Gentle Reads

Sorted by Call Number / Author

CD-BOOK ALB  
Read by Erik Singer.

CD-BOOK KID  
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  
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  
Read by Joan Allen.

FIC ALBOM  

FIC BALDACCI  
"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  

FIC BOHJALIAN  

FIC BROWN  

FIC BURNS  

FIC CHIAVERINI  

FIC DALLAS  

FIC DELINSKY  

FIC DIAMANT  

FIC EVANS RICHARD  

FIC FIELDING  

FIC FLAGG  

FIC GARLOCK  

FIC GEE  
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

FIC GULLEY

FIC HORNBY

FIC KARON

FIC KIDD

FIC KING CASSANDRA

FIC LANDIS

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<td>FIC RICE</td>
<td>Rice, Luanne. <em>The edge of winter</em>. 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.</td>
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<td>FIC SAMUEL</td>
<td>Samuel, Barbara, 1959-. <em>No place like home</em>. 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.</td>
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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 Elner; 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.


Read by Jenna Lamia. Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared from 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.


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.