

Montgomery City-County Public Library

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1276 Rosa Parks Avenue
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9585 Vaughn Road
334-244-8679

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334-625-4890

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New Releases in December

Annotations from Baker & Taylor
Booking Ahead

Biography

Becoming Ella Fitzgerald: The Jazz Singer Who Transformed American Song by Judith Tick
A biography that reclaims Ella Fitzgerald as a major American artist and modernist innovator.

Einstein in Time and Space: A Life in 99 Particles by Samuel Graydon
A biography of the physicist examines his complex and contradictory nature—from brilliant scientist to the life of the party—in 99 vignettes based on intriguingly different particles.

Finding Baby Holly: Lost to a Cult, Surviving My Parents' Murders, and Saved by Prayer by Holly Marie, with Cindy Lambert & David Lambert
Holly Marie was 42 years old the day she found out she was missing.

I Am Bunny: How a "Talking" Dog Taught Me Everything I Need to Know About Being Human by Alexis Devine
The author discusses life with her dog Bunny who can communicate using over 100 buttons programmed to say different words and phrases.

Jumpman: The Making and Meaning of Michael Jordan by Johnny Smith
A sports historian charts Michael Jordan's rise and the burden he carried as a national symbol of racial progress.

Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning by Liz Cheney
A House Republican leader offers a first-hand account from inside the halls of Congress as Donald Trump and his enablers betrayed the American people and the Constitution—leading to the violent attack on the Capitol.

What Really Happens in Vegas by James Patterson and Mark Seal
Revealing the real Vegas, this journey through stories of excess, drama and hope transports readers from the thrill of the vice to the glitter of A-list celebrity and entertainment.

Business & Economics

Starting a Business 101: From Creating a Business Plan and Sticking to a Budget to Marketing and Making a Profit
By Michele Cagan
The guide for those looking to start their own business provides all the essential information for overcoming any obstacle thrown in their way during the process.

Your Journey to Financial Freedom: A Step-by-step Guide to Achieving Wealth and Happiness by Jamila Souffrant
The author offers her expertise, providing readers with the resources they need for spending and saving responsibly.

Fantasy & Science Fiction

All the Hidden Paths, No. 2 by Foz Meadows
Newlyweds Velasin and Caethari begin to test the limits of their relationship as the political ramifications of their union play out across two nations.

Dazzling by Chikodili Emelumadu
Based on West African mythology, follows the story of a woman who meets a spirit and agrees to do one terrible thing for him in exchange for bringing back her deceased father.

Ghosts of Beatrice Bird, The by Louisa Morgan
A story of obsession, redemption and the magic of unexpected friendship.

Star and the Strange Moon, The by Constance Sayers
A haunting tale of ambition, obsession and the eternal mystery and magic of film.

Valdemar, No. 3 by Mercedes Lackey
As magicians descend on the lands surrounding Haven, Kordas finds his prayer to the gods bringing an unexpected form of help that sets the new kingdom on a path like nothing the world has ever seen.

Wages of Sin by Harry Turtledove
With the "Wasting" (HIV) creating a London England almost unrecognizable to us, Viola, growing up in a house full of medical books, can only travel to far-off places in her imagination since her actions and movements are severely restricted by law.

Yours for the Taking by Gabrielle Korn
In 2050, behind the Inside Project, a series of weather-safe, city-sized structures around the world, three women, employees of the women's rights advocate responsible for this new society, notice cracks in the system.

General Fiction

Chosen, The: And I Will Give You Rest by Jerry B. Jenkins

In this installment of The Chosen series, we see Jesus healing the sick, preaching the Sermon on the Mount, feeding the five thousand and raising the dead.

Flores and Miss Paula by Melissa Rivero

A woman living with her mother, after her father's passing, discovers a weird note under his urn that forces the pair to confront their complicated past.

Today Tonight Forever by Madeline Kay Sneed

A bridesmaid for one of her friends, Athena Matthias still reeling from a messy divorce, arrives in Florida for the wedding where an unexpected guest from the past throws the entire wedding party into chaos.

Winter by the Sea, A, No. 2 by Julie Klassen

When a family of royals rent a neighboring cottage, the Summers sisters agree to host a number of their staff, resulting in romance, intrigue and danger.

General Nonfiction

ADHD FOR Smart Ass Women: How to Fall in Love With Your Neurodivergent Brain by Tracy Otsuka

A certified ADHD coach debunks misinformation about ADHD in women and explores how the condition manifests differently in the female brain.

Book of James, The: The Power, Politics, and Passion of LeBron by Valerie Babb

A look at the life of LeBron James shows how he uses his celebrity status not to transcend blackness, but to give it a place of cultural prominence.

Eat, Poop, Die: How Animals Make Our World by Joe Roman

Reveals how ecosystems are sculpted and sustained by animals eating, pooping, and dying—and how these fundamental functions could help save us from climate catastrophe.

House Love: A Joyful Guide to Cleaning, Organizing, and Loving the Home You're In by Patric Richardson and Karin Miller

This book extends the concept of infusing joy into the everyday tasks of maintaining your entire home.

How Not to Kill Your Houseplant: Survival Tips for the Horticulturally Challenged by Veronica Peerless

The author, a horticulturist and garden designer, provides tips and tricks to sustain and "fix" your house plants, to help them bloom and thrive in your own space.

Lost Tomb, The: And Other Real-life Stories of Bones, Burials, and Murder by Douglas Preston

The author presents extraordinary and enthralling true stories of Egyptian burial chambers, lost treasure, mysterious murders, strange crimes and more.

Health & Fitness

How Not to Age: The Scientific Approach to Getting Healthier As You Get Older by Michael Greger

The author explains how proper diet and nutrition can help avoid the diseases most commonly encountered in life and during the aging process.

Official MIND Diet, The: A Scientifically Based Program to Lost Weight and Prevent Alzheimer's Disease by Martha Clare Morris and Laura Morris, with Jennifer Ventrell

A guide to eating for optimum cognitive health, weight loss and longevity.

Sugarless: A 7-Step Plan to Uncover Hidden Sugars, Curb Your Cravings, and Conquer Your Addiction by Nicole M. Avena

A neuroscientist spells out sugar's detrimental effects on the brain and body and empowers readers with an easy 7-step program to help find the hidden sugar in foods, control a sweet tooth and break the diet cycle for good.

Historical Fiction

Frozen River, The by Ariel Lawhon

Midwife and healer Martha Ballard investigates a murder linked to an alleged rape that has shaken her small town.

War Begins in Paris, The by Theodore Wheeler

A literary noir about two female war correspondents whose fates intertwine in Europe.

Wonder of It All, The, No. 3 by Barbara Taylor Bradford

James Falconer, returning from The Great War a changed man, determined to make amends to his daughter Leonie, now a grown woman who wants nothing to do with him, works towards healing his soul and his family.

History

Book at War, The by Andrew Pettegree

A literary historian shows how books have shaped modern military history and accounts for the power—and the ambivalence—of words at war.

Silent Cavalry: How Union Soldiers from Alabama Helped Sherman Burn Atlanta—and Then Got Written Out of History by Howell Raines

Part American history, part family saga, part detective story, a journalist brings to life the story of the First Alabama Cavalry—renegade Southerners who played a role in the Civil War but were scrubbed from the history books.

Teddy and Booker T.: How Two American Icons Blazed a Path for Racial Equality by Brian Kilmeade

The author of *George Washington's Secret Six* and *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates* turns to two other heroes of the nation: Theodore Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington.

Mystery & Detective

Barbacoa, Bomba, and Betrayal, No. 3 by Raquel V. Reyes

While filming a Three Kings Day special in Old San Juan, a cooking show sensation fends off a stalker and investigates when her costar goes missing.

Death by Demo, No. 1 by Callie Carpenter

After discovering her husband having an affair, Jaime receives only a single thing in the ensuing divorce—a run-down historical house where she discovers a dead body in the wall after starting her renovations.

Death in the Dark Woods, No. 2 by Annelise Ryan

Odds and Ends bookstore owner Morgan Carter travels to Bayfield County, Wisconsin, with her dog, Newt, to investigate a series of Bigfoot sightings.

Gaslight, No. 2 by Femi Kayode

Philip Taiwo returns to solve a missing-persons case, and in doing so, uncovers dark secrets the church has worked to hide.

Irish Milkshake Murder by Carlene O'Connor, Petty Ehrhart and Liz Ireland

Three cozy novellas that take place on St. Patrick's Day include the tale of a killer green milkshake at a luncheonette and another murderous milkshake that takes out a wedding guest on a ferry trip to Inis Mor.

Lost Hours, No. 5 by Paige Shelton

When their Alaskan tourist ship rescues a woman claiming to have been kidnapped, Beth Rivers befriends the woman, who reveals she's been in Juneau under witness protection.

Mayors of New York, The by S.J. Rozan

When the son of NYC's first female mayor disappears, PI Bill Smith and his partner, Lydia Chin, are called in to find the missing 15-year-old but are faced with more questions than answers.

Murder Crossed Her Mind, No. 4 by Stephen Spotswood

Detective Lillian Pentecost and her assistant Will Parker are hired to find Vera Bodine, an elderly shut-in with an exceptional memory, and must go nose-to-nose with murderous gangsters, corrupt federal agents and Nazi spies.

Murder Wears a Hidden Face, No. 8 by Rosemary Simpson

When new Chinese cultural attache Lord Peng is murdered, Prudence and Geoffrey join former detective Warren Lowry in his investigation, which turns complicated when the rest of the Peng family flee into Chinatown to elude a killer.

Other Half, The by Charlotte Vassell

When he stumbles upon the body of a young socialite during his morning run, Detective Caius Beauchamp finds a wall of staggering wealth and privilege threatening to shut down his investigation.

Second Stranger, The by Martin Griffin

Trapped in the remote MacKinnon Hotel in the Scottish Highlands during a blizzard, Remie York and her guests must endure one deadly night when two injured men arrive.

Secret of the Lady's Maid, The, No. 2 by Darcie Wilde

When the daughter of a well-respected family is being poisoned, Rosalind Thorn and officer Adam Harkness work together to solve this dangerous case.

Viviana Valentine and the Ticking Clock, No. 3 by Emily J. Edwards

When Viviana Valentine and Tommy Fortuna head to Times Square for New Year's Eve, they don't expect their resolution to involve catching a killer.

Performing Arts

Comedy Book: How Comedy Conquered Culture—and the Magic That Makes It Work by Jesse David Fox

A senior editor and comedy critic explores the secrets behind comedy, which has never been more popular, democratized or influential, and dissects its impact on American pop culture.

Pandora's Box: How Guts, Greed, and Lust Upended TV by Peter Biskind

Based on interviews with executives, writers, showrunners, directors and actors, this culture critique of streaming services such as HBO Max, Amazon Prime Video, Netflix and Apple TV shows how and why "Peak TV" has seized the entertainment mantle from movies and dominates our leisure time.

Political Science

Death in Malta, A: An Assassination and a Family's Quest for Justice by Paul Caruana Galizia

A British journalist investigates the 2017 car bombing that took the life of his mother, a pioneering Maltese reporter whose writing exposed the corruption of powerful government forces and threatened to topple their reign.

Future of Geography, The: How Competition in Space Will Change Our World by Tim Marshall

Meticulously researched and drawing on the latest information from intelligence, government and civilian institutions, this account of the new space race is about global power, politics and the future of humanity.

Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism, The by Tim Alberta

This profoundly troubling portrait of the American evangelical movement investigates the ways in which conservative Christians have pursued, exercised and often abused power in the name of securing this earthly kingdom.

Party of the People: Inside the Multiracial Populist Coalition Remaking the GOP by Patrick Ruffini

A Republican pollster and expert on political targeting, technology and demography, explains the present and future of the Republican party and American elections.

Radical Mind, The by David Horowitz

The author argues that a radical and woke Left aims to dismantle the constitutional order of the United States.

Where Have All the Democrats Gone? by Ruy Teixeira and John B. Judis

Revealing the major driving forces behind the current state of American politics, the authors provide a clarion and essential argument for common sense and common ground to fix our political system.

Romance

Fearless One, The, No. 2 by Lori Foster

Demanding a job at the Triple Creek campground, Jedidiah Stephens is determined to find the truth behind the fire that killed her family.

Lone Oaks Crossing, No. 8 by Lori Foster

In the rolling hills of Lone Oaks, Kentucky, the good life is measured in sips of aged bourbon and the thrill of the world's most famous horse race: the Kentucky Derby.

Mistress of Ashmore Castle, The by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

When her husband, the Earl of Stainton, flees to Egypt to continue his research, new mother Kitty, struggles to establish herself as the true mistress of Ashmore Castle.

Social Science

Briefly Perfectly Human by Kleaver Cruz

An educator and activist presents a counterbalance to the idea of how Blackness is often represented with pain, suffering and violence to present a comprehensive picture of how Black people resist oppression and thrive through joy.

Correction: Parole, Prison, and the Possibility of Change by Ben Austen

The author examines the system of parole in the criminal justice system—an opaque and confounding process riddled with inequities that serves to exacerbate the cycle of mass incarceration.

Story Collections

End of the World Is a Cul De Sac, The by Louise Kennedy

This collection of dark stories centers around women whose lives are defined by deprivation—material, emotional and sexual—as they search for the good in the cards they have been dealt.

Suspense

Dissolved by Sara Blaedel and Mads Peder Nordbo

Chief Superintendent Liam Stark and Superintendent Dea Torp of the Danish police investigate the disappearance of two people in Tommerup, Denmark and discover a strange note linking the second missing person to the first crime scene.

Engagement Party, The by Darby Kane

Twelve years after the death of a fellow student and the suicide of a quiet loner, college friends, linked to these past events, gather together to celebrate an engagement but are targeted by a killer who demands they tell the truth.

Five Bad Deeds by Caz Frear

A busy teacher, wife and mother juggles her nonstop commitments and is shocked when she receives an ominous, threatening note in the mail warning her that she's about to be taught a lesson.

Fourth Rule, The, No. 4 by Jeffrey P. Lindsay

When the Cobra, a shadowy figure of international crime, plans the biggest heist the world has ever seen, only cunning and clever Riley Wolfe, the ultimate thief, can stop him.

Manner of Death by Robin Cook

When a pathology resident ends up on her table days after helping with a suicide autopsy, NYC chief medical examiner Laurie Montgomery discovers his death is a staged homicide and launches her own investigation.

Other Mothers, The by Katherine Faulkner

Searching for a story to launch her career and new friends to help her navigate motherhood, Tash, welcomed into a circle of sleek, sophisticated mothers, discovers the kind of life she's always dreamed of until two murders make her wonder why she's been so quickly accepted into their exclusive world.

Twelve Days of Murder, The by Andreina Cordani

Summoned to Scotland for a Christmas-themed masquerade party, former members of an exclusive mystery solving group at university soon discover that in this game, murder is all too real.

Two Dead Wives by Adele Parks

Living in a small village while she recovers from illness, Stacie Jones, shielded from the outside world, finds her life shattered when she is linked to a scandalous and sad case of a missing woman with a shocking secret.

Vacation, The by John Marrs

On the shores of Venice Beach, eight strangers, staying in a rundown backpackers hostel, are all running from something—and have secrets they're more than willing to kill for.

What Waits on the Woods by Terry Parlato

When her return home to Graybridge coincides with the murder of her friend Kara, former professional ballerina Esme Foster, haunted by a past tragedy, must shine a light into the darkness to learn what really happened in the woods the night Kara died.

