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## Magazines for Armchair Travelers

If you like to read about the Southwest, you might enjoy *Arizona Highways*, a monthly guide to that state's greatest attractions. Produced by the Arizona Regional Library, this magazine is filled with useful information about state and national parks, Indian ruins, nature hikes, beautiful drives, and much more.

*Yankee*, recorded bimonthly by the Massachusetts Regional Library, offers travel destinations, local events, and history of the New England states.

Published bimonthly and recorded in our own studios, *Nebraska Life* features events, travel, art, culture, and community profiles from different regions of Nebraska. It includes favorite recipes as well as articles about towns, recreational areas, and fascinating Nebraskans.

Published by the American Association of Retired Persons and recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, *AARP The Magazine* is a bimonthly that features short articles

of interest to persons over 50. Topics include travel, cooking, economics, second careers, and health. A related publication, *AARP Bulletin*, produced monthly by the District of Columbia Regional Library, covers legislative news, including health care costs and Social Security.

*Trail Tails* is a magazine for younger readers who love Nebraska's outdoors and nature. Published quarterly by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, it is recorded in our own studios.

You might enjoy *Cowboys & Indians*, a magazine that features articles on western lore and Native Americans. It includes a listing of rodeos and other events across the United States. Published eight times a year, it is produced by the Oklahoma Regional Library.

*Boston Magazine*, a monthly produced by the Massachusetts Regional Library, focuses on politics, business, social issues, arts,

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entertainment, personalities, and film and book reviews.

All of these publications are offered on digital cartridge only. To sign up for

any of these, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

## Questions and Answers

Question: I keep hearing about BARD, which is an online service where I can download audio books and magazines. Since I already receive talking books through the mail, why should I bother to sign up?

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In addition to recorded books and magazines, the Talking Book and Braille Service also offers a collection of nearly 2600 Braille books. Our Braille collection is targeted at younger readers ranging from preschool through middle school. The collection contains both uncontracted (Grade 1) and contracted (Grade 2) Braille, including many print/Braille titles which feature Braille along with printed text and pictures. Some of the titles are in both Spanish and English.

The collection ranges from board books, picture books, chapter books, and young adult novels.

Popular titles include *Goosebumps* and *The Nightmare Room* series by

R. L. Stine, *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne, *Nancy Drew* mysteries by Caroline Keene, *Hardy Boys* mysteries by Franklin W. Dixon, and the *Ramona Quimby* series by Beverly Cleary.

Young adult classics are also available, including *The Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson, *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White, *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, and *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Additions to the Braille collection are announced on the news bar found on the Talking Book and Braille Service homepage: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/TBBS/>. Catalogs for the Braille collection are online at that same homepage, under Talking Book and Braille Service. ■

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## New Books from Our Studios

### ***Black Glasses Like Clark Kent: A GI's Secret from Postwar Japan* DB 1169**

by Terese Svoboda  
read by Janene Sheldon  
6 hours 45 minutes

After her uncle's suicide, the author investigates his stunning claim that military police may have executed their own men during the occupation of Japan following World War II.

### ***Guide to the Nebraska State Capitol: A Journey Through Nebraska History* DB 1191**

by Nebraska Life Magazine  
read by Pete Mayeux  
1 hour 15 minutes

Completed in 1932 after a decade of construction, Nebraska's third State Capitol was designed to be an outward sign of the

character of its people. Its broad base resembles the sweeping plains, and its 400-foot tower symbolizes the greater good of mankind and the ongoing effort to reach upward. Artwork outside and inside tells the story of the land and depicts the values of its citizens.

### ***Have You Seen Mary?* DB 1192**

by Jeff Kurrus  
read by Gail Marik  
0 hours 20 minutes

Set in the Platte River Valley during spring migration, this fictional account tells of one sandhill crane's faithful search for his lost mate. In addition to telling a tender love story for children, this account teaches about these magnificent birds. For younger readers grades K-3.

# Good Books for the Holidays

Early winter is a great time to settle down with a good book. Here is a selection to keep you reading during the holiday season.

**DB 66963 *Walking After Midnight: One Woman's Journey through Murder, Justice, and Forgiveness***, by Katy Hutchison

Restorative justice advocate recounts the New Year's Eve 1997 murder of her husband, Bob, who was beaten to death while checking on a neighbor's out-of-control teen party in British Columbia. Describes her unconventional approach to emotional healing, which included reconciling with her husband's killer, Ryan Aldridge, arrested in 2002.

**DB 67322 *Southern Living: 40 Years of Our Best Recipes***, compiled and edited by Jane Elizabeth Lorberau  
Cookbook presents *Southern Living's* top recipes since 1966. Reviews four decades of the magazine's culinary history and includes over two hundred fifty recipes for everyday meals, one-dish wonders, party starters, grilled selections, light fare, holiday favorites, desserts, and, of course, southern classics.

**DB 67644 *A Woman's Place: a Novel***, by Lynn Austin

After the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, four diverse women take shipyard jobs in Michigan to help the war effort. They all struggle with personal problems: Virginia tires of pampering her ungrateful

husband; middle-aged Helen loses her faith; Rosa lives with her new in-laws; and Jean yearns for college.

**DB 67883 *Degrees of Separation: a Jessie Arnold Mystery***, by Sue Henry  
Musher Jessie Arnold, who was previously sidelined by a knee injury, prepares to reenter the racing circuit with the upcoming Iditarod. During a practice run, she discovers a snow-covered body. Jessie and her boyfriend, Alaska state trooper Alex Jensen, investigate.

**DB 68582 *Let It Snow: Three Holiday Romances***, by John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle  
In three interconnected short stories set in a small southern town, six teens discover unexpected romance after a train is stranded by a blizzard. For senior high readers.

**DB 68761 *Dashing through the Snow***, by Mary Higgins Clark  
Regan Reilly, Alvirah Meehan, and their families come to Branscombe, New Hampshire, for a holiday festival. Although four local market employees won millions in a lottery, a fifth coworker who normally plays is missing. While searching for the missing man, Regan and Alvirah discover wrongdoing in town.

# Good Books for the Holidays

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**DB 70106 *Snow Angels***, by Fern Michaels and others

Four Christmas novellas centered on finding unexpected love. In “Snow Angels,” Olympic skier Max plans to spend the holiday alone until a social worker and her two charges need help during a snowstorm. Includes “The Presents of Angels,” “Decorations,” and “Miracle on Main Street.”

**DB 71404 *Helmet for My Pillow: from Parris Island to the Pacific: a Young Marine’s Stirring Account of Combat in World War II***, by Robert Leckie

War memoirs of a marine who enlisted in January 1942 shortly after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Leckie describes basic training in South Carolina and the fierce island battles his platoon engaged in. Subject of the HBO miniseries “The Pacific.” Contains violence and strong language.

**DB 71496 *Things We Didn’t See Coming***, by Steven K. Amsterdam

Nine connected apocalyptic stories centering on a boy and his family that begin on New Year’s Eve 1999 and span three decades. Extreme weather, disease, government control, and a plethora of other disasters plague the narrator as he struggles to survive. Some strong language.

**DB 71933 *Holiday Magic***, by Fern Michaels

Four Christmas romances. In the title piece by Fern Michaels, single mother Stephanie works at a Colorado ski lodge and briefly dates her boss Patrick. Patrick fears commitment but after a crisis decides to give love a chance. The other tales are set in Cedar Key, Maui, and Montana.

**DB 72892 *Christmas at The Mysterious Bookshop: ‘tis the Season to be Deadly: Stories of Mistletoe and Mayhem from 17 Masters of Suspense***, edited by Otto Penzler

Seventeen short holiday mysteries that involve Otto Penzler’s New York City bookstore. In Mary Higgins Clark’s “What’s in a Name?” a valuable handwritten manuscript is misplaced.

**DB 72939 *Busy Body: an Agatha Raisin Mystery***, by M. C. Beaton

PI Agatha Raisin assists Miriam Courtney, a suspect in the murder of health and safety officer John Sunday—universally despised for banning the traditional village Christmas tree. When Miriam’s mansion burns down with her in it, Agatha continues investigating the case on behalf of Miriam’s grown children. ■

# New on Digital

DB 19213 ***Emerald***, by Phyllis Whitney  
Romance

DB 19226 ***Godplayer***, by Robin Cook  
Suspense

DB 19285 ***Sword in the Stone: The Arthurian Legend Series, Book 1***, by T. H. White  
Fantasy

DB 19662 ***Iron Marshall***, by Louis L'Amour  
Western

DB 19700 ***The Case of the Moth-Eaten Mink***, by Erle Stanley Gardner  
Mystery

DB 19950 ***Bull Hunter***, by Max Brand  
Western

DB 19994 ***Ulysses***, by James Joyce  
Classic

DB 20093 ***Radigan***, by Louis L'Amour  
Western

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**DB 20198 *Sitka***, by Louis L'Amour  
Western

**DB 20202 *Pet Sematary***, by  
Stephen King            Horror

**DB 20209 *Neverending Story***, by  
Michael Ende  
Fantasy.            For grades 5 through 8.

**DB 20233 *The Aquitaine  
Progression***, by Robert Ludlum  
Suspense

**DB 20235 *Approaching  
Hoofbeats: The Four Horsemen of***

***the Apocalypse***, by Billy Graham  
Inspirational

**DB 20397 *Brionne***, by Louis  
L'Amour            Western

**DB 20403 *Mansfield Park***, by  
Jane Austen            Classic

**DB 20461 *Canterbury Tales***, by  
Goeffrey Chaucer    Classic

**DB 20610 *Three Blind Mice and  
Other Stories***, by Agatha Christie  
Mysteries

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