ADULT FICTION

**LB 13040**  **BACKLASH**   THOR, BRAD
Far from home and surrounded by enemies, Scot Harvath must battle his way out. With no support, no cavalry coming, and no one aware of his situation, it will take all his skill and knowledge to survive and seek revenge. Sequel to Spymaster (DB 92223). Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2020.

**LB 13269**  **ARREST**   LETHEM, JONATHAN
Working as an organic farmer in a near-future world devoid of technology, a former Los Angeles screenwriter unexpectedly reconnects with his once-famous partner, who has retrofitted a nuclear-powered digger to launch an unknown agenda. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13028**  **BURNING**   MAJUMDAR, MEGHA
Jivan makes a careless comment on Facebook, and is arrested for orchestrating a terrorist attack. Opportunistic gym teacher PT Sir finds his rise in his political party is dependent on Jivan’s fall. Lovely can alibi Jivan, but doing so would threaten her. Some violence and some strong language. 2020.

**LB 13004**  **BLUE TICKET**   MACKINTOSH, SOPHIE
Calla knows how the lottery works. Everyone does. On the day of your first bleed, you report to the station to learn what kind of woman you will be. A white ticket grants you marriage and children. A blue ticket grants you a career and freedom. You are relieved of the terrible burden of choice. And once you've taken your ticket, there is no going back. But what if the life you're given is the wrong one? Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13034**  **BUTTERFLY LAMPSHADE**   BENDER, AIMEE
When her single mother is taken to a mental hospital after a psychotic episode, eight year-old Francie is sent to stay with her aunt and uncle.
Twenty years later, she is still grappling with memories from her past, which seem more vivid than anything in her present life. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13266** ALL THAT GLITTERS STEEL, DANIELLE

Coco grew up the only child of loving parents and had every opportunity in life. Everything changes when her parents are killed in a terrorist attack. In the wake of tragedy, Coco is determined to forge her own path and make her parents proud. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13015** ATOMIC LOVE FIELDS, JENNIE 1950.

Five years after the end of the war, physicist Rosalind is contacted by her former lover, Weaver. Her role in Project Manhattan and her lingering love for Weaver pulls her in. But FBI agent Charlie is on the hunt for Communists and recruits Rosalind to spy. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13012** 1ST CASE PATTERSON, JAMES, 1947-

After genius programmer Angela Hoot used her hacking skills on another graduate student’s computer, her mentor arranged a new beginning for her—as an intern in FBI’s Boston field office. Her first case—tracking murderous brothers who go by the Poet and the Engineer—threatens everyone around her. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2020. Related names: Tebbetts, Christopher, author.

**LB 13011** GHOSTS OF HARVARD SERRITELLA, FRANCESCA

Cadence "Cady" Archer arrives on Harvard's campus searching for answers about her brother, a schizophrenic genius who leapt from his dorm room window the year before. Losing Eric has left a black hole in Cady's life, and she is driven to know why Eric killed himself. As Cady struggles under the enormous pressure that comes with being at Harvard, she begins to investigate her brother's life on campus. She turns up clues that grow increasingly sinister... Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13036** EXILES KLINE, CHRISTINA BAKER, 1964-

1840. Naive governess Evangeline has fallen pregnant by her employer’s son. First sent to Newgate prison on a false charge, she is condemned to transportation to Van Diemen’s Island. On the voyage, she befriends streetwise Hazel. Once in Australia, they meet Mathinna--orphaned daughter of the Lowreenne tribe’s chief. Unrated. 2020. Related names: Lee, Caroline, 1953-.
Faye was instrumental in making Jack’s business a success and raising their child. When Faye discovers that Jack is having an affair, she is emotionally shattered and financially devastated—but hell hath no fury like a woman with a violent past bent on vengeance. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2020. Related names: Smith, Neil, 1964-, translator.

The Iron Wolf Squadron uncovers a plot by Chinese and Russian leaders to build a joint secret base on the moon. If they are successful, America will be unable to mine the moon for resources as planned. Sequel to Kremlin Strike (DB 101218). Unrated. 2020.

Middle-aged Scott Carey has discovered he is losing weight but—oddly—not mass. As he confides to his retired doctor friend, nothing he wears or carries adds to his weight. Meanwhile, Scott enjoys life and is determined to mend fences with his new prickly neighbor and her wife. Strong language. Bestseller. 2020.

Stephanie and Patrick are adjusting to sleep deprivation with their colicky twin girls, when Erica—a woman from Patrick’s past—appears and makes a disturbing accusation. Patrick had always said his first wife’s death was an accident, but now Erica claims it was murder. Unrated. 2020.

After JT Tucker’s wife died, he built the biggest ranch in California, but when he dies suddenly, the ranch is inherited by his three daughters. The sisters struggle with their differences and try to move on from the loss of their dad. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2020.

Prison is a dangerous place for a former cop. And the last person Harriet Blue wants to see is Deputy Police Commissioner Joe Woods, who put her inside. But his daughter and her two-year-old child have gone missing. If Harriet can find his family, it will buy her freedom. Violence, strong

**LB 13032 DEATH OF VIVEK OJI**  EMEZI, AKWAEKE

In Nigeria, a mother finds her dead son’s brightly wrapped body on her doorstep. Vivek suffered mysterious blackouts as a child, tied to his struggles against the strict Nigerian ideas about identity. His only close friendship is with his cousin Osita, who has secrets of his own. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13007 DADDY: STORIES**  CLINE, EMMA

A collection of short stories from the author of The Girls (DB 84920) that explores the fault lines of power between men and women, parents and children, past and present. The author also examines how moments of misunderstanding can have life-changing consequences. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13030 INHERITORS**  SERIZAWA, ASAKO

A collection of interconnected short stories that span more than a century of time in the United States and both colonial and postcolonial Asia. The characters within these stories struggle with legacies of loss, imperialism, and war. Strong language and some violence. 2020.

**LB 13042 GOOD MARRIAGE**  MCCREIGHT, KIMBERLY

Attorney Lizzie Kitsakis gets the call from Zach Grayson, an old friend. His wife has been found dead at the bottom of the stairs in their Brooklyn brownstone, and Zach’s the primary suspect. The case soon has Lizzie wondering what it means to have a good marriage. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2020.

**ADULT NON-FICTION**

**LB 13245 BATTLEGROUNDS: THE FIGHT TO DEFEND THE FREE WORLD**  MCMASTER, H.R., 1962-

AMERICAN CRISIS: LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Governor Andrew Cuomo tells the story of how he took charge in the fight against COVID-19 as New York became the epicenter of the pandemic, offering hard-won lessons in leadership and his vision for the path forward. Unrated. 2020.

EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME

The former first daughter and co-author of Sisters First (DB 89560) shares personal anecdotes about both sets of grandparents, including George and Barbara Bush, through a series of essays. She discusses the lessons all four individuals taught her and looks to the future and the lessons she hopes to teach her own children. Unrated. Bestseller. 2020.

FINDING FREEDOM: HARRY AND MEGHAN AND THE MAKING OF A MODERN ROYAL FAMILY

Two royal reporters with behind-the-scenes access to the couple recount the trajectory of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex’s relationship and eventual decision to step away from royal life. Unrated. 2020. Related names: Durand, Carolyn, author.

FRONTIER FOLLIES: ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE AND MOTHERHOOD IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

A blogger and author of The Pioneer Woman (DB 73279) shares anecdotes of her experiences of motherhood, lessons she has learned about finding balance in life, and more. Unrated. Bestseller. 2020.

EXERCISE OF POWER: AMERICAN FAILURES, SUCCESSES, AND A NEW PATH FORWARD IN THE POST-COLD WAR WORLD

A former secretary of defense and the author of Duty (DB 78129) examines how American presidents have exercised power, for better or worse, in the post-Cold War world. He discusses the importance of diplomacy, strategic communications, development assistance, intelligence, technology, and ideology in a successful exercise of power. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020. Variant title: American failures, successes, and a new path forward in the post-Cold War world.
Henry Every was the seventeenth century's most notorious pirate. The press published wildly popular--and wildly inaccurate--reports of his nefarious adventures. The British government offered enormous bounties for his capture, alive or (preferably) dead. But Steven Johnson argues that Every's most lasting legacy was his inadvertent triggering of a major shift in the global economy. Unrated. 2020.

The three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author recounts the events surrounding Edward Snowden’s actions as a whistleblower while working for the NSA. He also examines the rise of surveillance after 9/11 and debates its significance. Some strong language. 2020.

The author of Girl, Wash Your Face (DB 91974) looks at how we cope in difficult times. She believes it is up to you how you come through pain: changed for the better, having learned and grown, or stuck in place where your identity becomes rooted in what hurt you. Unrated. Bestseller. 2020. Variant title: Did Not See That Coming. Variant title: Putting Life Back Together When Your World Falls Apart.

The author of The Right Side of History (DB 95351) discusses a faction of American politics he refers to as "disintegrationists," who he feels wish to dissolve American foundations of beliefs and culture. He explains what problems these individuals claim to see within America and the dangers they might pose. Unrated. Bestseller. 2020.
**LB 13006**  **DIRT: ADVENTURES IN LYON AS A CHEF IN TRAINING, FATHER, AND SLEUTH LOOKING FOR THE SECRET OF FRENCH COOKING**  **BUFORD, BILL**

Former magazine editor chronicles his journey to become a French-trained chef, including traveling to Lyon, France, with his wife and three-year-old twins. Humorously discusses influential personalities he meets, challenges he faces, and successes he achieves. Strong language. 2020.

**LB 13257**  **GROUNDED: A SENATOR’S LESSONS ON WINNING BACK RURAL AMERICA**  **TESTER, JON, 1956-**

In Grounded, Tester shares his early life, his rise in the Democratic party, his vision for helping rural America, and his strategies for reaching red state voters. Tester has made his political career a testament to crossing the divides of class and geography. The media and Democrats too often discount rural people as Trump supporters; Tester knows better. He seeks to understand the issues that are important to rural and working-class America. Unrated. 2020. Related names: Murphy, Aaron, 1979-, author.

**LB 13020**  **GREAT INFLUENZA: THE STORY OF THE DEADLIEST PANDEMIC IN HISTORY**  **BARRY, JOHN M., 1947-**

Traces the medical and social history of the 1918 influenza epidemic that erupted during World War I. Discusses the conditions both biological (swiftly mutating flu virus passing between animals and humans) and political (troop movements between continents) under which the disease thrived and its effect on world populations. Keck Award. 2004.

**LB 13267**  **GREATEST BEER RUN EVER: A MEMOIR OF FRIENDSHIP, LOYALTY, AND WAR**  **DONOHUE, JOHN (UNION LEADER)**


**LB 13243**  **HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST**  **KENDI, IBRAM X.**

Award-winning author theorizes what an antiracist society might look like and how individuals can play a role in building it. Discusses the roles of ethics, history, law, and science in racial justice. Strong language. Bestseller. 2019.
A Republican political consultant criticizes the trajectory of the Republican Party over the course of five decades, beginning with the 1960s. He presents his views on the rampant racism, hypocrisy, self-delusion, and toxic rhetoric that have led the party to its current state. Unrated. 2020.

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

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