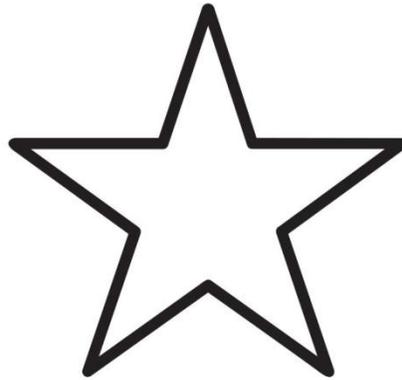


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# Large Print Non-Fiction Annual Catalog 2014



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**This list was created in June of 2015. It contains all large print fiction titles added to the collection in 2014.**

**Large print titles are arranged alphabetically by author, then alphabetically by title under each author.**

**S/P/V indicates the level of sexual content, profanity, and/or violence contained in the book. Titles marked as “Unrated” have not been reviewed for S/P/V and may contain any level of that content.**

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SHORT GUIDE TO A LONG LIFE

Author: AGUS, DAVID, 1965-

S/P/V: None

LB 07669

Cancer researcher distills his book *The End of Illness* (DB 74306) into a concise collection of tips for healthy living. Recommends a diet of non-processed seasonal foods and a daily fitness routine to maintain weight and manage stress. Bestseller. 2014.

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SECRET ROOMS: A TRUE STORY OF A HAUNTED CASTLE, A PLOTTING DUCHESS,

Author: BAILEY, CATHERINE, 1960-

S/P/V: None

LB 07707

TITLE CONTINUES: "and a Family Secret"

Television producer chronicles her quest to learn the truth about the ninth Duke of Rutland, John Manners, who died in 1940 in the archives room of the family estate--which was then sealed off for sixty years. Examines Manners's youth and the questions surrounding his service during World War I. 2012.

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JAMES GANDOLFINI: THE REAL LIFE OF THE MAN WHO MADE TONY SOPRANO

Author: BISCHOFF, DAN

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07769

Draws on interviews with family members, castrates, and other insiders to trace the life and career of the late star of "The Sopranos," providing coverage of his Rutgers education, complicated relationships, and breakout roles. This is a multilayered portrait of a complex, talented, beloved man who has joined the ranks of America's iconic actors. Unrated. 2014.

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ROMANCE IS MY DAY JOB: A MEMOIR OF FINDING LOVE AT LAST

Author: BLOOM, PATIENCE

S/P/V: Some sex; Some profanity;

LB 07681

We've all wished romance could be more like fiction. Patience Bloom certainly did. As a teen she fell in love with Harlequin novels and imagined her life turning out just like the heroines' on the pages. Years later she moved to New York and found her dream job editing Harlequin romances. Bloom became an expert at fictional love stories, but her dating life was uninspired. She'd nearly given up on love when a Facebook message from a high-school friend thousands of miles away sparked a promising relationship. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2014.

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NEWS: A USER'S MANUAL

Author: DE BOTTON, ALAIN

S/P/V: None

LB 07785

Philosopher and author of *The Consolations of Philosophy* (DB 51489) provides techniques for critically analyzing news reports. Focuses on the subject categories of politics, world news, economics, celebrity, disaster, and consumption. Considers the ways people receive news in the early twenty-first century, including personalized reports on electronic devices. 2014.

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DOG YEARS: A MEMOIR

Author: DOTY, MARK

S/P/V: Some profanity;

LB 07713

Award-winning poet recalls experiences with his beloved retrievers, Arden and Beau. Describes how they helped him through his grief after his partner's death, and how, in turn, he cared for them as they aged. Reflects on the lessons learned about life, loss, and unconditional love. Some strong language. 2007.

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GOOD NURSE: A TRUE STORY OF MEDICINE, MADNESS, AND MURDER

Author: GRAEBER, CHARLES

S/P/V: None

LB 07673

Journalist with exclusive access to imprisoned former nurse Charles Cullen describes Cullen's path to becoming possibly the most prolific serial killer in history. Details the ease with which Cullen gave fatal drug overdoses to hospitalized patients and, despite suspicions, kept getting jobs until his arrest in 2003. 2013.

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MANSON: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CHARLES MANSON

Author: GUINN, JEFF

S/P/V: Some profanity; Heavy violence

LB 07721

Biography of the petty criminal and failed musician who directed his cult followers to commit the 1969 Tate-LaBianca murders in Los Angeles. Describes Manson's childhood. Chronicles the killings and his trial, and places Manson in the context of the era's social upheavals. Violence and some strong language. 2013.

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LONG MILE HOME: BOSTON UNDER ATTACK, THE CITY'S COURAGEOUS RECOVERY,

Author: HELMAN, SCOTT

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07666

[Subtitle reads: "Boston Under Attack, The City's Courageous Recovery, and the Epic Hunt for Justice"] Boston Globe Reporters Scott Helman and Jenna Russell tell the gripping story of the tragic, surreal, and ultimately inspiring events surrounding the 2013 Boston Marathon: the preparations of the bombers; the race; the emergency response to the explosions; the deployment of city, state, and federal law enforcement personnel; and the nation's and the world's response before, during, and after the apprehension of the suspects. Unrated. 2014.

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UNBROKEN: A WORLD WAR II STORY OF SURVIVAL, RESILIENCE, AND

Author: HILLENBRAND, LAURA

S/P/V: Heavy violence

LB 07524

TITLE CONTINUES: "Redemption" Author of Seabiscuit (RC 51968) details the life of Louis Zamperini (b. 1917), an Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, who survived a plane crash and forty-seven days adrift at sea only to become a POW in Japan. Relates Louis's later religious awakening under Billy Graham's ministry. Violence. Bestseller. 2010.

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MOZART

Author: JOHNSON, PAUL, 1928-

S/P/V: Some profanity;

LB 07780

Concise, illuminating biography of Mozart. Johnson's focus is on the music - Mozart's wondrous output of composition and his uncanny gift for instrumentation. Johnson also challenges the many myths that have followed Mozart, including those about the composer's health, wealth, religion, and relationships. Some strong language. 2013.

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LITTLE GIRL WHO FOUGHT THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Author: KASSON, JOHN F

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07716

For four consecutive years Shirley Temple was the world's box office champion, a record never equaled. What distinguished Shirley Temple from every other Hollywood star of the period was how brilliantly she shone. Amid the deprivation and despair of the Great Depression, she radiated optimism and plucky good cheer that lifted the spirits of millions and shaped their collective character for generations to come. Unrated. 2014.

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SAVING SIMON: HOW A RESCUE DONKEY TAUGHT ME THE MEANING OF COMPASSION

Author: KATZ, JON

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07850

In the spring of 2011, Jon Katz received a phone call from an animal control officer who had found a neglected donkey on a farm in upstate New York, and she hoped that Jon and his wife, Maria, would be willing to adopt him. The moment Jon saw the wrenching sight of Simon, he felt a powerful connection. Weak and malnourished, Simon needed near constant care. As Simon's health improved, Jon would feed him by hand, take him on walks, and even confide in him like an old friend. Then Simon began to reveal to Jon the true meaning of compassion, the ways in which it can transform our lives and inspire us to take great risks. Unrated. 2014.

WHY I READ: THE SERIOUS PLEASURE OF BOOKS

Author: LESSER, WENDY

S/P/V: None

LB 07675

Literary editor and writer examines the myriad reasons for her personal love of literature. Explores aspects of the written word that bring her pleasure in chapters devoted to "Character and Plot," "The Space Between," "Novelty," "Authority," and others. Also considers the sensuous delights of the physical book. 2014.

UNDER MAGNOLIA: A SOUTHERN MEMOIR

Author: MAYES, FRANCES

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07706

Frances Mayes revisits her early years in Fitzgerald, Georgia, exploring the power of landscape, the idea of home, and the lasting force of a chaotic and loving family. Unrated. 2014.

BURGLARY: THE DISCOVERY OF J. EDGAR HOOVER'S SECRET FBI

Author: MEDSGER, BETTY

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07763

Recounts the 1971 break-in to the FBI offices in Media, Pennsylvania, by a group of unlikely activists. Highlights the activists' role in confirming that J. Edgar Hoover had run his own shadow bureau of investigations and triggering major changes in the FBI. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

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WHAT I SAW AT THE REVOLUTION: A POLITICAL LIFE IN THE REAGAN ERA

Author: NOONAN, PEGGY, 1950-

S/P/V: None

LB 07621

A personal account by a political speechwriter. Noonan writes about being the first in her family to be a Republican; about working at CBS and the media's relationship with politics; about being a woman in a field dominated by men; and most of all, about Ronald Reagan and what his presidency meant. Bestseller.

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ELIOT NESS: THE RISE AND FALL OF AN AMERICAN HERO

Author: PERRY, DOUGLAS, 1968-

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07692

Eliot Ness is famous for leading the Untouchables against the notorious mobster Al Capone. But Ness's true legacy reaches far beyond Big Al and Chicago. As the public safety director of Cleveland, he achieved his greatest success by purging the city of corruption so deep that the mob and the police were often one and the same. Both fearless and shockingly shy, he inspired courage and loyalty in men twice his age, forged law-enforcement innovations that are still with us today, and earned acclaim and scandal in both his professional and personal lives. Unrated. 2014.

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ANNE FRANK: THE BOOK, THE LIFE, THE AFTERLIFE

Author: PROSE, FRANCINE

S/P/V: None

LB 07513

Analyzes The Diary of a Young Girl (RC 57022) as a literary work, a Holocaust narrative, and a cultural artifact. Examines the evidence that Anne rewrote her memoir to increase its appeal. Discusses the published book's use in classroom instruction and its adaptation for stage and film. 2009.

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BOY DETECTIVE: A NEW YORK CHILDHOOD

Author: ROSENBLATT, ROGER

S/P/V: None

LB 07584

While teaching a class on memoir writing in 2011, award-winning essayist Rosenblatt strolled through his childhood neighborhood of Gramercy Park. He reminisces about his obsession with becoming a detective in 1950s New York City and ponders life and memory. 2013.

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HOUR OF PERIL: THE SECRET PLOT TO MURDER LINCOLN BEFORE THE CIVIL

Author: STASHOWER, DANIEL

S/P/V: Some violence

LB 07786

TITLE CONTINUES: "War"

Details the plot to assassinate president-elect Abraham Lincoln in Baltimore while he was en route to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration in February 1861. Profiles Allan Pinkerton, founder of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, and widow Kate Warne, America's first female private investigator. Some violence. 2013.

IT AIN'T OVER...TILL IT'S OVER: REINVENTING YOUR LIFE--AND REALIZING

Author: THOMAS, MARLO

S/P/V: None

LB 07676

TITLE CONTINUES: "Your Dreams--Anytime, at Any Age" Actress Thomas profiles sixty women and the way they have changed their lives. Includes stories about creating new businesses, leaving abusive relationships, immigration, changing careers, providing opportunities to others, and more. 2014.

MISSION AT NUREMBERG: AN AMERICAN ARMY CHAPLAIN AND THE TRIAL OF

Author: TOWNSEND, TIM

S/P/V: Some violence

LB 07687

TITLE CONTINUES: The Nazis

Lutheran minister Henry Gerecke was fifty years old when he enlisted as an army chaplain during World War II. At the close of the European theater, Gerecke received his most challenging assignment: he was sent to Nuremberg to minister to the twenty-one imprisoned Nazi leaders awaiting trial for crimes against humanity. Some violence. 2014.

UNDENIABLY YOURS

Author: WADE, BECKY

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07781

When Meg Cole's father dies unexpectedly, she is forced to return home to Texas and take up the reins of his empire at Whispering Creek Ranch. Meg - more interested in art than oil - has no patience to deal with a thoroughbred racehorse farm, and gives manager Bo Porter six months to close it down. Although determined to resent the woman, Bo finds Meg evokes in him a profound desire to protect. Then, just when Meg begins to realize that Bo might be the one thing on the ranch worth keeping, their fragile bond is viciously broken. Unrated. 2013.

MR. OWITA'S GUIDE TO GARDENING: HOW I LEARNED THE UNEXPECTED JOY OF

Author: WALL, CAROL

S/P/V: None

LB 07835

[Subtitle reads: "How I learned the unexpected joy of a green thumb and an open heart"]  
Describes how a period of transition in the journalist author's life marked by her empty nest, a recent illness and her aging parents led her to forge a deep friendship with a gifted Kenyan gardener with whom she transformed her yard and shared long-buried secrets. 2014.

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MEN WHO UNITED THE STATES: AMERICA'S EXPLORERS, INVENTORS,

Author: WINCHESTER, SIMON

S/P/V: None

LB 07542

TITLE CONTINUES: "Eccentrics, and Mavericks and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible"  
Account of the explorers, inventors, and engineers whose work helped unite America's diverse regions and people. Discusses the Lewis and Clark expedition; construction of canals, the transcontinental railroad, and the interstate highway system; the development of the Internet; and more. 2013.

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I AM MALALA: THE GIRL WHO STOOD UP FOR EDUCATION AND WAS SHOT BY THE

Author: YOUSAFZAI, MALALA, 1997-

S/P/V: UNRATED

LB 07686

TITLE CONTINUES: "Taliban"

Memoir of Pakistani teenager Malala Yousafzai (born 1997), who was the target of an assassination attempt by the Taliban in October 2012. Details her family's crusade for girls' education, the campaign of intimidation that culminated in her shooting, and her recovery. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2013.

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FROZEN IN TIME: AN EPIC STORY OF SURVIVAL AND A MODERN QUEST FOR LOST

Author: ZUCKOFF, MITCHELL

S/P/V: None

LB 07543

TITLE CONTINUES: "Heroes of World War II"

Recounts the crash of three U.S. military planes--including a B-17 bomber--in Greenland in 1942. Describes the crew members' struggle to survive the Arctic conditions and the search for the wreckage of one of the downed flights seven decades later. 2013.

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