

## Gentle Reads

Sorted by Call Number / Author

- CD-BOOK ALB                      Albom, Mitch, 1958-. The five people you meet in heaven. Unabridged. [New York] : Hyperion Audiobooks, p2003.  
Read by Erik Singer.
- CD-BOOK KID                      Kidd, Sue Monk. The secret life of bees : a novel. Unabridged. St. Paul, Minn. : HighBridge Co., p2001.  
Narrated by Jenna Lamia. During the summer of 1964 in rural South Carolina, a young girl is given a home by three black, beekeeping sisters. As she enters their mesmerizing secret world of bees and honey, she discovers a place where she can find the single thing her heart longs for most.
- CD-BOOK MCC                      McCall Smith, Alexander, 1948-. The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. Unabridged. Prince Frederick, MD : Recorded Books, p2003.  
Read by Lisette Lecat. In contemporary Botswana, sleuth Precious Ramotswe decides to go against tradition and start her own business--a detective agency. Soon she is in the thick of several perplexing cases.
- CD-BOOK QUI                      Quindlen, Anna. Blessings : a novel. Unabridged. New York : Random House Audio, 2002.  
Read by Joan Allen.
- FIC ALBOM                          Albom, Mitch, 1958-. The five people you meet in heaven. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion, 2003.
- FIC BALDACCI                      Baldacci, David. The Christmas train. New York : Warner Books, c2002.  
"Tom Langdon, a weary and cash-strapped journalist, is banned from flying when a particularly thorough airport security search causes him to lose his cool. Now, he must take the train if he has any chance of arriving in Los Angeles in time for Christmas with his girlfriend. To finance the trip, he sells a story about a train ride taken during the Christmas season."
- FIC BARKER                         Barker, Raffaella, 1964-. Hens dancing. 1st ed. New York : Random House, 2001.
- FIC BOHJALIAN                      Bohjalian, Christopher A. The buffalo soldier : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Shaye Arehart Books, c2002.
- FIC BROWN                         Brown, Rita Mae. Loose lips. New York : Bantam Books, 1999.
- FIC BURNS                         Burns, Olive Ann. Cold Sassy tree. New York : Dell Pub., 1986, c1984.
- FIC CHIAVERINI                      Chiaverini, Jennifer. The master quilter : an Elm Creek quilts novel. New York : Simon & Schuster, c2004.
- FIC DALLAS                         Dallas, Sandra. Alice's tulips. 1st ed. New York : St. Martin's Press, 2000.
- FIC DELINSKY                        Delinsky, Barbara. The woman next door : a novel. New York : Simon & Schuster, c2001.
- FIC DIAMANT                        Diamant, Anita. The red tent. 1st ed. New York : St. Martin's Press, 1997.
- FIC EVANS RICHARD                Evans, Richard Paul. A perfect day. New York : Dutton, 2003.
- FIC FIELDING                        Fielding, Joy. Grand Avenue. New York : Pocket Books, 2001.
- FIC FLAGG                         Flagg, Fannie. Standing in the rainbow : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Random House, c2002.
- FIC GARLOCK                        Garlock, Dorothy. The edge of town. New York : Warner Books, 2001.
- FIC GEE                              Gee, Darien. Friendship bread : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Ballantine Books, 2011.

Still reeling from a personal tragedy that left her estranged from the sister who was once her best friend, Julia Evarts remains at a loss as to how to move on with her life until she receives an anonymous gift of Amish Friendship Bread with instructions on how to make the bread herself, and a request to share it with others.

- FIC GODWIN Godwin, Gail. Evenings at five. 1st ed. New York : Ballantine Books, 2003.
- FIC GULLEY Gulley, Philip. Front porch tales. Sisters, Or. : Multnomah Books, c1997.
- FIC GULLEY Gulley, Philip. Home to harmony. Sisters, OR : Multnomah Publishers, 2000.
- FIC HORNBY Hornby, Nick. How to be good. New York : Riverhead Books, 2001.
- FIC KARON Karon, Jan, 1937-. At home in Mitford. 1st ed. Elgin, IL : Lion Publishing, c1994.
- FIC KIDD Kidd, Sue Monk. The secret life of bees. New York : Viking, 2001.
- FIC KING CASSANDRA King, Cassandra, 1944-. The Sunday wife. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion, c2002.
- FIC LAH LaHaye, Beverly. Showers in season. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan Pub. House, c2000-.
- FIC LANDIS Landis, Catherine E. Some days there's pie. 1st ed. New York : St. Martin's Press, 2002.
- FIC LEWIS Lewis, Beverly, 1949-. October song. Minneapolis : Bethany House Publishers, c2001.
- FIC LYNCH Lynch, Sarah-Kate. Blessed are the cheesemakers. New York : Warner Books, [2003].
- FIC MACOMBER Macomber, Debbie. A good yarn. Don Mills, Ont. : Mira Books, c2005.  
The highly anticipated sequel to "The Shop on Blossom Street." Once again, a disparate group of women find friendship and comfort as they learn the age-old craft of knitting.
- FIC MCCALL-SMITH McCall Smith, R. A. 1948-. The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. 1st Anchor Books ed. New York : Anchor Books, 2002, c1998.  
The cunning and engaging Precious Ramotswe sets up shop in a small storefront in Gaborone, hoping to become a private detective, and she soon has more business than she expected, including a disturbing case involving a missing child.
- FIC MCDERMOTT McDermott, Alice. Child of my heart. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, c2002.
- FIC MCINERNEY McInerney, Monica. The alphabet sisters : a novel. Ballantine Books trade pbk. ed. New York : Ballantine Books, 2005.
- FIC MEDLICOTT Medlicott, Joan A. (Joan Avna). The three Mrs. Parkers. 1st Pocket Books trade pbk. ed. New York : Pocket Books, 2005.
- FIC MISTRY Mistry, Rohinton, 1952-. Family matters. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, c2002.
- FIC OKE Oke, Janette, 1935-. The beloved land. Minneapolis, Minn. : Bethany House, c2002.
- FIC OKE Oke, Janette, 1935-. Dana's valley. Minneapolis : Bethany House, c2001.
- FIC OKE Oke, Janette, 1935-. The tender years. [1st ed.]. Minneapolis, MN : Bethany House, c1997.  
"The heartwarming return to the legacy of Marty and Clark Davis, from the Love comes softly series."
- FIC PERETTI Peretti, Frank E. The visitation. Nashville, TN : Word Pub., 1999.
- FIC PIL Pilcher, Rosamunde. Coming home. 1st ed. New York : St. Martin's Press, 1995.

- FIC PIL Pilcher, Rosamunde. The shell seekers. New York : Dell, 1989, c1987.
- FIC PLAIN Plain, Belva. Her father's house. New York : Delacorte Press, c2002.
- FIC QUINDLEN Quindlen, Anna. Blessings. 1st ed. New York : Random House, c2002.
- FIC RAY Ray, Jeanne. Eat cake : a novel. New York : Shaye Areheart Books, c2002.
- FIC RAY Ray, Jeanne. Step-ball-change : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Shaye Areheart Books, c2002.
- FIC RICE Rice, Luanne. Dance with me. New York : Bantam Books, 2004.
- FIC RICE Rice, Luanne. Dream country. New York : Bantam Books, 2001.
- FIC RICE Rice, Luanne. The edge of winter. New York : Bantam Books, 2007.  
Neve Halloran and her daughter Mickey are starting a new life near a wildlife sanctuary in South County Rhode Island. Mickey becomes friends with a lonely boy who is also fascinated by the creatures of the coasts and Neve is drawn to a man who has devoted his life to the sanctuary.
- FIC SAMUEL Samuel, Barbara, 1959-. No place like home. 1st ed. New York : Ballantine Books, 2002.  
Returning to her hometown after being away for twenty-one years, Jewel Sabatino must face her unforgiving father whom she betrayed years ago, learn to let her son become a man, and open her heart to the unexpected possibilities of newfound love.
- FIC SID Siddons, Anne Rivers. Colony : a novel. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, c1992.
- FIC SMITH HAYWOOD Smith, Haywood, 1949-. Queen bee of Mimosa Branch. 1st ed. New York : St. Martin's Press, 2002.
- FIC SMITH LEE Smith, Lee, 1944-. The last girls : a novel. 1st ed. Chapel Hill, N.C. : Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, c2002.
- FIC SPARKS Sparks, Nicholas. A bend in the road. New York : Warner Books, c2001.
- FIC SPENCER LAVYRLE Spencer, LaVyrle. Three complete novels. New York : Putnam, 1995, c1991.  
The endearment -- Bitter sweet -- Forgiving.
- FIC SPENCER LAVYRLE Spencer, LaVyrle. Three complete novels. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1994.
- FIC TATLOCK Tatlock, Ann. A room of my own. Minneapolis, Minn. : Bethany House Publishers, c1998.
- FIC TRIGIANI Trigiani, Adriana. Big Stone Gap : a novel. New York : Random House, c2000.
- FIC TROLLOPE Trollope, Joanna. Girl from the South. 1st American ed. New York : Viking, 2002.  
Defying the conventions of her Charleston family, Gillon spends a summer in London where she befriends Tilly and her photographer boyfriend, Henry, who follows Gillon back home and captures her home and family through his lens.
- FIC VALENTINE Valentine, Katherine. A miracle for St. Cecilia's. New York : Viking, 2002.
- FIC WHI White, Bailey. Quite a year for plums : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf :, 1998.
- FIC WILLETT Willett, Marcia. A summer in the country. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2003.
- FIC WILLETT Willett, Marcia. A week in winter. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2002.
- LRG.PRT FIC BALDACCI Baldacci, David. The Christmas train. Large print ed. New York : Warner Books Large Print, 2002.

- LRG.PRT FIC EVANS Evans, Richard Paul. A perfect day. Waterville, Me. : Wheeler Pub., 2004.
- LRG.PRT FIC FLAGG Flagg, Fannie. Standing in the Rainbow. New York : Random House Large Print, 2002.  
The time is 1946 until the present. The town is Elmwood Springs, Missouri, in the midst of the mostly joyous transition from war to peace. Along with Neighbor Dorothy, the lady with the smile in her voice, whose daily radio broadcasts keep us informed on all the local news, meet: Bobby, her ten-year-old son, destined to live a thousand lives, most of them in his imagination; Norma and Macky Warren and their ninety-eight-year-old Aunt Elnor; the oddly sexy and charismatic Hamm Sparks, who starts life off as a tractor salesman, and the two women who love him as differently as night and day; Tot Whooten, the beautician whose luck is as bad as her hairdressing; Beatrice Woods, the Little Blind Songbird; Cecil Figgs, the Funeral King; and the fabulous Minnie Oatman, lead vocalist of the Oatman Family Gospel Singers.
- LRG.PRT FIC GARLOCK Garlock, Dorothy. The edge of town. Large print ed. Waterville, ME : Thorndike Press, 2001.
- LRG.PRT FIC KARON Karon, Jan, 1937-. At home in Mitford. A Beeler large print ed. Hampton Falls, N.H. : Beeler Large Print ;, 1996.
- LRG.PRT FIC MCC McCall Smith, Alexander, 1948-. The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. Large print ed. Thorndike, Me. : Center Point Pub., 2003.
- LRG.PRT FIC PIL Pilcher, Rosamunde. The shell seekers. Large print ed. Waterville, Me. : Thorndike Press ;, 2007.
- LRG.PRT FIC RIC Rice, Luanne. The edge of winter. 1st large print ed. New York : Random House Large Print, c2007.
- OFFICE SHELF Marshall, Catherine, 1914-. Christy. [1st ed.]. New York : McGraw-Hill, [1967].
- PLAYAWAY KID Kidd, Sue Monk. The secret life of bees : a novel. Chagrin Falls, Ohio : Findaway World, [2006].  
Read by Jenna Lamia. Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers and find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August.
- SENIOR CENTER Diamant, Anita. The red tent : [a novel]. Los Angeles, CA : Audio Renaissance ;, p2000.  
Read by Carol Bilger. The story of Dinah, a tragic character from the Bible whose great love, a prince, is killed by her brother, leaving her alone and pregnant. The novel traces her life from childhood to death, in the process examining sexual and religious practices of the day, and what it meant to be a woman.