

## Recently Added Large Print Books February 2020

### **ADULT FICTION**

**LB 12544      BONES DON'T LIE      LEIGH, MELINDA**

Private investigator Lance Kruger was just a boy when his father vanished twenty-three years ago. Since then he's lived under the weight of that disappearance--until his father's car is dredged up from the bottom of Grey Lake. It should be a time for closure, except for the skeleton found in the trunk. A missing person case gone cold has become one of murder, and Lance and attorney Morgan Dane must face the deadly past that's risen to the surface. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2018. 461 pages.

**LB 12545      RUSSIA ACCOUNT      COONTS, STEPHEN, 1946-**

CIA officer Tommy Carmellini takes on a murderous, international financial conspiracy that leaves a trail of death and corruption, extending from a small bank in Estonia, to the highest reaches of the Kremlin, to the halls of the Congress, and perhaps even to the CIA itself--putting Admiral Jake Grafton, the head of the CIA, in the crosshairs of an assassin. Unrated. 2019. 446 pages.

**LB 12548      SMOKESCREEN      JOHANSEN, IRIS**

Journalist Jill Cassidy arrives from an African village with a heart-wrenching story: half the villagers have been killed by guerilla soldiers, the bodies burned beyond recognition. The families need Eve Duncan's help to get closure. But when Eve reaches the remote jungle, she begins to suspect a sinister plot. Unrated. 2019. 630 pages

**LB 12546      SAFE HAVEN      SPARKS, NICHOLAS**

Since arriving in Southport, North Carolina, waitress Katie has kept to herself. Now new neighbor Jo and widowed store owner Alex begin to bring her out of her shell--but her dangerous past is about to catch up with her. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010. 528 pages.

**LB 12547      INVISIBLE      PATTERSON, JAMES, 1947-**

Obsessed with finding the link between hundreds of unsolved kidnappings, rapes, and murders, Emmy Dockery has taken leave from her job as an FBI researcher. Not even Emmy's field agent ex-boyfriend believes the cases

are connected. Then Emmy finds a piece of evidence he can't ignore. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2014. 491 pages.

**LB 12549      IMAGINARY FRIEND      CHBOSKY, STEPHEN**

Kate Reese and her son Christopher are on the run from an abusive relationship. They land in Mill Grove, a tight-knit Pennsylvania community. It seems perfect until Christopher vanishes. He emerges from the woods six days later, unhurt but hearing a voice in his head. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2019. 1182 pages.

**LB 12578      WORLD THAT WE KNEW      HOFFMAN, ALICE**

Berlin, 1941. Hanni Kohn knows the time has come to send her twelve-year-old daughter, Lea, away to save her from the Nazis. The rabbi's daughter, Ettie, provides hope in the form of a golem, Ava, to protect Lea as she makes her way in the world. Unrated. 2019. 445 pages.

**LB 12581      BUCKSKIN, BLOOMERS, AND ME      BOGGS, JOHNNY D.**

What's a sixteen-year-old boy to do when he learns that his stepmother and a local judge have murdered his father and now plan to kill him, too? Well, when it's 1906, and you can play pretty good second base, you join a barnstorming baseball team making its way across Kansas. It also helps that the team is the Kansas City National Bloomer Girls. Who'd look for a runaway boy disguised as a girl on a women's team? Unrated. 2019. 288 pages.

**LB 12583      MASSACRE AT CROW CREEK CROSSING      WEST, CHARLES G.**

A tale of violence and vengeance as Cole Bonner, whose entire family had been killed by outlaws, rescues a woman from the men who murdered her husband and abducted her. But to bring the widow to safety, he will have to face his own demons, return to his old homestead, and relive the violence--and the vengeance--of another massacre at Crow Creek Crossing. Unrated. 2019. 359 pages.

**LB 12584      GIRL BEHIND THE RED ROPE      DEKKER, TED, 1962-**

Ten years ago, Grace saw something that would forever change the course of history. When evil in its purest form is unleashed on the world, she and others from their religious community are already hidden deep in the hills of Tennessee, abiding by every rule that will keep them safe, pure--and alive. As long as they stay there, behind the red perimeter... Unrated. 2019. Related names: Dekker, Rachelle, author. 483 pages.

**LB 12621      BOOKISH LIFE OF NINA HILL      WAXMAN, ABBI**

The father that shy bookstore clerk Nina Hill never knew has died, leaving behind a crowd of relatives who want to meet her. Between new family and

the handsome trivia rival who seems into her, Nina is being forced out of her comfortable shell. Some descriptions of sex. 2019. 459 pages.

**LB 12674 BENEATH THE ATTIC** ANDREWS, V.C. (VIRGINIA C.)  
Forbidden passions have shaped and haunted the Dollanganger family since their first novel--*Flowers in the Attic*--debuted forty years ago. Now discover how twisted the family roots truly are, and witness the clan's origins as a result of one wild and complicated relationship. Unrated. 2019. 359 pages.

**LB 12676 LETHAL AGENT** MILLS, KYLE, 1966-  
In the midst of the toxic presidential election in America, ISIS initiates a plan to conduct bioterrorism. Rapp embarks on a mission to infiltrate the plot. Sequel to *Red War* (DB 93054). Unrated. Bestseller. 2019. Related names: Flynn, Vince, 1966-2013, creator. 525 pages.

**LB 12671 MAGIC GUN: A WESTERN DUO** BRAND, MAX, 1892-1944  
Hugh Collier in "The Danger Lover" feels he is living an empty life as a bank employee. When he trades horses with a stranger, he finds himself mistaken for the outlaw Bill Gadsden--by both Gadsden's worshippers and Lassiter, the man after the outlaw. Lewis Dikkon in "Magic Gun" has led a sheltered life as a shoemaker; after meeting a stranger named Sam Prentiss, Lewis decides to buy Dan Hodge's Colt, once owned by the notorious gunman. Unrated. 2019. 262 pages.

**LB 12678 CHRISTMAS SHOPAHOLIC** KINSELLA, SOPHIE  
Becky Brandon is looking forward to Christmas with husband Luke and daughter Minnie--until her parents announce they are moving and want Becky to host the whole family for the holiday. Juggling the preparations is difficult, even before she runs into an old flame whose motives are unclear. Unrated. 2019. 543 pages.

**LB 12695 TO THE LAND OF LONG LOST FRIENDS** MCCALL SMITH, ALEXANDER, 1948-  
Mma Ramotswe agrees to help an old friend who has been having problems with her daughter. Mr. J. L. B. Matekoni finds himself embroiled in familial drama as well, when one of his clients asks for help evicting an unwanted houseguest who turns out to be the man's own brother. Unrated. 2019. 343 pages.

**LB 12696 STEALTH** WOODS, STUART  
Stone Barrington is enjoying some downtime at his English retreat when he's unceremoniously sent off to the remote reaches of the UK and into a

deadly snare. This is only the first volley by a rival power--one that has its eyes set on disrupting the peace of the nation. Unrated. 2019. 409 pages.

**LB 12692 KISS THE GIRLS AND MAKE THEM CRY** CLARK, MARY HIGGINS

When journalist Penelope "Casey" Harrison starts to research a piece about the #MeToo movement that includes a long-ago incident in her own life, she doesn't realize that the young man who drugged and assaulted her at a fraternity house party in college is now a wealthy, powerful industrialist. Unrated. 2019. 553 pages.

**LB 12693 GIRLS LIKE US** ALGER, CRISTINA

After homicide detective Martin Flynn dies in a motorcycle accident, his long-estranged FBI agent daughter Nell returns home. When asked to investigate the murders of two young women, Nell realizes clues point to her father. Now she wonders about his role in her mother's long-ago murder. Unrated. 2019. 379 pages.

**LB 12694 LET IT SNOW** THAYER, NANCY, 1943-

Christina Antonioni is preparing for the holidays at her Nantucket toy shop. But when her Scrooge of a landlord, Oscar Bittlesman, raises her rent, it seems nearly impossible for Christina to continue business. Even so, Christina hopes there is a warm heart underneath Oscar's steely exterior. When she bonds with Wink, his sweet, young granddaughter who frequents the shop, it becomes clear that perhaps he isn't so cold after all. Unrated. 2019. 286 pages.

**LB 12701 DESERTER** DEMILLE, NELSON

Army investigators Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor are sent to Venezuela to track down suspected deserter Captain Kyle Mercer. Mercer vanished a year prior while in Afghanistan and has been spotted in Venezuela. This difficult mission is made even more difficult by Maggie's inexperience and possible secret alliances. Unrated. Bestseller. 2019. 885 pages.

**LB 12708 MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT** BALDACCI, DAVID

FBI Agent Atlee Pine and her assistant Carol Blum return to Atlee's Georgia hometown to reopen the long-cold investigation of her twin sister's abduction and probable murder. To complicate things, they arrive as a serial killer begins a reign of terror. Unrated. 2019. 662 pages.

**LB 12702 REDESIGNING HAPPINESS** BROOKS, NITA

It wasn't easy for Yvonne Cable to get over a heartbreaking relationship and revamp her life. But now the once-broke single mom is Atlanta's most sought-after interior designer--and one-half of the media's hottest power

couple. She and her celebrity fiance, Nathan, are a perfect match, on-and off-camera. But when their new home improvement reality show becomes the object of a fierce network bidding war, Yvonne's ex makes an offer for it... Unrated. 2019. 449 pages.

**LB 12705      GENESIS      COOK, ROBIN, 1940-**

When a twenty-eight-year-old pregnant social worker's corpse shows up on Chief NYC Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery's autopsy table, it appears she had a drug overdose, but everyone swears she never touched drugs. As they begin tracing the fetus' DNA to identify the mystery father, a related murder occurs. Unrated. 2019. 617 pages.

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**ADULT NON-FICTION**

**LB 12542      FUNNY MAN: MEL BROOKS      MCGILLIGAN, PATRICK**

An author of numerous Hollywood biographies tackles comedy legend Mel Brooks. Topics include his childhood in Brooklyn, his work writing for Sid Caesar and Carl Reiner in the early days of television, and his years as a successful director of films like *The Producers* and *Blazing Saddles*. Unrated. 2019. 905 pages.

**LB 12543      BECOMING DR. SEUSS: THEODOR GEISEL AND THE MAKING OF AN AMERICAN IMAGINATION      JONES, BRIAN JAY**

Biography of children's author and illustrator (1904-1991) famed for his simple but engaging rhymes and whimsical drawing style. Discusses Geisel's more radical side, which can be seen in the themes of *The Lorax* (DB 31231). Also covers his writing process--which could last years. Unrated. 2019. 795 pages.

**LB 12579      FIRST IN LINE: PRESIDENTS, VICE PRESIDENTS, AND THE PURSUIT OF POWER      BROWER, KATE ANDERSEN**

Explores the lives and roles of thirteen vice presidents of the modern era, discussing the complicated relationship between president and vice president and how this connection influenced each vice president's political future. Unrated. 2018. 511 pages.

**LB 12580      FREEDOM: THE OVERTHROWING OF THE SLAVE EMPIRES      WALVIN, JAMES**

In the three centuries following Columbus's landfall in the Americas, slavery became a critical institution across swathes of both North and South America. It saw twelve million Africans forced onto slave ships, and had seismic consequences for Africa while leading to the transformation of the

Americas and to the material enrichment of the Western world. It was also largely unquestioned. Unrated. 2017. 392 pages.

**LB 12582      BARNUM: AN AMERICAN LIFE**      WILSON, ROBERT, 1951  
FEBRUARY 21-

Biography of P. T. Barnum, the co-creator of Barnum & Bailey Circus and master of reinvention. Examines the showman's early life, entrepreneurship, successes and setbacks, personal tragedies, and the controversies that often sprang from the lengths he would go to in order to attract an audience. Unrated. 2019. 607 pages.

**LB 12585      READING BEHIND BARS: A MEMOIR OF LITERATURE,  
LAW, AND LIFE AS A PRISON LIBRARIAN**      GRUNENWALD, JILL A.

A newly minted librarian looks back on her first career stop: working in a prison. Discusses what drew her to the profession, why she chose to take the job, personalities she encountered, examples of both typical days and extraordinary ones, and challenges she faced. 2019. 423 pages.

**LB 12616      ME: ELTON JOHN OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY**      JOHN, ELTON

Memoir of the musical legend. Born Reginald Dwight in a London suburb, the performer soon found his sound and his style. He discusses his career and struggles with drug addiction. Also discusses his work with AIDS charities and his relationship with husband, David. Unrated. 2019. 579 pages.

**LB 12673      WEATHER MACHINE: A JOURNEY INSIDE THE  
FORECAST**      BLUM, ANDREW

In a quest to understand how the forecast works, Andrew Blum visits old weather stations and watches new satellites blast off. He discovers that we have entered a golden age of meteorology--our tools allow us to predict weather more accurately than ever, and yet we haven't learned to trust them, nor can we guarantee the fragile international alliances that allow our modern weather machine to exist. Unrated. 2019. 301 pages.

**LB 12675      ONE GIANT LEAP: THE IMPOSSIBLE MISSION THAT  
FLEW US TO THE MOON**      FISHMAN, CHARLES, 1961-

Author of *The Big Thirst* (DB 74346) chronicles NASA's mission to put a man on the moon by 1970 after President John F. Kennedy set that goal in 1961. Discusses the technologies that needed to be developed and key figures who made it all happen. Unrated. 2019. 827 pages.

**LB 12677      HYMNS OF THE REPUBLIC: THE STORY OF THE FINAL YEAR OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**      GWYNNE, S. C. (SAMUEL C.), 1953-

S.C. Gwynne's Hymns of the Republic addresses the period from Ulysses S. Grant's appointment as general of all Union armies in March 1864 to the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox a year later. Unrated. 2019. 697 pages.

**LB 12679      TOUCHED BY THE SUN: MY FRIENDSHIP WITH JACKIE SIMON, CARLY**

The singer-songwriter, author of the previous memoir Boys in the Trees (DB 83691), met Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at a party in 1983 and they soon became close. She discusses the bond they shared, despite their differences, in a friendship that lasted until Onassis' death in 1994. Unrated. 2019. 287 pages.

**LB 12680      THREE WOMEN**      TADDEO, LISA

Award-winning journalist takes an in-depth look at the sex lives of three American women. Follows a housewife whose marriage has lost its passion, a high school student in a relationship with her English teacher, and a woman whose husband picks out sexual partners for her. Unrated. Bestseller. 2019. 507 pages.

**LB 12703      TRUMP VS. CHINA: FACING AMERICA'S GREATEST THREAT**      GINGRICH, NEWT

A former Speaker of the House discusses his view that communist-ruled China poses the biggest threat to the United States in recent history. Includes suggestions for how America can survive this perceived multi-pronged threat. Includes supplemental material. Unrated. Bestseller. 2019. 535 pages.

**LB 12706      GREEK TO ME: ADVENTURES OF THE COMMA QUEEN**      NORRIS, MARY, 1952-

The author of Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen (DB 82577) details her love of Greece and its language. Discusses the role of Greek in both written and spoken English as well as the author's encounters with Greek words, gods, wine, and men. Bestseller. 2019. 299 pages.

**LB 12707      WILL MY CAT EAT MY EYEBALLS?: BIG QUESTIONS FROM TINY MORTALS ABOUT DEATH**      DOUGHTY, CAITLIN

Mortician and author of Smoke Gets in Your Eyes (DB 80041) and From Here to Eternity (DB 89746) answers questions she has frequently received from children. Topics include the title question, the disposition of an

astronaut's body, keeping parents' skulls, and the decomposition process. 2019. 299 pages.

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## **JUVENILE FICTION**

**LB 12620      DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: WRECKING BALL      KINNEY, JEFF**

When an unexpected inheritance gives Greg Heffley's family a chance to make big changes to their house, they soon discover that renovations may not be worth the effort. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2019. 229 pages.

**LB 12618      LAST LAST-DAY-OF-SUMMER      GILES, L.R. (LAMAR R.)**

When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected. For grades 5-8. 2019. Related names: Adeola, Dapo, illustrator. 387 pages.

**LB 12619      FOCUSED      GERBER, ALYSON**

Twelve-year-old Clea wants to do well in class and play chess on the school team, but somehow she cannot focus on anything. When her classmates take notice, Clea's worried parents have her tested for ADHD and Clea begins to take control of her life. For grades 5-8. 2019. 353 pages.

**LB 12704      GOODNIGHT, PANDA! = BUENAS NOCHES, PANDA!      BOOKS, BABL**

It's bedtime for the zoo animals, but Panda doesn't want to go to bed! He decides to hide among the other black and white animals at the zoo. Join Panda on his nighttime adventure as he swims with his friend Orca, has a snack with the Zebras, and waddles around with the Penguins, before realizing that the best place to be is home! Fiction for preschool-grade 3. Unrated. 2015. Bilingual: English and Spanish. 26 pages.

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## **JUVENILE NON-FICTION**

**LB 12617      WHAT THE DOG KNOWS: SCENT, SCIENCE, AND THE AMAZING WAYS DOGS PERCEIVE THE WORLD      WARREN, CAT**

There are thousands of scent-detection dogs all over the United States. This group includes cadaver dogs, tracking, trailing, and apprehension dogs; dogs that can locate unmarked graves of Civil War soldiers; and even dogs that can find drowning victims more than two hundred feet below the

surface of a lake. What the Dog Knows shows the science, the rigorous training, and the skilled handling that underlie these amazing abilities. For grades 4-7. Unrated. 2019. 449 pages.

**LB 12672      ASTROPHYSICS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN A HURRY**  
TYSON, NEIL DEGRASSE

Tyson, one of America's most celebrated astrophysicists, invites young readers to explore the mysteries of the universe, from communication with aliens to dark matter to why the world is round. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2019. 227 pages.

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