by genre

LITERARY FICTION



An American marriage: a novel by Tayari Jones

◆ Book ◆ Audio CD ◆ eBook

"Newlyweds Celestial and Roy, the living embodiment of the New South, are settling into the routine of their life together when Roy is sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. An insightful look into the lives of people who are bound and separated by forces beyond their control"-- Provided by publisher.



With a poetic voice of crackling electricity, K Ming Chang is an explosive young writer who combines the wit and fabulism of Helen Oyeyemi with the magical realist aesthetic of Maxine Hong Kingston. Tracing one family's history from Mainland China to Taiwan, from Arkansas to California, Bestiary is a novel of migration, queer lineages, and womanhood.

A burning by Megha Majumdar ◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

"After a fiery attack on a train leaves 104 people dead, the fates of three people become inextricably entangled. A novel about fate, power, opportunity, and class; about innocence and guilt, betrayal and love, and the corrosive media cycle that manufactures falsehoods masquerading as truths--A Burning is a debut novel of exceptional power and urgency, haunting and beautiful, brutal, vibrant, impossible to forget"--Provided by publisher.

Freshwater by Akwaeke Emezi

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Freshwater centers around a young Nigerian woman, Ada, who develops separate selves within her as a result of being born "with one foot on the other side." Unsettling, heart wrenching, dark, and powerful, Freshwater is a sharp evocation of a rare way of experiencing the world, one that illuminates how we all construct our identities.

Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Influenced by the mysterious place gingerbread holds in classic children's stories, beloved novelist Helen Ovevemi invites readers into a delightful tale of a surprising family legacy, in which the inheritance is a recipe." -- Provided by the publisher



His only wife: a novel by Peace Adzo Medie ◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

"An intelligent and funny debut about a relatable, indomitable heroine: a young seamstress in Ghana who agrees to an arranged marriage, only to realize that some compromises are too extreme to accept.



Homegoing: a novel by Yaa Gyasi

♦ Book **♦** eBook **♦** Digital Audiobook Stretching from the tribal wars of Ghana to slavery and Civil War in America, from the coal mines in the north to the Great Migration to the streets of 20th century Harlem, Yaa Gyasi's has written a modern masterpiece, a novel that moves through histories and geographies and--with outstanding economy and force--captures the troubled spirit of our



A lucky man: stories by Jamel Brinkley ◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

own nation"-- Provided by publisher.

In the nine expansive, searching stories of A lucky man, fathers and sons attempt to salvage relationships with friends and family members and confront mistakes made in the past . . Jamel Brinkley's stories, in a debut that announces the arrival of a significant new voice, reflect the tenderness and vulnerability of black men and boys whose hopes sometimes betray them, especially in a world shaped by race, gender, and class--where luck may be the greatest fiction of all.



Memorial by Bryan Washington

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Mike is a Japanese American chef at a Mexican restaurant. Benson is a Black daycare teacher. When Mike finds out his estranged father is dying in Osaka just as his acerbic Japanese mother, Mitsuko, arrives in Houston for a visit, Mike picks up and flies across the world to say goodbye. In Japan he discovers the truth about his family and his past. Back home, Mitsuko and Benson are stuck living together, but their time together ends up meaning more than they ever could have predicted. As both men change, will it make them stronger together, or fracture everything they've ever known?

LITERARY FICTION CONT'D

Patsy: a novel by Nicole Dennis-Benn

◆ <u>Book</u> ◆ <u>eBook</u> ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

A Jamaican woman leaves her daughter behind to immigrate to New York, where the happier life she expected is difficult to find as an undocumented worker -- adapted from jacket description.



Salvage the bones by Jesmyn Ward

- ◆ Book ◆ Audio CD ◆ eBook
- **♦ Digital Audiobook**

Pregnant fifteen-year-old Esch and her family live in Bois Sauvage, Mississippi, which puts them in the path of Hurricane Katrina, and as they try to stock the small amount of food they have in preparation for the disaster, the family's love for each other will be their only hope for survival.



So lucky: A Novel by Nicola Griffith

♦ eBook

Mara Tagarelli is, professionally, the head of a multi-million-dollar AIDS foundation; personally, a committed martial artist. But her life has turned inside out like a sock. She can't rely on family, her body is letting her down, and friends and colleagues are turning away—they treat her like a victim. She needs to break that narrative: build her own community, learn new strengths, and fight. But what do you do when you find out that the story you've been told, the story you've told yourself, is not true? How can you fight if you can't trust your body?

The vanishing half by Brit Bennett

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

"The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Ten years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing."--Provided by publisher.



The water dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

- **♦** Book **♦** Large Print **♦** Audio CD
- ◆ <u>eBook</u> ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

This is a bracingly original vision of the world of slavery, written with the narrative force of a great adventure. Driven by the author's bold imagination and striking ability to bring readers deep into the interior lives of his brilliantly rendered characters, The Water Dancer is the story of America's oldest struggle--the struggle to tell the truth--from one of our most exciting thinkers and beautiful writers"-- Provided by publisher.



White ivy: a novel by Susie Yang

- ◆ Book ◆ Audio CD ◆ eBook
- **◆ Digital Audiobook**

"White Ivy begins as many coming-to-America stories do: Ivv Lin. a Chinese immigrant, grows up in a low-income apartment complex in Massachusetts desperate to assimilate with her American peers. She develops a crush on the golden boy Gideon Speyer, whose patrician New England family is the paragon of the WASP ideal. Ivy develops a taste for winning and for wealth. Years later, when she bumps into Gideon's father, Ivy believes it's destiny. She's worked long and hard to be the right woman for Gideon. But just as they begin dating, another man from Ivy's past appears, and he has his own set of rules. Ivy soon has a foot in two vastly different worlds. The question is: Which will she choose? A coming-of-age story, a love triangle, an exploration of class and race and identity"



You exist too much: a novel by Zaina Arafat

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

On a hot day in Bethlehem, a twelve-year-old Palestinian-American girl is yelled at by a group of men outside the Church of the Nativity. She has exposed her legs in a biblical city, an act they deem forbidden, and their judgement will echo on through her adolescence. When our narrator finally admits to her mother that she is queer, her mother's response only intensifies a sense of shame: 'You exist too much,' she tells her daughter. Told in vignettes that flash between the U.S. and the Middle East--from New York to Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine--Zaina Arafat's debut novel traces her protagonist's progress from blushing teen to sought-after DJ and aspiring writer"

MYSTERY & CRIME

flare water Rising

Black water rising by Attica Locke

◆ Book ◆ eBook

When African-American lawyer Jay Porter jumps into the bayou to save a drowning white woman in Houston, Texas, in 1981, he finds his practice and life in danger when he becomes embroiled in a murder investigation involving Houston's elite.



Dragonfish: a novel by Vu Tran

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Robert, an Oakland cop, still can't let go of

Suzy, the enigmatic Vietnamese wife who left him two years ago. Now she's disappeared from her new husband, Sonny, a violent Vietnamese smuggler and gambler who's blackmailing Robert into finding her for him. Although Robert starts illuminating the dark corners of Suzy's life, the legacy of her sins threatens to immolate them all



The last place you look by Kristen Lepionka

◆ Book ◆ eBook

"Nobody knows what happened to Sarah Cook. The beautiful blonde teenager disappeared fifteen years ago, the same night her parents were brutally murdered in their suburban Ohio home. Her boyfriend Brad Stockton--black and from the wrong side of the tracks--was convicted of the murders and is now on death row. His execution is only weeks away when his devoted sister insists she spied Sarah at an area gas station. Willing to try anything, she hires PI Roxane Weary to look at the case and see if she can locate Sarah. The stakes get higher as Roxane discovers that the two girls may not be the only beautiful blonde teenagers who've turned up missing or dead. As her investigation gets darker and darker, Roxane will have to risk everything to find the truth. Lives depend on her cracking this case--hers included"



IQ by Joe Ide

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

A resident of one of LA's toughest neighborhoods uses his blistering intellect to solve the crimes the LAPD ignores. East Long Beach. The LAPD is barely keeping up with the neighborhood's high crime rate. Murders go unsolved, lost children unrecovered. But someone from the neighborhood has taken it upon himself to help solve the cases the police can't or won't touch. They call him IQ.



The little old lady who broke all the rules

by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

◆ Book ◆ eBook

Martha Andersson may be 79 years old and live in a retirement home, but that doesn't mean she's ready to stop enjoying life. So when the new management of Diamond House starts cutting corners to save money, Martha and her four closest friends—Brains, The Rake, Christina and Anna-Gretta (a.k.a. The League of Pensioners)—won't stand for it.. Their solution? White collar crime.. With police baffled and the Mafia hot on their trail, the League of Pensioners has to stay one walker's length ahead if it's going to succeed.



Long black veil : a novel

by Jennifer Finney Boylan

♦ Book

When the body of a college friend is discovered twenty years after her disappearance, Judith, the only witness who can testify to the innocence of the chief suspect, is forced to confront dark secrets from her past that compromise the healthy life she has built for her family.



My sister, the serial killer : a novel $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$

by Oyinkan Braithwaite

♦ Book ♦ eBook ♦ Digital Audiobook

Slasher meets satire, in this darkly comic novel set in

Nigeria about a woman whose younger sister has a

very inconvenient habit of killing her boyfriends.



The widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

◆ Book ◆ eBook

Perveen Mistry, the daughter of a respected Zoroastrian family, has just joined her father's law firm, becoming one of the first female lawyers in India. Mistry Law has been appointed to execute the will of Mr. Omar Farid, a wealthy Muslim mill owner who has left three widows behind. But as Perveen is going through the paperwork, she notices something strange: all three of the wives have signed over their full inheritance to a charity. Perveen tries to investigate, and tensions escalate to murder. Now it is her responsibility to figure out what really happened on Malabar Hill, and to ensure that no innocent women or children are in further danger.

SCIENCE FICTION

Ancillary justice by Ann Leckie

◆ <u>Book</u> ◆ <u>eBook</u> ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

Now isolated in a single frail human body, Breq, an artificial intelligence that used to control a massive starship and its crew of soldiers, tries to adjust to her new humanity while seeking vengeance and answers to her questions.

Before Mars by Emma Newman

◆ Book ◆ eBook

Anna Kubrin arrives on Mars for her new job as a geologist and de facto artist in residence--and already she feels she is losing the connection with her husband and baby at home on Earth. Anna finds a mysterious note, painted in her own hand, warning her not to trust the colony psychiatrist. A note she can't remember painting. Anna begins to suspect that she is caught up in an elaborate corporate conspiracy. Or is she losing her grip on reality? Anna must find the truth, regardless of what horrors she might discover or what they might do to her mind

How long 'til black future month? by N.K. Jemisin

♦ Book ♦ eBook ♦ Digital Audiobook
In the first collection of her evocative short fiction,
Jemisin equally challenges and delights readers with
thought-provoking narratives of destruction, rebirth,
and redemption. In these stories, Jemisin sharply
examines modern society, infusing magic into the
mundane, and drawing deft parallels in the fantasy
realms of her imagination. Dragons and hateful spirits
haunt the flooded streets of New Orleans in the
aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. A black mother in the
Jim Crow South must save her daughter from a fey
offering impossible promises.

Into the drowning deep by Mira Grant

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Seven years ago Atagaris set off on a voyage to the Mariana Trench to film a "mockumentary" bringing to life ancient sea creatures of legend. It was lost at sea with all hands. Some have called it a hoax; others have called it a maritime tragedy. Now, a new crew has been assembled. But this time they're not out to entertain. Some seek to validate their life's work. Some seek the greatest hunt of all. Some seek the truth. But for the ambitious young scientist Victoria Stewart this is a voyage to uncover the fate of the sister she lost. Whatever the truth may be, it will only be found below the waves



This is how you lose the time war by Amal El-Mohtar & Max Gladstone

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, grows into something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future. Except the discovery of their bond would mean death for each of them.

The three-body problem by Cixin Liu

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Set against the backdrop of China's Cultural Revolution, a secret military project sends signals into space to establish contact with aliens. An alien civilization on the brink of destruction captures the signal and plans to invade Earth. Meanwhile, on Earth, different camps start forming, planning to either welcome the superior beings and help them take over a world seen as corrupt, or to fight against the invasion.

An unkindness of ghosts by Rivers Solomon

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Aster has little to offer folks in the way of rebuttal when they call her ogre and freak.

She's used to the names; she only wishes there was more truth to them. If she were truly a monster, she'd be powerful enough to tear down the walls around her until nothing remains of her world. Aster lives in the lowdeck slums of the HSS Matilda, a space vessel organized much like the antebellum South. For generations, Matilda has ferried the last of humanity to a mythical Promised Land. On its way, the ship's leaders have imposed harsh moral restrictions and deep indignities on dark-skinned sharecroppers like Aster. Embroiled in a grudge with a brutal overseer, Aster learns there may be a way to improve her lot--if she's willing to sow the seeds of civil war

FANTASY



Black leopard, red wolf by Marlon James

- ◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Audio CD
- **♦ Digital Audiobook**

"Tracker is known far and wide for his skills as a hunter: 'He has a nose,' people say. Engaged to track down a mysterious boy who disappeared three years earlier, As Tracker follows the boy's scent--from one ancient city to another; into dense forests and across deep rivers--he and the band are set upon by creatures intent on destroying them. As he struggles to survive, Tracker starts to wonder: Who, really, is this boy? Why has he been missing for so long? Why do so many people want to keep Tracker from finding him? And perhaps the most important questions of all: Who is telling the truth, and who is lying?"-- Provided by publisher.



Borderline by Mishell Baker

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

A cynical, paraplegic screenwriter with borderline personality disorder gets recruited to join a secret organization that oversees relations between Hollywood and Fairyland in the first book of a new urban fantasy series



Children of blood and bone by Tomi Adeyemi

- ◆ Book ◆ Audio CD ◆ eBook
- ◆ Digital Audiobook

Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.



City of lies by Sam Hawke

♦ Book

Outwardly, Jovan is the lifelong friend of the Chancellors charming, irresponsible Heir. Quiet. Forgettable. In secret, he's a master of poisons and chemicals, trained to protect the Chancellors family from treachery. When the Chancellor succumbs to an unknown poison and an army lays siege to the city, Jovan and his sister Kalina must protect the Heir and save their city-state. But treachery lurks in every corner, and the ancient spirits of the land are rising ... and angry

Remote control by Nnedi Okorafor



◆ Book ◆ eBook

The day Fatima forgot her name, Death paid a visit. From here on in she would be known as Sankofa--a name that meant nothing to anyone but her, the only tie to her family and her past. Her touch is death, and with a glance a town can fall. And she walks-alone, except for her fox companion-searching for the object that came from the sky and gave itself to her when the meteors fell and when she was yet unchanged; searching for answers. But is there a greater purpose for Sankofa, now that Death is her constant companion?



A song of wraiths and ruin

by Roseanne A. Brown

♦ Book **♦** eBook **♦** Digital Audiobook

For Malik, the Solstasia festival is a chance to escape his war-stricken home and start a new life with his sisters in the prosperous desert city of Ziran. But when a vengeful spirit abducts his younger sister, Nadia, as payment to enter the city, Malik strikes a fatal deal--kill Karina, Crown Princess of Ziran, for Nadia's freedom.



Trouble the Saints by Alaya Dawn Johnson

◆ Book ◆ eBook

"Set against the darkly glamorous backdrop of New York City, a young woman from Harlem is drawn into the glittering underworld of Manhattan, where she's hired to use her knives to strike fear among its most dangerous denizens. Ten years later, Phyllis LeBlanc has given up everything - not just her own past, and Dev, the man she loved, but even her own dreams. Still, the ghosts from her past are always by her side - and history has appeared on her doorstep to threaten the people she keeps in her heart. And so Phyllis will have to make a harrowing choice, before it's too late - is there ever enough blood in the world to wash clean generations of injustice?"--Publisher.

ROMANCE

Can't escape love by Alyssa Cole

◆ Book ◆ eBook

Regina Hobbs is finally taking her pop culture-centered media enterprise, Girls with Glasses, to the next level, but the stress is forcing her to face a familiar supervillain: insomnia. The only thing that helps her sleep when things get this bad is the deep, soothing voice of puzzle-obsessed live streamer Gustave Nguyen. The problem? His archive has been deleted. Gus has been tasked with creating an escape room themed around a romance anime, except he knows nothing about romance or anime. Then mega-nerd and anime expert Reggie comes calling, and they make a trade: his voice for her knowledge. But when their online friendship has IRL chemistry, will they be able to escape love?

The chai factor : a novel by Farah Heron

◆ Book ◆ eBook

Thirty-year-old engineer Amira Khan has set one rule for herself: no dating until her grad-school thesis is done. Amira leaves campus early, planning to work in the quiet basement apartment of her family's house. But she arrives home to find that her grandmother has rented the basement to a barbershop quartet. Seriously? Amira needs silence; the quartet needs to rehearse for a competition; and Duncan, the small-town baritone with the flannel shirts, is driving her up the wall. As Amira and Duncan clash, she is surprised to feel a simmering attraction for him. How can she be interested in someone who doesn't get her, or her family's culture? But when intolerance rears its ugly head and people who are close to Amira get hurt, she learns that there is more to Duncan than meets the eye. Now she must decide what she is willing to fight for.

A quiet kind of thunder by Sara Barnard

◆ Book ◆ eBook

Steffi doesn't talk. Rhys can't hear. They understand each other perfectly. Love isn't always a lightning strike. Sometimes it's the rumbling roll of thunder ... Steffi has been a selective mute for most of her life - she's been silent for so long that she feels completely invisible. But Rhys, the new boy at school, sees her. He's deaf, and her knowledge of basic sign language means that she's assigned to look after him. To Rhys it doesn't matter that Steffi doesn't talk and, as they find ways to communicate, Steffi finds that she does have a voice, and that she's falling in love with the one person who makes her feel brave enough to use it.

Something to talk about by Meryl Wilsner

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

A showrunner and her assistant give the world something to talk about when they accidentally fuel a ridiculous rumor in this debut romance. Hollywood powerhouse Jo is photographed making her assistant Emma laugh on the red carpet, and just like that, the tabloids declare them a couple. They begin to realize the rumor might not be so off base after all... but is acting on the spark between them worth fanning the gossip flames?

Take a hint, Dani Brown : a novel by Talia Hibbert

♦ Book **♦** eBook **♦** Digital Audiobook

"Dani asks the universe for the perfect friend-with-benefits - someone who knows the score and knows their way around the bedroom. When big, brooding security guard Zafir Ansari rescues Dani from a workplace fire drill gone wrong, it's an obvious sign: PhD student Dani and former rugby player Zaf are destined to sleep together. But before she can explain that fact to him, a video of the heroic rescue goes viral. Suddenly, half the internet is shipping #DrRugbae - and Zaf is begging Dani to play along. Turns out his sports charity for kids could really use the publicity. Lying to help children? Who on earth would refuse?

You had me at hola: a novel by Alexis Daria

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

After a messy public breakup leaves her face splashed across the tabloids, soap opera darling Jasmine Lin Rodriguez returns to New York City to film the starring role in a bilingual romantic comedy for the number one streaming service in the country. A casting shake-up pairs her with telenovela hunk Ashton Suárez, who is worried about his career after his last telenovela character was killed off. A disastrous first impression smothers the embers of whatever sexual heat they might have had, so Jasmine and Ashton agree to rehearse in private. Will the media spotlight on Jasmine destroy her new image and expose Ashton's most closely guarded secret?

HISTORICAL FICTION



Conjure women: a novel by Afia Atakora

- **♦** Book **♦** Large Print **♦** eBook
- ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

Like her mother, Rue is an all-knowing midwife, healer, and conjurer of curses on the plantation of Marse Charles. Moving back and forth in time between the years before and after the Civil War, this novel tells the story of Rue, the families she cares for, and the mysteries and secrets she knows about the plantation owner's daughter, Varina. At the heart of this story is the intimate bonds and transgressions among people and across racial divides

JAMOS

The good lord bird by James McBride

◆ <u>Book</u> ◆ <u>eBook</u> ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

Henry Shackleford is a young slave living in the Kansas Territory in 1857, when the region is a battleground between anti- and pro-slavery forces. When John Brown, the legendary abolitionist, arrives in the area, an argument between Brown and Henry's master quickly turns violent. Henry is forced to leave town with Brown, who believes he's a girl. Over the ensuing months, Henry conceals his true identity as he struggles to stay alive.



The night watch by Sarah Waters

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Four Londoners' lives intersect in this novel set during and after World War II: Former ambulance driver Kay lives life fast, wandering the war-torn streets and hunting for other women. Kind and clever Helen guards her secrets--and her lover--closely. Glamorous Viv remains utterly devoted, for better or worse, to the soldier she adores. And Duncan fights to make a new life for himself after spending time in prison. As these four people survive the devastation of war and experience life's dizzying highs, their paths cross in ways none of them can foresee.



The night watchman by Louise Erdrich

◆ Book ◆ Large Print ◆ eBook

It is 1953 and Thomas Wazhashk is the night watchman at the jewel bearing plant located near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a Chippewa Council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new "emancipation" bill on its way to the floor of the United

"emancipation" bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress. How can the government abandon treaties made in good faith with Native Americans "for as long as the grasses shall grow, and the rivers run"?



Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

- **♦** Book **♦** Large Print **♦** Audio CD
- ◆ <u>eBook</u> ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity



The song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

◆ <u>Book</u> ◆ <u>eBook</u> ◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

Set during the Trojan War. Patroclus, an awkward young prince, follows Achilles into war, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they have learned, everything they hold dear. Before he is ready, he will be forced to surrender his friend to the hands of Fate.



When Christ and his saints slept

by Sharon Kay Penman

◆ Book ◆ eBook

In the 12th Century, a king's daughter and her cousin fight for the crown of England. She is Maude, the only legitimate daughter of 23 children sired by Henry I. He is Stephen of Blois, who in a daring move seizes the crown. The people accept him, but Maude will obtain revenge through her son, the future Henry II.



Yellow wife: a novel by Sadeqa Johnson

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Born on a plantation but set apart from the others by her mother's position as a medicine woman, a young slave is forced to leave home at eighteen and unexpectedly finds herself in an infamously cruel jail.

HORROR & SUPERNATURAL

Dread nation by Justina Ireland

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

Jane McKeene was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania—derailing the War Between the States and changing the nation forever and laws like the Native and Negro Education Act require certain children attend combat schools to learn to put down the dead. Almost finished with her education at Miss Preston's School of Combat in Baltimore, Jane is set on returning to her Kentucky home and doesn't pay much mind to the politics of the eastern cities, with their talk of returning America to the glory of its days before the dead rose. But when families around Baltimore County begin to go missing, Jane is caught in the middle of a conspiracy, one that finds her in a desperate fight for her life against some powerful enemies.



The drowning girl by Caitlín R. Kiernan

◆ Book

Imp, a struggling schizophrenic, fights to determine whether or not the strange mythological creatures she meets are due to her condition or are from something else entirely in this new novel from the award-winning author of The Red Tree.



Frankenstein in Baghdad by Ahmed Saadawi
◆ Book ◆ eBook

After he constructs a corpse from body parts found on the street, Hadi wants the government to prepare a proper burial, but when the corpse goes missing, a series of strange murders occur and Hadi realizes he has created a monster.



Mexican gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

- **♦** Book **♦** Large Print **♦** eBook
- **◆ Digital Audiobook**

After receiving a frantic letter from her newly-wed cousin begging for someone to save her from a mysterious doom, Noemi Taboada heads to High Place, a distant house in the Mexican countryside. She's not sure what she will find--her cousin's husband, a handsome Englishman, is a stranger, and Noemi knows little about the region. Noemi is also an unlikely rescuer: She's a glamorous debutante, and her chic gowns and perfect red lipstick are more suited for cocktail parties than amateur sleuthing. But she's also tough and smart, with an indomitable will, and she is not afraid.



The only good Indians: a novel by Stephen Graham Jones

◆ <u>Book</u> ◆ <u>eBook</u>◆ <u>Digital Audiobook</u>

Peter Straub's Ghost Story meets Liane Moriarty's Big Little Lies in this American Indian horror story of revenge on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Four American Indian men from the Blackfeet Nation, who were childhood friends, find themselves in a desperate struggle for their lives, against an entity that wants to exact revenge upon them for what they did during an elk hunt ten years earlier by killing them, their families, and friends.



Plain bad heroines by Emily M. Danforth

◆ Book ◆ eBook ◆ Digital Audiobook

1902, the Brookhants School for Girls. Flo and Clara are obsessed with each other and with Mary MacLane, the author of a scandalous bestselling memoir. The girls establish their own private club and call it the Plain Bad Heroine Society. Their bodies are discovered in a nearby apple orchard and the Brookhants School for Girls closes its doors forever. The now abandoned and crumbling Brookhants is back in the news when writer Merritt Emmons publishes a breakout book celebrating the queer, feminist history surrounding the "haunted and cursed" Gilded Age institution. Her book inspires a controversial horror film adaptation but as Brookhants opens its gates once again for filming, soon it's impossible to tell where the curse leaves off and Hollywood begins.



Ring shout, or, Hunting Ku Kluxes in the end times by P. Djèlí Clark

♦ Book ♦ eBook

In this dark fantasy historical novella that gives a supernatural twist to the Ku Klux Klan's reign of terror, The Birth of a Nation cast a spell across America, swelling the Klan's ranks and drinking deep from the darkest thoughts of white folk. All across the nation they ride, spreading fear and violence among the vulnerable. They plan to bring Hell to Earth. Standing in their way is Maryse Boudreaux and her fellow resistance fighters, a foul-mouthed sharpshooter and a Harlem Hellfighter. Armed with blade, bullet, and bomb, they hunt their hunters and send the Klan's demons straight to Hell. But something awful's brewing in Macon, and the war on Hell is about to heat up. Can Maryse stop the Klan before it ends the world?