

Booklist's Best Historical Fiction by Year

2016 list:

Title: BOOK OF ARON

Author: SHEPARD, JIM

Original Date: 2015

Aron and his family are moved from the Polish countryside to the Warsaw ghetto. As his family dies off from various threats, Aron bands together with a group of young smugglers. Soon, he is under the protection of Janusz, who runs the orphanage. Janusz believes Aron can escape. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 82143

Title: DYING GRASS: ABOUT OUR CONTINENT IN THE DAYS OF INDIAN SERVICE; SEVEN DYING DREAMS; A BOOK OF NORTH AMERICAN LANDSCAPES, Vol. 5

Author: VOLLMANN, WILLIAM T

Original Date: 2015

Civil War veteran Brigadier General Oliver Otis Howard is charged with leading the military force that pursues the Nez Perce, led by Chief Joseph. Howard's service and the life of Native American tribes of the Plains are explored. Violence. 2015.

DB 82643

Title: MARRIAGE OF OPPOSITES: A NOVEL

Author: HOFFMAN, ALICE

Original Date: 2015

Fictional biography of Rachel Pomie Petit Pizzarro. She defies the Jewish community in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, to marry the nephew of her late husband. Her challenging ways cause great rifts, eventually with her favorite son Camille, who longs to paint. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2015.

DB 82815; LB 08427

Title: SECRET CHORD

Author: BROOKS, GERALDINE

Original Date: 2015

King David rules Israel during the Second Iron Age. As he moves from a lowly shepherd to the leader of the Israelites, the lives of those he impacts, including the prophet Natan, his wives, and his son Solomon, reflect back on him. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 82635

Title: SYMPATHIZER

Author: NGUYEN, VIET THANH

Original Date: 2015

Saigon of 1975 is in chaos. Meanwhile, a South Vietnamese general decides who will receive the last flights out of the country, including himself, his allies, and his trusted captain. Unbeknownst to him, however, the captain observes and reports on the group to the Viet Cong. Some violence and some strong language. 2015.

DB 82047

Title: TWAIN AND STANLEY ENTER PARADISE

Author: HIJUELOS, OSCAR

Original Date: 2015

Before either was famous, Mark Twain and Henry M. Stanley met while working on a riverboat and developed a lifelong friendship. Through the years, letters, manuscript excerpts, and diary entries are shared, revealing the depth of their connection to one another and to Stanley's wife, the painter Dorothy Tennant. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 83276

Title: VILLA AMERICA

Author: KLAUSSMANN, LIZA

Original Date: 2015

Fictional portrait of Gerald and Sara Murphy, who opened their home, the Villa America, to the likes of F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald and Pablo Picasso in the 1920s. A World War I aviator throws the stability of their marriage into question, however, as an affair begins. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 82280

2015 list:

Title: SONG OF THE SHANK

Author: ALLEN, JEFFERY RENARD, 1962-

Original Date: 2014

1866. Thomas Wiggins, known as Blind Tom, and his guardian, Eliza Bethune, return to their New York apartment after riots. Tom, a musical savant and former slave, does not fit in anywhere, but a stranger soon arrives offering to reunite him with his liberated mother. Strong language. 2014.

DB 79514

Title: ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE

Author: DOERR, ANTHONY

Original Date: 2014

When Paris is invaded by the Nazis, Marie-Laure LeBlanc's father evacuates her to St. Malo to stay with her great-uncle. Blind since the age of six, Marie-Laure must learn the town by the scale model her father has left. Then, the Germans arrive. Violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 79182

Title: LILA

Author: ROBINSON, MARILYNNE

Original Date: 2014

Lila, from Gilead (DB 59561), finds herself on the porch of a quiet church in Gilead, Iowa. A drifter from a young age, she is disconcerted when she is taken in by, and eventually marries, the preacher, John Ames. She considers what she will tell the son she has. Bestseller. 2014.

BR 20575, DB 79899

Title: EARLY WARNING

Author: SMILEY, JANE

Original Date: 2015

The saga of the Langdon family, begun in *Some Luck* (DB 79659), continues with the death of family patriarch Walter in 1953 on through 1986. While the youngest of Walter's children stays on the Iowa farm, the others scatter across Cold War-era America. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 81494

2014 list:

Title: YONAHLOSSEE RIDING CAMP FOR GIRLS

Author: DISCLAFANI, ANTON

Original Date: 2013

North Carolina, 1930. Fifteen-year-old Thea is sent away to the Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls--a place of exile for wealthy, young Southern women. There, Thea must come to terms with her past and prepare for the future. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

DB 76822, LB 07441

Title: FROG MUSIC

Author: DONOGHUE, EMMA, 1969-

Original Date: 2014

San Francisco, 1876. Blanche Beunon, a burlesque dancer and prostitute, befriends Jenny Bonnet, a convicted cross-dresser who

catches frogs for a living. When Jenny is killed, Blanche uncovers Jenny's secrets--which may have led to her murder. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 78598

Title: INVENTION OF WINGS

Author: KIDD, SUE MONK

Original Date: 2014

Charleston, 1803. Eleven-year-old Sarah Grimke is given a ten-year-old slave girl named Handful as a gift. They become close friends and are both punished when Handful learns to read. Sarah grows up to become an abolitionist, and Handful retains her independent spirit. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 78079

Title: TWO HOTEL FRANCFORTS

Author: LEAVITT, DAVID

Original Date: 2013

1940. Refugees from Paris, Pete and Julia Winters arrive in Lisbon to take the SS Manhattan home to America. While waiting for the ship to arrive, they explore the town and meet Edward and Iris Freleng. Pete and Edward begin an affair. Explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

DB 80122

Title: TREACHEROUS PARADISE

Author: MANKELL, HENNING, 1948-

Original Date: 2013

1904. Recently widowed Hanna Lundmark works as a cook on a steamship headed to Australia. But she abandons ship while docked in Portuguese East Africa and soon becomes the owner of a notorious brothel. Originally published in Sweden in 2011. Some violence. 2013.

DB 77067, LB 07464

Title: LOVERS AT THE CHAMELEON CLUB, PARIS 1932

Author: PROSE, FRANCINE, 1947-

Original Date: 2014

Letters and book excerpts paint a portrait of the patrons of the Chameleon Club of Paris during the 1930s, with Louisianne--Lou--Villars at their center. Lou is a cross-dressing lesbian who finds success in race car driving, eventually collaborating with the Nazis. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 79323

Title: VALLEY OF AMAZEMENT

Author: TAN, AMY

Original Date: 2013

Shanghai, 1905. Seven-year-old Violet lives with her American mother Lulu, who is a courtesan. Seven years later, when the Ching dynasty collapses, Violet is separated from Lulu and grows up to become a courtesan herself--and loses her own daughter. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 77836

2013 list:

Title: IMPEACHMENT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Author: CARTER, STEPHEN L., 1954-

Original Date: 2012

In this alternate history of Abraham Lincoln, the president survives the assassination attempt only to be faced with charges that his conduct during the Civil War violated the U.S. Constitution. Young law clerk Abigail Canner, a black woman, assists the defense. Some violence and some strong language. 2012.

DB 75564

Title: BARTENDER'S TALE

Author: DOIG, IVAN

Original Date: 2012

Rural Montana, 1960. Twelve-year-old Rusty lives with his single father Tom, a bartender, at their saloon. Then a woman from Tom's past--and her suspiciously familiar-looking daughter--come to town bringing changes. Meanwhile, Rusty and new girl Zoe connect in ways he didn't expect. Some strong language. 2012.

DB 75428

Title: IN SUNLIGHT AND IN SHADOW

Author: HELPRIN, MARK

Original Date: 2012

New York City, 1946. Paratrooper Harry Copeland returns home from the war to run his late father's leather-goods business. He falls in love with heiress/actress Catherine Hale and is soon fighting anti-Semitism, extortionists, and Catherine's ex-fiance. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 75860

Title: BRING UP THE BODIES

Author: MANTEL, HILARY, 1952-

Original Date: 2012

England, 1535. Katherine of Aragon is dying and rumors of Anne

Boleyn's infidelity are flying around court. Thomas Cromwell is charged with deposing Anne so King Henry VIII can marry Jane Seymour. Sequel to Wolf Hall (DB 70074). Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 74880

Title: ACCURSED

Author: OATES, JOYCE CAROL, 1938-

Original Date: 2013

Princeton, New Jersey; 1905. The Slade family is one of the most prominent in town, consorting with the likes of Woodrow Wilson and Grover Cleveland. On her wedding day, nineteen-year-old Annabel Slade is abducted by a man who might be the devil, and a curse manifests itself. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 76413

Title: MERIVEL: A MAN OF HIS TIME

Author: TREMAIN, ROSE

Original Date: 2012

1683. Fifteen years after the events in Restoration (RC 32365), aging court physician Merivel contemplates the way he has lived his life. Searching for answers, he heads to the French court at Versailles, where he meets a Swiss woman who may provide him new opportunities. Some descriptions of sex. 2012.

DB 76679

Title: COUP D'ETAT: THE WAR THAT CAME EARLY

Author: TURTLEDOVE, HARRY

Original Date: 2012

In an alternative WWII, the Germans and their British allies are marching on Moscow when the British military stages a coup d'etat, toppling the civilian government. While Britain shifts its allegiances, America's involvement in the war deepens. Sequel to The Big Switch (DB 75038). Violence and some strong language. 2012.

DB 75183

Title: DREAM OF THE CELT

Author: VARGAS LLOSA, MARIO, 1936-

Original Date: 2012

Pentonville Prison, London; 1916. Former British consul Roger Casement awaits punishment for treason. Casement's service to the crown exposing abuses in the Congo and the Amazon is overshadowed by his support of a free Ireland. Translated from Spanish. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

DB 76213

2012 list:

Title: TIME IN BETWEEN

Author: DUENAS, MARIA, 1964

Original Date: 2011

Morocco, 1936. Sira Quiroga, a young seamstress from Madrid, leaves home with her lover but is abandoned in North Africa. She creates a successful couture workshop and is recruited to work for the British cause against Germany. Translated from Spanish. Some violence and some strong language. 2011.

DB 74124

Title: RIVER OF SMOKE

Author: GHOSH, AMITAV

Original Date: 2011

1838. Three ships, including the Ibis from Sea of Poppies (DB/RC 68395), weather a cyclone on the Bay of Bengal. Afterwards the passengers and crew regroup in Canton, China's foreign enclave, just as the Opium War begins. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

DB 73744

Title: CHANGO'S BEADS AND TWO-TONE SHOES

Author: KENNEDY, WILLIAM, 1928-

Original Date: 2011

Journalist and aspiring writer Daniel Quinn meets author Ernest Hemingway in a Havana bar in 1957 and marries gunrunner Renata in a Santeria ceremony. Returning home to Albany, New York, in 1968, Daniel investigates race riots and corrupt politicians. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

DB 74031

Title: CAT'S TABLE

Author: ONDAATJE, MICHAEL, 1943-

Original Date: 2011

1954. Eleven-year-old Michael sails from Ceylon to Great Britain to rejoin his mother. During the three-week voyage he befriends two other boys, and together they have adventures that lead to insights about adulthood, love, and betrayal. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

BR 19469, DB 73963

Title: BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC

Author: OTSUKA, JULIE, 1962-

Original Date: 2011

In the early 1900s a group of Japanese women, mainly daughters of

Buddhist farmers, sail to San Francisco as mail-order brides. Most discover a life of hard labor and prejudice. Their children grow up American--but then come the World War II internment camps. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 73858

Title: CONQUISTADORA

Author: SANTIAGO, ESMERALDA

Original Date: 2011

1844. Ana Larragoity Cubillas arrives in Puerto Rico with her husband Ramon, his twin brother Inocente, and sister-in-law Elena. In their countryside hacienda their relationships and fortunes rise and fall amid the harsh realities of plantation life. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 2011.

DB 74729

2011 list:

Title: MATCHMAKER OF KENMARE: A NOVEL OF IRELAND

Author: DELANEY, FRANK, 1942-

Original Date: 2011

Ireland, 1940s. A deep friendship begins when folklore collector Ben MacCarthy interviews matchmaker Kate Begley. They search war-torn Europe for Kate's husband, an American soldier, guided by her magical method of finding people with a map and a needle. Sequel to Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show (DB 75097). Some violence. 2011.

DB 75158

Title: BEAUTIFUL MARIA OF MY SOUL; OR, THE TRUE STORY OF MARIA GARCIA Y

Author: HIJUELOS, OSCAR

Original Date: 2010

TITLE CONTINUES: "Cifuentes, the Lady behind a Famous Song"

The beguiling Maria Garcia y Cifuentes travels to Havana in the early 1950s, where she becomes musician Nestor Castillo's lover. Years later in Miami, Maria reconnects with the past. Companion to The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love (DB 30259 BARD only). Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2010.

DB 72511

Title: RODIN'S DEBUTANTE

Author: JUST, WARD S

Original Date: 2011

When town leaders of New Jesper, Illinois, decide to cover up a murder and a rape in 1846, Lee Goodell--the judge's son--overhears the plan. His parents send him to boarding school, where Lee becomes enamored of

a Rodin sculpture and decides to learn the art form. 2011.

DB 76824

Title: ELEPHANT'S JOURNEY

Author: SARAMAGO, JOSE

Original Date: 2010

Lisbon, 1551. Portuguese King João III sends his cousin Archduke Maximilian of Austria an unusual wedding present: an elephant named Solomon. Solomon, his caretaker Subhro, and the royal caravan travel across Europe, over the Alps, to Vienna. Originally published in Portuguese by the Nobel Prize-winning author. 2010.

DB 72610

Title: PROMISES TO KEEP

Author: TATLOCK, ANN

Original Date: 2011

Mills River, Illinois; 1967. Eleven-year-old Roz Anthony's mother left her abusive husband and took her three children to live near Roz's grandfather. Elderly Tillie Monroe, their new house's former owner, becomes their housekeeper and teaches Roz about God. But Roz has a secret that may endanger the family. 2011.

DB 74683

Title: CLARA AND MR. TIFFANY

Author: VREELAND, SUSAN

Original Date: 2011

New York City; 1892 to 1908. After her husband dies, young Clara Driscoll returns to work for Louis Tiffany and suggests a new product--lampshades made with leaded glass. Clara, who lives in a boarding house for artists, puts love aside because Mr. Tiffany doesn't employ married women. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 72445

2010 list:

Title: PARROT AND OLIVIER IN AMERICA

Author: CAREY, PETER

Original Date: 2009

1830s. Young French nobleman Olivier de Garmont travels to America with his older British secretary Parrot to research a book on the penal system and the American democratic experiment. In their alternating voices, Olivier and Parrot recount their picaresque adventures--past and present. Some descriptions of sex. Nat'l Book Award finalist. 2009.

DB 72092

Title: FOUR FREEDOMS**Author: CROWLEY, JOHN****Original Date: 2009**

1940s. An airplane factory moves to Oklahoma and recruits women and undrafted males to join the war effort. One disabled employee, Prosper Olander, has affairs with multiple coworkers, all of whom struggle to build lives in a rapidly changing era. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

DB 72267**Title: HOMER AND LANGLEY****Author: DOCTOROW, E. L., 1931-****Original Date: 2009**

Homer Collyer, the blind brother, and his older brother Langley, a WWI mustard-gas victim, become recluses in their Fifth Avenue brownstone, hoarding newspapers and collecting odd things--a model T Ford, typewriters, and surplus Army supplies--until they become imprisoned by their vast accumulations. Bestseller. 2009.

BR 18489, DB 69642**Title: ALL OTHER NIGHTS****Author: HORN, DARA****Original Date: 2009**

New Orleans, 1861. Nineteen-year-old Union spy Jacob Rappaport is sent during Passover to kill his uncle--who is planning to assassinate Lincoln. His next mission is to marry Eugenia Levy, a Virginia Jewish businessman's daughter who happens to be a Confederate agent. But Jacob doesn't plan on falling in love. 2009.

DB 69243**Title: PEARL OF CHINA****Author: MIN, ANCHEE****Original Date: 2010**

Fictional account of Pearl Buck (1892-1973), author of *The Good Earth* (DB/RC 37294). Young Willow Yee befriends Pearl, a missionary's daughter, in remote China. Willow's love and jealousy grow as Willow later suffers during the Mao revolution but remains loyal to her foreign friend, now a Nobel laureate. 2010.

DB 73254**Title: NO LESS THAN VICTORY: A NOVEL OF WORLD WAR II****Author: SHAARA, JEFF, 1952-****Original Date: 2009**

After the D-day invasion, described in *The Steel Wave* (RC 67049), the Allies march across Europe but encounter German resistance in the Battle of the Bulge. Sergeant John Buckley is taken prisoner when his

plane crashes, while Private Eddie Benson slogs through Belgium. Violence and strong language. 2009.

DB 70486

Title: CORAL THIEF

Author: STOTT, REBECCA

Original Date: 2009

1815. As Napoleon begins his exile, young Daniel Connor arrives in Paris from Edinburgh only to discover that his valise with valuable papers and coral specimens has disappeared with the lovely woman on the stagecoach. Encountering her again changes his views on love, evolution, and crime. 2009.

DB 71689

2009 list:

Title: PEACE

Author: BAUSCH, RICHARD

Original Date: 2008

Italy, World War II. Three American soldiers undertake a dangerous assignment to locate retreating Germans. Corporal Robert Marson hires an elderly local to lead them over rough terrain, but as the men succumb to fear, they grow increasingly uncertain of their mission--and their guide. Strong language and some violence. 2008.

DB 68090

Title: BLACK TOWER

Author: BAYARD, LOUIS

Original Date: 2008

Paris, 1818. Homicide inspector Eugene Vidocq questions Dr. Hector Carpentier, whose name and address were found in a dead man's pocket. Clues connect him to the mystery of long-lost dauphin Louis-Charles--ten-year-old son of Marie-Antoinette and Louis XVI--who was once imprisoned in the black tower. Strong language and some violence. 2008.

DB 71690

Title: WOMEN

Author: BOYLE, T. CORAGHESSAN

Original Date: 2009

Tadashi Sato, a fictional Frank Lloyd Wright disciple, narrates the tale of the architect's romantic entanglements with four women--three wives and a mistress who was murdered in Taliesen, Wright's beloved Wisconsin home. Sato reveals their intrigues, scandals, desperation,

and joys. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 68578

Title: PALACE COUNCIL

Author: CARTER, STEPHEN L.

Original Date: 2008

Harlem, 1950s. African American writer Eddie Wesley stumbles upon the body of white attorney Philmont Castle. Two years later, Eddie's sister Junie disappears. Eddie spends two decades searching for Junie and discovers that she and Philmont--along with Eddie's former girlfriend Aurelia--had connections to a secret political society. 2008.

DB 68096

Title: EXILES

Author: HANSEN, RON

Original Date: 2008

Wales, December 1875. In this historical novel, accounts of poet/seminarian Gerard Manley Hopkins learning and writing about the shipwreck of the Deutschland near the River Thames intertwine with those of the five young German nuns who perished. Includes full text of Hopkins's poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland." 2008.

DB 67735

Title: GIVEN DAY

Author: LEHANE, DENNIS

Original Date: 2008

Boston, early twentieth century. Policeman Danny Coughlin goes undercover to infiltrate Bolsheviks and anarchists who are recruiting immigrants and workers to cause civil strife. Soon Danny sympathizes with their plight, befriending his family's Irish maid and an African American fugitive. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

RC 68066, DB 68066

Title: MERCY

Author: MORRISON, TONI

Original Date: 2008

Colonial North America, 1680s. An Anglo-Dutch trader reluctantly accepts a young slave girl named Florens as payment for a bad debt. Her mother hopes the transaction will prove a mercy to Florens, but subsequent years in Jacob Vaark's household reveal the harsh reality of being under another's dominion. Some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

BR 18095, DB 69148

Title: INDIGNATION

Author: ROTH, PHILIP

Original Date: 2008

In 1951, during the Korean War, eighteen-year-old Marcus Messner, only child of a kosher butcher, leaves Newark, New Jersey, to attend Ohio's Winesburg College. He experiences rudeness, heartache, and fear of expulsion before his death at age nineteen--which devastates his parents. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2008.

DB 67841

Title: ENCHANTRESS OF FLORENCE

Author: RUSHDIE, SALMAN

Original Date: 2008

Mogor, a blond European who speaks seven languages, arrives at the Indian court of Akbar the Great proclaiming himself England's ambassador. The charlatan entertains the emperor with tales of a lost princess. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 67001

Title: DROOD

Author: SIMMONS, DAN

Original Date: 2009

Wilkie Collins reveals the mysterious final five years of his friend and fellow novelist Charles Dickens. After surviving an 1865 train crash, Dickens meets the grotesque Mr. Drood among the bloody carnage. Drood's disturbing behavior unnerves Dickens, who obsesses about uncovering Drood's true identity. Dickens enlists Collins's help. Violence. Bestseller. 2008.

RC 68808, DB 68808 (BARD)

2008 List:

Title: PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

Author: BROOKS, GERALDINE

Original Date: 2008

Australian book conservator Hanna Heath analyzes a Hebrew manuscript created in medieval Spain and saved from destruction in 1990s Sarajevo. Hanna's discoveries--an insect wing, salt crystals, and wine and blood stains--reveal the codex's past and the lives of its guardians. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 66059

Title: JOHNNY ONE-EYE: A TALE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Author: CHARYN, JEROME

Original Date: 2008

Revolutionary War-era Manhattan. Teenage double agent John Stocking, a.k.a. Johnny One-Eye, befriends officers on both sides of the war, including George Washington and British general Sir William Howe. Johnny is in love with Clara, a biracial prostitute at the bordello where he was raised, who shares in his adventures. 2008.

DB 67918

Title: REAVERS

Author: FRASER, GEORGE MACDONALD

Original Date: 2007

Scottish borderlands, sixteenth century. An unlikely foursome attempts to thwart a Spanish plot to replace King James with an imposter. Ravishing Lady Godiva Dacre, her mischievous companion Mistress Kylie Delishe, dashing part-time highwayman Bonny Gilderoy, and English agent/hero Archie Noble face sundry adventures and complications of the heart. 2007.

DB 68080

Title: FELLOW TRAVELERS

Author: MALLON, THOMAS

Original Date: 2007

Washington, D.C.; 1950s. While Senator McCarthy leads a crusade against Communists and sexual subversives, recent college graduate and devout Catholic Tim Laughlin begins his first homosexual affair with Hawkins Fuller--an older State Department official. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2007.

DB 68035

Title: REDEMPTION FALLS

Author: O'CONNOR, JOSEPH

Original Date: 2007

As the Civil War ends, sixteen-year-old Eliza Mooney leaves Louisiana to search for her twelve-year-old brother Jeremiah. Meanwhile Jeremiah, a drummer boy traumatized by the war, finds his way to a western mountain town governed by Union general James Con O'Keeffe, a former Irish rebel. Violence and strong language. 2007.

DB 67281

Title: CHRIST THE LORD: THE ROAD TO CANA

Author: RICE, ANNE, 1941-

Original Date: 2008

In this sequel to Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt (DB 60914), young carpenter Yeshua (Jesus) resists pleasures of the flesh, accepts his

destiny, and is baptized. He reveals who He is, gathers disciples, spreads the word, and performs miracles. He is also tempted by the devil. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 66745

The following are available in Braille only:

Title: CONSEQUENCES

Author: LIVELY, PENELOPE

Original Date: 2007

A family saga beginning in 1930s London. The lives of Lorna, daughter Molly, and granddaughter Ruth unfold against the changing physical and social landscape of the city before and after the war. Ruth's nascent self-exploration is expressed through the lens of her family's past. 2007.

BR 17623

Title: FOREIGNERS

Author: PHILLIPS, CARYL

Original Date: 2007

Fictionalized accounts of three figures of the African diaspora in Great Britain. Jamaican Francis Barber--faithful servant of Dr. Samuel Johnson--falls into poverty. Biracial boxer Randolph Turpin briefly becomes Europe's 1951 middleweight champion. In 1949 Nigerian David Oluwale stows away on a ship bound for Leeds to become an

BR 17892

Title: TESTAMENT OF MARY

Author: TOIBIN, COLM, 1955-

Original Date: 2012

An imagining of the life and ministry of Jesus from the perspective of his elderly mother Mary. She does not believe Jesus is the son of God, but after his crucifixion his followers continue to visit her in Ephesus to learn more about him. Uncontracted braille. 2012.

BR 19720

The following are available in large print only:

Title: PUZZLE KING

Author: CARTER, BETSY, 1945-

Original Date: 2009

This is the story of unlikely heroes: the lively, beautiful Flora and her husband, the brooding studious Simon, two immigrants who were each sent to America by their families to find better lives. An improbable match, they meet in New York City and fall in love. Simon, inventor of

the jigsaw puzzle, eventually makes his fortune. Now wealthy, but
LB 06297

Title: WEST OF HERE

Author: EVISON, JONATHAN

Original Date: 2011

A century after the late-19th-century settlers of the Olympic Peninsula to the west of Seattle set out to build a dam, their descendents want to demolish it to bring back fish runs. With one segment of the narrative focused on the town's founders circa 1890 and another showing the lives of their descendants in 2006, the novel develops as a kind of conversation between two epochs, one rushing blindly toward the future and the other struggling to undo the damage of the past. Strong language, descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2011.

LB 06695

The following are available in Spanish Language:

Title: GUARDIANES DEL LIBRO (PEOPLE OF THE BOOK)

Author: BROOKS, GERALDINE

Original Date: 2008

Australian book conservator Hanna Heath analyzes a Hebrew manuscript created in medieval Spain and saved from destruction in 1990s Sarajevo. Hanna's discoveries--an insect wing, salt crystals, and wine and blood stains--reveal the codex's past and the lives of its guardians. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. **SPANISH LANGUAGE**. 2008.

DB 67966

Title: TIEMPO ENTRE COSTURAS (THE TIME IN BETWEEN)

Author: DUENAS, MARIA, 1964-

Original Date: 2011

Morocco, 1936. Sira Quiroga, a young seamstress from Madrid, leaves home with her lover but is abandoned in North Africa. She creates a successful couture workshop and is recruited to work for the British cause against Germany. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. **SPANISH LANGUAGE**. 2011.

DB 72987

Title: CONQUISTADORA

Author: SANTIAGO, ESMERALDA

Original Date: 2011

1844. Ana Larragoity Cubillas arrives in Puerto Rico with her husband Ramon, his twin brother Inocente, and sister-in-law Elena. In their countryside hacienda their relationships and fortunes rise and fall amid the harsh realities of plantation life. Translated from English. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. **SPANISH LANGUAGE.**
DB 72969

Title: VIAJE DEL ELEFANTE (THE ELEPHANT'S JOURNEY)

Author: SARAMAGO, JOSE

Original Date: 2009

Lisbon, 1551. Portuguese King João III sends his cousin Archduke Maximilian of Austria an unusual wedding present: an elephant named Solomon. Solomon, his caretaker Subhro, and the royal caravan travel across Europe, over the Alps, to Vienna. Originally published in Portuguese by the Nobel Prize-winning author. **SPANISH LANGUAGE.** 2009.
DB 70984

Title: SUENO DEL CELTA (THE DREAM OF THE CELT)

Author: VARGAS LLOSA, MARIO, 1936-

Original Date: 2010

Pentonville Prison, London; 1916. Former British consul Roger Casement awaits punishment for treason. Casement's service to the crown exposing abuses in the Congo and the Amazon is overshadowed by his support of a free Ireland. By the Nobel Prize-winning author. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. **SPANISH LANGUAGE.** 2010.
DB 70973