



# Book Club in a Bag



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# New in 2026 as voted on by our patrons

## Nonfiction

**Broken (in the Best Possible Way)** by Jenny Lawson

As Jenny Lawson's hundreds of thousands of fans know, she suffers from depression. In *Broken*, Jenny brings readers along on her mental and physical health journey, offering heartbreaking and hilarious anecdotes along the way. A treat for Jenny Lawson's already existing fans, and destined to convert new ones, *Broken* is a beacon of hope and a wellspring of laughter.

**Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir By One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII** by Chester Nez

His name wasn't Chester Nez. That was the English name he was assigned in kindergarten. And in boarding school at Fort Defiance, he was punished for speaking his native language, as the teachers sought to rid him of his culture and traditions. But discrimination didn't stop Chester from answering the call to defend his country after Pearl Harbor, for the Navajo have always been warriors, and his upbringing on a New Mexico reservation gave him the strength—both physical and mental—to excel as a marine.

**How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen** by David Brooks \*^

Driven by his trademark sense of curiosity and determination to grow as a person, Brooks draws from the fields of psychology and neuroscience and the worlds of theater, philosophy, history, and education to present a welcoming, hopeful, integrated approach to human connection. *How to Know a Person* helps readers become more understanding and considerate toward others, and to find the joy that comes from being seen. Along the way it offers a possible remedy for a society that is riven by fragmentation, hostility, and misperception. The act of seeing another person, Brooks argues, is profoundly creative: How can we look somebody in the eye and see something large in them and, in turn, see something larger in ourselves? *How to Know a Person* is for anyone searching for connection, and yearning to be understood.

\* also available in audiobook CDs

^ also available in large print

### **Mercury 13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight**

by Martha Ackmann

In 1961, just as NASA launched its first man into space, a group of women underwent secret testing in the hopes of becoming America's first female astronauts. They passed the same battery of tests as the Mercury 7 astronauts, but they were summarily dismissed by the boys' club at NASA and on Capitol Hill. The USSR sent its first woman into space in 1963; the United States did not follow suit for another twenty years

### **When Life Gives You Pears: The Healing Power of Family, Faith, and Funny People**

by Jeannie Gaffigan  
In 2017, Jeannie's life came to a crashing halt when she was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumor. As the mother of 5 kids-6 if you include her husband-sat in the neurosurgery department in star-covered sweats too whimsical for the seriousness of the situation, all she could think was "Am I going to die?" Thankfully, Jeannie and her family were able to survive their

## Fiction

### **Before We Were Yours**

by Lisa Wingate  
The five Foss children find their lives changed forever when their parents leave them alone on the family shantyboat one stormy night. Rill Foss, just twelve years old, must protect her four younger siblings as they are wrenched from their home on the Mississippi and thrown into the care of the infamous Georgia Tann, director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society. Present Day. Avery Stafford has lived a charmed life. She has a promising career as an assistant D.A. in Baltimore and is engaged to her best friend. But when Avery comes home to help her father weather a health crisis and a political attack, a chance encounter with a stranger will take her on a journey through her family's long-hidden history.

### **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**

by Gail Honeyman  
Meet Eleanor Oliphant: she struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. That, combined with her unusual appearance, means that Eleanor has become a creature of habit and a bit of a loner. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the

### **Once Upon a River**

by Diane Setterfield  
On a dark midwinter's night in an ancient inn on the river Thames, the regulars are telling stories when a wounded stranger enters carrying the lifeless body of a small child. Hours later, the girl stirs, takes a breath and returns to life. Many secrets must be revealed before the girl's identity can be known.

### **Out of My Mind**

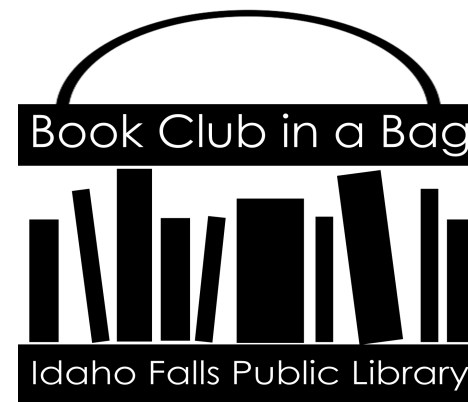
by Sharon Draper  
Eleven-year-old Melody has a photographic memory. Her head is like a video camera that is always recording. Always. And there's no delete button. She's the smartest kid in her whole school — but no one knows it. Most people — her teachers and doctors included — don't think she's capable of learning, and up until recently her school days consisted of listening to the same preschool-level alphabet lessons again and again and again. If only she could speak up, if only she could tell people what she thinks and knows ... but she can't, because Melody can't talk. She can't walk. She can't write. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind — that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. At last Melody has a voice ... but not everyone around her is ready to hear it.

### **The Stationery Shop**

by Marjan Kamali  
A novel set in 1953 Tehran, against the backdrop of the Iranian Coup, about a young couple in love who are separated on the eve of their marriage, and who are reunited sixty years later, after having moved on to live independent lives in America, to discover the truth about what happened on that fateful day in the town square.

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Nonfiction	Author	Goodreads rating
The 101 Most Influential People Who Never Lived	Allan Lazar	3.24
American Nation	Colin Woodward	4.11
The American Plate *	Libby O'Connell	3.52
As You Wish *	Cary Elwes	4.17
Astoria *	Peter Stark	3.89
Bad Blood	John Carreyou	4.38
Being Mortal *^	Atul Gawande	4.44
The Big Burn *	Timothy Egan	4.02
The Book Collectors ^	Delphine Minoui	4.16
Born a Crime *	Trevor Noah	4.46
The Boy on the Wooden Box	Leon Leyson	4.38
The Boys in the Boat *^	Daniel Brown	4.31
A Chance in the World	Steve Pemberton	4.26
The Cruellest Miles	Gail Salisbury	4.09
Dead Wake *^	Erik Larson	4.06
The Devil in the White City *^	Erik Larson	3.98

Nonfiction	Author	Goodreads rating
Educated	Tara Westover	4.47
The End of Your Life Book Club *^	Will Schwalbe	3.81
Eva's Story	Eva Schloss	4.13
Forty Autumns	Nina Willner	4.36
Founding Mothers ^	Cokie Roberts	3.57
The Gifts of Imperfection *	Brene Brown	4.25
The Girls of Atomic City *^	Denise Kiernan	3.66
The Glass Castle *	Jeanette Walls	4.16
Hidden Figures *^	Margot Lee Shetterly	3.93
The Hiding Place *	Corrie Ten Boom	4.41
A Higher Call *	Adam Makos	4.25
I Am Malala *^	Malala Yousafzai	4.04
I Will Always Write Back	Caitlin Alifirenka	4.39
I'll Push You	Patrick Gray	4.26
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks *^	Rebecca Skloot	4.05
In the Sanctuary of Outcasts	Neil White	3.73

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Isaac's Storm	Erik Larson	4.04
Just Mercy *^	Bryan Stevenson	4.59
Killers of the Flower Moon *^	David Grann	4.15
Mennonite in a Little Black Dress *	Rhoda Janzen	3.15
A Midwife's Tale	Laurel Ulrich	3.98
Nothing to Do But Stay	Carrie Young	3.94
The Paper Garden	Molly Peacock	3.83
The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio *	Terry Ryan	3.91
Radium Girls *	Kate Moore	4.14
The River of Doubt *	Candice Millard	4.17
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	Jennifer Armstrong	3.93
The Splendid and the Vile *^	Erik Larson	4.29
They Called Us Enemy	George Takei	4.34

Nonfiction	Author	Goodreads rating
Tunnel 29	Helena Merriman	4.5
Unbroken *^	Laura Hillenbrand	4.44
A Walk in the Woods *	Bill Bryson	4.05
The Warmth of Other Suns *	Isabel Wilkerson	4.26
West with the Night	Beryl Markham	4.18
When Stars are Scattered	Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed	4.63
White Fragility *	Robin DiAngelo	4.18
Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs	Caitlin Doughty	4.11
The Woman They Could Not Silence ^	Kate Moore	4.31
A Woman of No Importance	Sonia Purnell	4.09
The Woman Who Smashed Codes *	Jason Fagone	4.02
The Zookeeper's Wife *^	Diane Ackerman	3.48

“Books fall open, you fall in.”



-David McCord

Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
The 100-Year-Old Man that Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared	Jonas Jonasson	3.79
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian *	Sherman Alexie	4.07
All the Light We Cannot See *^	Anthony Doerr	4.25
And Then There Were None ^	Agatha Christie	4.28
Anxious People *^	Fredrik Backman	4.19
The Art of Racing in the Rain *^	Garth Stein	4.16
Beautiful Ruins *	Jess Walter	3.69
Between Shades of Gray ^	Ruta Sepetys	4.37
Big Little Lies *^	Liane Moriarty	4.27
Blackmoore *^	Julianne Donaldson	4.18
The Blue Castle *	L.M. Montgomery	4.22
The Book of Lost Names	Kristen Harmel	4.44
The Book Thief *^	Marcus Zusack	4.39

Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek ^	Kim Michele Richardson	4.24
Broken Teaglass	Emily Arsenault	3.33
The Buddha in the Attic ^	Julie Otsuka	3.56
Buffalo Coat	Carol Ririe Brink	4.14
The Cellist of Sarajevo	Steven Galloway	4
Cloud Cuckoo Land *	Anthony Doerr	4.27
Code Name Verity	Elizabeth Wein	4
Counting by 7s *	Holly Goldberg Sloan	4.05
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time *	Mark Haddon	3.87
Dancing at the Rascal Fair	Ivan Doig	4.2
Drowning	T.J. Newman	4.15
Elegance of a Hedgehog	Muriel Barberry	3.7
The Eleventh Man *	Ivan Doig	3.48
Ella Minnow Pea	Mark Dunn	3.92
Emma *^	Jane Austen	3.97

Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
Enchanted April	Elizabeth Von Arnim	4
The Four Winds *^	Kristin Hannah	4.3
A Gentleman in Moscow *^	Amor Towles	4.33
A Good Girls Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson	4.34
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	4.15
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society *	Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows	4.1
The Hate U Give *^	Angie Thomas	4.48
The Help *^	Kathryn Stockett	4.47
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy *	Douglas Adams	4.23
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet *^	Jamie Ford	3.95
How the Penguins Saved Veronica	Hazel Prior	4.11
Huda Fare You?	Huda Fahmy	4.16
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue *^	V.E. Schwab	4.18
Jane Eyre *^	Charlotte Brontë	4.09

Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
The Keeper of Lost Things *^	Ruth Hogan	3.82
Kindred *	Octavia E. Butler	4.12
Kit & Elizabeth	Karen Tuff	4
The Kite Runner *	Khaled Hosseini	4.21
The Ladies Auxiliary	Tova Mirvis	3.65
A Land More Kind Than Home	Wiley Cash	3.85
Last Bus to Wisdom ^	Ivan Doig	4.04
Letters from Yellowstone	Diane Smith	3.71
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe *^	C.S. Lewis	4.23
Maisie Dobbs ^	Jacqueline Winspear	3.91
A Man Called Ove *^	Fredrik Backman	4.35
March *	Geraldine Brooks	3.79

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Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
The Martian *^	Andy Weir	4.4
Me Before You *^	Jojo Moyes	4.31
The Midnight Library *^	Matt Haig	4
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children *^	Ransom Riggs	3.87
Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Book Store *	Robin Sloan	3.75
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd *^	Agatha Christie	4.26
Murder on the Orient Express *^	Agatha Christie	4.16
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry *^	Fredrik Backman	4.03
The Night Circus *	Erin Morgenstern	4.02
The Nightingale *	Kristin Hannah	4.6
Olive Kitteridge *	Elizabeth Strout	3.71
One True Loves	Taylor Jenkins Reid	4.03
The Only Woman in the Room ^	Marie Benedict	3.85

Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
Orphan Train ^	Christina Baker Kline	4.16
Persuasion *^	Jane Austen	4.13
Plainsong	Kent Haruf	4.02
Pride and Prejudice *^	Jane Austen	4.25
Project Hail Mary ^	Andy Weir	4.5
A Proper Scandal *	Esther Hatch	4
Rebecca *	Daphne du Maurier	4.22
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise *	Dan Gemeinhart	4.48
Remarkably Bright Creatures *^	Shelby Van Pelt	4.38
The Rent Collector	Camron Wright	4.24
The Rosie Project *^	Graeme Simison	4
Salt to the Sea *^	Ruta Sepetys	4.36
The Secret Keeper *	Kate Morton	4.14
The Silent Patient *^	Alex Michaelides	4.1

Fiction	Author	Goodreads rating
A Tale of Two Cities *^	Charles Dickens	3.87
Tending Roses	Lisa Wingate	3.91
The Thursday Murder Club *^	Richard Osman	3.93
Till We Have Faces	C.S. Lewis	4.19
To Kill a Mockingbird *^	Harper Lee	4.23
A Town Like Alice	Nevil Shute	4.13
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn *	Betty Smith	4.22
Tress of the Emerald Sea	Brandon Sanderson	4.37
The Underground Railroad *^	Colson Whitehead	4.03
Uprooted	Naomi Novik	4.06
The War that Saved My Life *^	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	4.45
Where the Crawdads Sing *^	Delia Owen	4.47
Wonder *^	R.J. Palacio	4.45



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the train, and the road.  
They are the destination,  
and the journey.  
They are home.”

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