the author of the Natural History and explores the impact of life with him. 2005.
- DB121967 Rome's Last Citizen: The Life And Legacy Of Cato, Mortal Enemy Of Caesar by Rob Goodman
- This biography of Marcus Cato the Younger -- Rome's bravest statesman, an aristocratic soldier, a Stoic philosopher, and staunch defender of sacred Roman tradition -- is rich with resonances for current politics and contemporary notions of freedom. 2012.
- DB67548 Golda by Elinor Burkett
- Biography of Golda Meir (1898-1978), one of the founders of the State of Israel. Describes her childhood in Russia, her family's immigration to the United States, and her dedication to Zionism. Examines her term as prime minister, her presence on the world political stage, and her legacy. 2008
- DB126332 Ingenious: A Biography Of Benjamin Franklin, Scientist by Richard Munson
- Benjamin Franklin was one of the preeminent scientists of his time. Driven by curiosity, he conducted cutting-edge research on electricity, heat, ocean currents, weather patterns, chemical bonds, and plants. But today, Franklin is remembered more for his political prowess and diplomatic achievements than his scientific creativity. 2024.
- DB119252 The Showman: Inside The Invasion That Shook The World And Made A Leader Of Volodymyr Zelensky by Simon Shuster
- Acclaimed journalist Simon Shuster gives us the first inside account of the Russian invasion of Ukraine from the perspective of President Volodymyr Zelensky and his team, who granted him unprecedented access. 2024.

