

Fiction

Adjei-Brenyah, Nana Kwame. "Chain-Gang All-Stars" 2023

Loretta Thurwar and Hamara "Hurricane Staxxx" Stacker are the stars of Chain-Gang All-Stars, the cornerstone of CAPE, or Criminal Action Penal Entertainment, a highly-popular, highly-controversial, profit-raising program in America's increasingly dominant private prison industry. It's the return of the gladiators and prisoners are competing for the ultimate prize: their freedom. In CAPE, prisoners travel as Links in Chain-Gangs, competing in death-matches for packed arenas with righteous protestors at the gates.

FIC ADJEI-BRENYAH; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Adler, Sarah. "Mrs. Nash's Ashes" 2023

Former childhood star and die-hard romantic Millie is bound for Key West from Washington, D.C., determined to fulfil a promise to her elderly best friend, Mrs. Nash, by reuniting her ashes with her long-lost love. And if this grand gesture also reassures a recently heartbroken Millie that love is real, all for the better. When flights are grounded, Millie is forced to catch a ride with Hollis, an also-stranded near-stranger from her ex's grad school.

FIC ADLER; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Alderman, Naomi. "The Future" 2023

When Martha Einkorn fled her father's isolated compound in Oregon, she never expected to find herself working for a powerful social media mogul hell-bent on controlling everything. Now, she's surrounded by mega-rich companies designing private weather, predictive analytics, and covert weaponry, while spouting technological prophecy. Martha may have left the cult, but if the apocalyptic warnings in her father's fox and rabbit sermon – once a parable to her – are starting to come true, how much future is actually left?

FIC ALDERMAN; LPB FIC ALDERMAN

Beagin, Jen. "Big Swiss" 2023

Greta lives with her friend Sabine in an ancient Dutch farmhouse in Hudson, New York. The house, built in 1737, is unrenovated, uninsulated, and full of bees. Greta spends her days transcribing therapy sessions for a sex coach who calls himself Om. She becomes infatuated with his newest client, a repressed married woman she affectionately refers to as Big Swiss, since she's tall, stoic, and originally from Switzerland. Greta is fascinated by Big Swiss's refreshing attitude toward trauma. They both have dark histories, but Big Swiss chooses to remain unattached to her suffering while Greta continues to be tortured by her past.

FIC BEAGIN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Chakraborty, Shannon. "The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi" 2023

Amina al-Sirafi should be content. After a storied and scandalous career as one of the Indian Ocean's most notorious pirates, she's survived backstabbing rogues, vengeful merchant princes, several husbands, and one actual demon to retire peacefully with her family to a life of piety, motherhood, and absolutely nothing that hints of the supernatural. But when she's tracked down by the obscenely wealthy mother of a former crewman, she's offered a job no bandit could refuse: retrieve her comrade's kidnapped daughter for a kingly sum.

SCI FI CHAKRABORTY; HOOPLA: eBook and eAudiobook; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Clowes, Daniel. "Monica" 2023

Monica is a series of interconnected narratives that collectively tell the life story – actually, stories – of its title character. Clowes calls upon a lifetime of inspiration to create the most complex and personal graphic novel of his distinguished career. Rich with visual detail, an impeccable ear for language and dialogue, and thrilling twists, Monica is a multilayered masterpiece in comics form that alludes to many of the genres that have defined the medium – war, romance, horror, crime, the supernatural, etc. – but in a mysterious, uncategorizable, and quintessentially Clowesian way that rewards multiple readings.

GN CLOWES

Due, Tananarive. "The Reformatory" 2023

It is the summer of 1950 and 12-year-old Robbie Stephens, Jr. and his older sister Gloria encounter teenager Lyle McCormack, the son of Red McCormack, a man who basically owns the little town where they live, Gracetown. Lyle looks at Gloria strangely and then touches her arm and says some things he shouldn't, so Robbie kicks him. As a result, he gets a bloody ear from Red McCormack and a six-month sentence at the Gracetown School for Boys, a reformatory with a dark past in which boys of all races often vanish forever.

FIC DUE; CD FIC DUE; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Groff, Lauren. “The Vaster Wilds” 2023

A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of God that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief in everything that her own civilization has taught her. *The Vaster Wilds* is a work of raw and prophetic power that tells the story of America in miniature, through one girl at a hinge point in history, to ask how – and if – we can adapt quickly enough to save ourselves.

FIC GROFF; CD FIC GROFF; LPB FIC GROFF; LIBBY eAudiobook

Harrison, Rachel. “Black Sheep” 2023

Vesper Wright is in hell. The night she gets fired from her unglamorous restaurant job, she comes home to find an envelope waiting on her doorstep. There's no return address, but she knows exactly who it's from – her estranged family. Inside the envelope is an invitation to the wedding of Vesper's cousin and childhood best friend, Rosemary, the one person she regrets losing touch with. She's getting married at the family home. A home that, according to the rules of her strictly religious family, Vesper shouldn't be allowed to return to.

FIC HARRISON; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Hart, Emilia. “Weyward” 2023

I am a Weyward, and wild inside. Weaving together the stories of three extraordinary women across five centuries, Emilia Hart's novel is an astonishing debut that explores the natural world, femininity, and the legacy of witchcraft. Following Kate in 2019, Altha in 1619, and Violet in 1942, Hart's tale weaves together an enthralling portrait of female resilience.

FIC HART; PLAYAWAY HART; LIBBY: eBook & eAudio

Knoll, Jessica. “Bright Young Women” 2023

Masterfully blending elements of psychological suspense and true crime, the book opens on a Saturday night in 1978, hours before a soon-to-be-infamous murderer descends upon a Florida sorority house with deadly results. The lives of those who survive, including sorority president and key witness, Pamela Schumacher, are forever changed. Across the country, Tina Cannon is convinced her missing friend was targeted by the man papers refer to as the All-American Sex Killer – and that he's struck again. Determined to find justice, the two join forces as their search leads to a final, shocking confrontation.

BDG KNOLL; FIC KNOLL; LPB FIC KNOLL; CD FIC KNOLL; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Kraus, Daniel. "Whalefall" 2023

Jay Gardiner has given himself a fool's errand – to find the remains of his deceased father in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Monastery Beach. The dive begins well enough, but the sudden appearance of a giant squid puts Jay in very real jeopardy, made infinitely worse by the arrival of a sperm whale looking to feed. Suddenly, Jay is caught in the squid's tenacles and drawn into the whale's mouth where he is pulled into the first of its four stomachs. He quickly realizes he has only one hour before his oxygen tanks run out – one hour to defeat his demons and escape the belly of a whale.

SCI FI KRAUS; PLAYAWAY KRAUS; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Kuang, R. F. "Yellowface" 2023

Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars. So, when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: She steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers during World War I. So what if June edits Athena's novel and sends it to her agent as her own work? So what if she lets her new publisher rebrand her as Juniper Song – complete with an ambiguously ethnic author photo? Doesn't this piece of history deserve to be told, whoever the teller?

FIC KUANG; LPB FIC KUANG; PLAYAWAY KUANG; HOOPLA: eBook and eAudiobook; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Lin-Greenburg, Karin. "You Are Here" 2023

The inhabitants of a small town – located in Upstate New York – have long found that their lives intersect at one focal point: the local shopping mall. But business is down, stores are closing, and as the institution breathes its last gasp, the people inside it dream of something different, something more. In its pages, "You Are Here" brings this diverse group of characters vividly to life – flawed, real, lovable strangers who are wonderful company and prove unforgettable even after the last store has closed. Author Lin-Greenburg is a professor at Siena College.

FIC LIN-GREENBURG; HOOPLA: eAudiobook; LIBBY: eBook

Link, Kelly. "White Cat, Black Dog" 2023

Finding seeds of inspiration in the Brothers Grimm, 17th-century French lore, and Scottish ballads, Kelly Link spins classic fairy tales into utterly original stories of seekers – characters on the hunt for love, connection, revenge, or their own sense of purpose. In "The White Cat's Divorce," an aging billionaire sends his three sons on a series of absurd goose chases to decide which will become his heir. In "The Girl Who Did Not Know Fear," a professor with a delicate health condition becomes stranded for days in an airport hotel after a conference, in acute danger of being late for an appointment that cannot be missed. In "Skinder's Veil," a young man agrees to take over a remote house-sitting gig for a friend.

FIC LINK; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Makkai, Rebecca. "I Have Some Questions for You" 2023

Award-winning author Rebecca Makkai has crafted her most irresistible novel yet: A stirring investigation into collective memory and a deeply felt examination of one woman's reckoning with her past, with a transfixing mystery at its heart. Timely, hypnotic, and populated with a cast of unforgettable characters, "I Have Some Questions for You" is at once a compulsive page-turner and a literary triumph.

FIC MAKKAI; LPB FIC MAKKAI; PLAYAWAY MAKKAI; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

McBride, James. "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" 2023

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side-by-side and shared ambitions and sorrows.

FIC MCBRIDE; LPB FIC MCBRIDE; CD FIC MCBRIDE; PLAYAWAY MCBRIDE; LIBBY: eBook & eAudiobook

Morton, Kate. "Homecoming" 2023

Adelaide Hills, Christmas Eve, 1959: At the end of a scorching hot day, beside a creek on the grounds of a grand country house, a local man makes a terrible discovery. Police are called, and the small town of Tambilla becomes embroiled in one of the most baffling murder investigations in the history of South Australia. Many years later and thousands of miles away, Jess is a journalist in search of a story. Having lived and worked in London for two decades, she now finds herself unemployed and struggling to make ends meet. A phone call out of nowhere summons her back to Sydney, where her beloved grandmother Nora, who raised Jess when her mother could not, has suffered a fall and is seriously ill in the hospital.

FIC MORTON; LPB FIC MORTON; HOOPLA: eBook; LIBBY: eBook

Murray, Paul. "The Bee Sting" 2023

The Barnes family is in trouble. Dickie's once-lucrative car business is going under – but rather than face the music, he's spending his days in the woods, building an apocalypse-proof bunker with a renegade handyman. His wife, Imelda, is selling off her jewelry on eBay, while their teenage daughter, Cass, formerly top of her class, seems determined to binge-drink her way through her final exams. And 12-year-old PJ is putting the final touches to his grand plan to run away from home. Where did it all go wrong? A patch of ice on the tarmac, a casual favor to a charming stranger, a bee caught beneath a bridal veil – can a single moment of bad luck change the direction of a life? And if the story has already been written – is there still time to find a happy ending?

FIC MURRAY; LIBBY: eBook

Naylor, Ray. "The Mountain in the Sea" 2022

Rumors begin to spread of a species of hyperintelligent, dangerous octopus that may have developed its own language and culture. Marine biologist Dr. Ha Nguyen, who has spent her life researching cephalopod intelligence, will do anything for the chance to study them. The octopuses hold the key to unprecedented breakthroughs in extrahuman intelligence. The stakes are high: There are vast fortunes to be made by whoever can take advantage of the octopuses' advancements, and as Dr. Nguyen struggles to communicate with the newly discovered species, forces close in to seize the octopuses for themselves. But no one has yet asked the octopuses what they think. And what they might do about it.

SCI FIC NAYLOR; LIBBY: eBook; HOOPLA eAudiobook

Poston, Ashley. "The Seven Year Slip" 2023

Clementine forms a plan to keep her heart safe: work hard, find someone decent to love, and try to remember to chase the moon. And for the last year, that plan has gone off without a hitch. Mostly. The love part is hard because she doesn't want to get too close to anyone – she isn't sure her heart can take it. And then she finds a strange man standing in the kitchen of her late aunt's apartment. A man with kind eyes and a Southern drawl and a taste for lemon pies. The kind of man that, before it all, she would've fallen head-over-heels for. And she might again. Except, he exists in the past. Seven years ago, to be exact. And she, quite literally, lives seven years in his future.

FIC POSTON; LPB POSTON; LIBBY: eBook

Scalzi, John. "Starter Villain" 2023

Inheriting your uncle's supervillain business is more complicated than you might think. Particularly when you discover who's running the place. Charlie's life is going nowhere fast. A divorced substitute teacher living with his cat in a house his siblings want to sell, all he wants is to open a pub downtown, if only the bank will approve his loan. Then his long-lost uncle Jake dies and leaves his supervillain business (complete with island volcano lair) to Charlie. But becoming a supervillain isn't all giant laser death rays and lava pits. Jake had enemies, and now they're coming after Charlie.

SCI FI SCALZI; LIBBY: eBook

Sims, Laura. "How Can I Help You" 2023

No one knows Margo's real name. They have no reason to suspect that she is a former nurse with a trail of premature deaths in her wake. She has turned a new page, and the library is her sanctuary, a place to quell old urges. That is, at least, until Patricia joins the library staff. When a patron's death in the library bathroom gives her a hint of Margo's mysterious past, Patricia can't resist digging deeper – even as this new fixation becomes all-consuming.

FIC SIMS; LIBBY: eBook

Sittenfeld, Curtis. "Romantic Comedy" 2023

Sally Milz is a sketch writer for The Night Owls, the late-night live comedy show that airs each Saturday. With a couple of heartbreaks under her belt, she's long abandoned the search for love, settling instead for the occasional hook-up, career success, and a close relationship with her stepfather to round out a satisfying life. But when Sally's friend and fellow writer Danny Horst begins dating Annabel, a glamorous actress who guest-hosted the show, Sally channels her annoyance into a sketch called the Danny Horst Rule, poking fun at this phenomenon while underscoring how unlikely it is that the reverse would ever happen for a woman.

FIC SITTFELD; LPB SITTFELD; CD FIC SITTFELD; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Stevenson, Benjamin. "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" 2023

Ernie Cunningham, a teacher and crime fiction aficionado, is a reluctant guest at a family reunion held in a snowbound mountain retreat. Three years ago, Ern witnessed his brother, Michael, kill a man and immediately shopped him to the police. This was a betrayal no one in his well-known crime family could forgive and for the last few years, Ernie has been shunned by his relatives. But now they are all gathered at the Sky Lodge Mountain Retreat to welcome Michael back into the fold after his release from prison.

PLAYAWAY STEVENSON; HOOPLA: eBook; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Sutanto, Jesse Q. "Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers" 2023

Vera Wong is a lonely little old lady – ah, lady of a certain age – who lives above her forgotten tea shop in the middle of San Francisco's Chinatown. One morning, Vera trudges downstairs to find a curious thing – a dead man in the middle of her tea shop. In his outstretched hand, a flash drive. Vera doesn't know what comes over her, but after calling the cops like any good citizen would, she swipes the flash drive from the body and tucks it safely into the pocket of her apron. Why? Because Vera is sure she would do a better job than the police possibly could, because nobody sniffs out a wrongdoing quite like a suspicious Chinese mother with time on her hands.

FIC SUTANTO; LPB SUTANTO; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Watterson, Bill. "The Mysteries" 2023

In a fable for grown-ups by cartoonist Bill Watterson, a long-ago kingdom is afflicted with unexplainable calamities. Hoping to end the torment, the king dispatches his knights to discover the source of the mysterious events. Years later, a single battered knight returns.

GN WATTERSON

Wray, John. "Gone to the Wolves" 2023

Kip, Leslie, and Kira are outliers — even in the metal scene they love. In arch-conservative Gulf Coast Florida in the late 1980s, just listening to metal can get you arrested, but for the three of them the risk is well worth it, because metal is what leads them to one another. Different as they are, Kip, Leslie, and Kira form a family of sorts that proves far safer, and more loving, than the families they come from. Together, they make the pilgrimage from Florida's swamp country to the fabled Sunset Strip in Hollywood. Then, on a trip to northern Europe for her 22nd birthday, in the middle of a show, Kira simply vanishes.

FIC WRAY; LIBBY: eBook

Wright, Steven. "Harold" 2023

From the outside, Harold is an average 7-year-old third-grader growing up in the 1960s. Bored by school. Crushing on a girl. Likes movies and baseball — especially the hometown Boston Red Sox. Enjoys spending time with his grandfather. But inside Harold's mind, things are a lot more complex and unusual. His thoughts come to him as birds flying through a small rectangle in the middle of his brain. He visits an outdoor cafe on the moon and is invited aboard a spaceship by famed astronomer Carl Sagan. He envisions his own funeral procession and wonders if the driver of the hearse has even been born yet.

FIC WRIGHT; LIBBY: eBook

Zhang, C Pam. "Land of Milk and Honey" 2023

A smog has spread. Food crops are rapidly disappearing. A chef escapes her dying career in a dreary city to take a job at a decadent mountaintop colony seemingly free of the world's troubles. There, the sky is clear again. Rare ingredients abound. Her enigmatic employer and his visionary daughter have built a lush new life for the global elite. "Land of Milk and Honey" lays provocatively bare the ethics of seeking pleasure in a dying world. It is a daringly imaginative exploration of desire and deception, privilege and faith, and the roles we play to survive. Most of all, it is a love letter to food, to wild delight, and to the transformative power of a woman embracing her own appetite.

FIC ZHANG; PLAYAWAY ZHANG; LIBBY: eAudiobook

Non-Fiction

Ackerman, Jennifer. "What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds" 2023

A brilliant scientific exploration of owls, the most elusive group of birds, and an investigation into why these remarkable and yet mysterious animals exert such a hold on human imagination. Our fascination with these mysterious birds was first documented over 30,000 years ago and our enduring awareness and curiosity of their forward gaze and nearly silent flight has cemented the owl as a symbol of wisdom and knowledge, foresight and intuition. But what, really, does an owl know?

598.97 ACKERMAN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Bamford, Maria. "Sure, I'll Join Your Cult: A Memoir of Mental Illness and the Quest to Belong Anywhere" 2023

A brutally honest and hilariously frenetic memoir about show business, mental health, and the comfort of rigid belief systems – from Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" to 12-step programs. Maria Bamford is a comedian's comedian and has forever fought to find a place to belong. From struggling with an eating disorder as a child of the 1980s, to navigating a career in the arts, she has tried just about every method possible to not only be a part of the world, but to want to be a part of it.

BIO BAMFORD; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Beaton, Kate. "Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands" 2022

Before there was Kate Beaton, *New York Times* bestselling cartoonist, there was Katie Beaton of the Cape Breton Beatons, specifically Mabou, a tight-knit seaside community. After university, Beaton heads out west to take advantage of Alberta's oil rush. With the singular goal of paying off her student loans, what the journey will actually cost Beaton will be far more. She encounters the harsh reality of life in the oil sands where trauma is an everyday occurrence yet never discussed. Her wounds may never heal.

GN BEATON; LIBBY: eBook

Blackhawk, Ned. "The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History" 2023

The most enduring feature of U.S. history is the presence of Native Americans, yet most histories focus on Europeans and their descendants. This long practice of ignoring Indigenous history is changing, with a new generation of scholars insisting that any American history address the struggle, survival, and resurgence of American Indian nations. Blackhawk interweaves five centuries of histories, from Spanish colonial exploration to the rise of Native American self-determination in the late twentieth century.

973.0497 BLACKHAWK; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Bohannon, Cat. "Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 million Years of Human Evolution" 2023

With boundless curiosity and sharp wit, Bohannon covers the past 200 million years to explain the specific science behind the development of the female sex. "Eve" is not just a sweeping revision of human history, it's an urgent and necessary corrective for a world that has focused primarily on the male body for far too long. Bohannon's findings will completely change what you think you know about evolution and women.

613.0424 BOHANNON; LPB 613.0424 BOHANNON; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Cooper, Christian. "Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World" 2023

Christian Cooper is a self-described Blerd (Black nerd), an avid comics fan, and an expert birder who devotes every spring to gazing upon the migratory birds that stop to rest in Central Park, just a subway ride away from where he lives in New York City. When birdwatching in the park one morning in May 2020, Cooper was engaged in the ritual that had been a part of his life since he was 10 years old. But when a routine encounter with a dog-walker escalated age old racial tensions, Cooper's viral video of the incident sent shockwaves through the nation.

BIO COOPER; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Dederer, Claire. "Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma" 2023

In this unflinching, deeply personal book, Claire Dederer asks: Can we love the work of Hemingway, Polanski, Naipaul, Miles Davis, or Picasso? Should we love it? Does genius deserve special dispensation? She explores the audience's relationship with artists from Woody Allen to Michael Jackson, asking: How do we balance our undeniable sense of moral outrage with our equally undeniable love of the work? Highly topical, morally wise, honest to the core, "Monsters" is certain to incite a conversation about whether and how we can separate artists from their art.

700.103 DEDERER; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Desmond, Matthew. "Poverty, by America" 2023

The Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author of "Evicted" reimagines the debate on poverty, making a new and bracing argument about why it persists in America: because the rest of us benefit from it. The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why? In this landmark book, acclaimed sociologist Matthew Desmond draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor.

362.5097 DESMOND; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Finkel, Michael. "The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession" 2023

For centuries, works of art have been stolen in countless ways from all over the world, but no one has been quite as successful at it as the master thief Staephane Breitwieser. Carrying out more than two hundred heists over nearly 10 years in museums and cathedrals all over Europe, Breitwieser, along with his girlfriend who worked as his lookout, stole more than 300 objects, until it all fell apart in spectacular fashion. Unlike most thieves, he never stole for money, keeping all his treasures in a single room where he could admire them to his heart's content.

364.1628 FINKEL; LPB 364.1628 FINKEL; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Garner, Dwight. "The Upstairs Delicatessen: On Eating, Reading, Reading About Eating, and Eating While Reading" 2023

The New York Times book critic gathers his literary chorus to capture the pure pleasure of reading and eating in this comic, soulful, semi-autobiographic treasure.

BIO GARNER; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

H, Lamya. "Hijab Butch Blues" 2023

Fourteen years old and growing up in the Middle East, Lamya is an overachiever and a class clown, qualities that help her hide in plain sight when she realizes she has a crush on her teacher – her female teacher. Spanning childhood to an elite college in the U.S. and early adult life in New York City, each essay places Lamya's struggles and triumphs in the context of some of the most famous stories in the Quran. She juxtaposes her coming out with Musa liberating his people from the Pharaoh; asks if Allah, who is neither male nor female, might instead be nonbinary; and begins to build a life of her own, all the while discovering her identity as a queer, immigrant devout Muslim.

BIO H; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Ogilvie, Sarah. "The Dictionary People: The Unsung Heroes Who Created the Oxford English Dictionary" 2023

The Oxford English Dictionary is one of mankind's greatest achievements, and yet, curiously, its creators are almost never considered. As Sarah Ogilvie reveals, they include three murderers, a collector of pornography, the daughter of Karl Marx, a president of Yale, a radical suffragette, a vicar who was later found dead in the cupboard of his chapel ... and thousands of others. This thrilling literary detective story, for the first time, unravels the mystery of the endlessly fascinating contributors who, for over 70 years, helped codify how we read, write, and speak.

423.0922 OGILVIE; LIBBY: eBook

Rubin, Rick. "The Creative Act: A Way of Being" 2023

From the legendary music producer, a savant at helping people connect with the wellsprings of their creativity, comes a beautifully crafted book, many years in the making, that offers that same deep wisdom to all of us. "I set out to write a book about what to do to make a great work of art. Instead, it revealed itself to be a book on how to be." - Rick Rubin

153.35 RUBIN; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Sinclair, Safiya. "How to Say Babylon" 2023

This stunning story of the author's struggle to break free of her strict Rastafarian upbringing ruled by a father whose rigid beliefs, rage and paranoia led to violence shows how she found her own power and provides a unique glimpse into a rarefied world we know little about.

BIO SINCLAIR; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook

Stewart, James B. and Rachel Abrams. "Unscripted: The Epic Battle for a Media Empire and the Redstone Family Legacy" 2023

Veteran reporters Stewart and Abrams uncover the untoward doings of the heads of CBS and Viacom: Les Moonves, "the first chief executive of a major publicly traded company forced to resign for predatory sexual conduct," and Sumner Redstone, a much-feared business leader who threw it all away to satisfy his own urges. An ugly yarn full of money-grubbing villains, irresistible in all its inglorious nastiness.

658.1145 STEWART; LIBBY: eBook

Woo, Ilya. "Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom" 2023

Presents the remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled white man and William posing as "his" slave.

306.362 WOO; LIBBY: eBook and eAudiobook