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Adult Summer Reading 2017 Booklist

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FICTION

Buried Giant

By Kazuo Ishiguro

In post-Arthurian Britain, an elderly couple quests to find their missing son in an intensely moving tale of love, vengeance and war. (FIC ISHIGURO) DB, EAUD, EBK, LP

China Rich Girlfriend

By Kevin Kwan

A smart and snarky inside look at Chinese jet-setters, with social climbing, secret e-mails, art-world scandal, lovesick billionaires and more. (FIC KWAN) DB, EAUD, EBK

City on Fire

By Garth Risk Hallberg

Follows the intersecting lives of a disparate cast of characters and their connection to a mysterious Central Park shooting on New Year's Eve, 1976. (FIC HALLBERG) DB, EAUD, EBK

Dietland

By Sarai Walker

A young woman, who has spent her life struggling with being overweight, discovers an underground feminist community and learns the costs of becoming "beautiful." (FIC WALKER) DB, EAUD, EBK

Everyone Brave Is Forgiven

By Chris Cleave

Three young Londoners thrown together by the Blitz are tested in unimaginable ways as their world breaks apart. (FIC CLEAVE) DB, EAUD, EBK, LP

A Hero of France: A Novel

By Alan Furst

Courageous men of the French Resistance risk all while conducting perilous missions in Nazi-occupied Paris. (FIC FURST) DB, EAUD, EBK

Homegoing

By Yaa Gyasi

The fates of two sisters reflect emotional, political and cultural tensions that reverberate through the generations that follow, from eighteenth-century Ghana to modern-day Harlem. (FIC GYASI) DB, EAUD, EBK

I Almost Forgot About You

By Terry McMillan
Dissatisfied with her lackluster love life, a successful 50-something optometrist takes some chances and learns that it's never too late for love or new possibilities. (FIC MCMILLAN) DB, EAUD, EBK

Jane Steele: A Confession

By Lyndsay Faye
In this wickedly entertaining retelling of Jane Eyre, our orphaned heroine turns to violence to overcome the evil men who threaten her. (FIC FAYE) DB, EAUD

LaRose

By Louise Erdrich
Two North Dakotan Native American families must deal with a tragic hunting accident and the child that connects them all. (FIC ERDRICH) DB, EAUD, EBK

The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto

By Mitch Albom
A musical sentimental journey at the funeral of Frankie Presto, looking back on his life from birth to his years as "the next Elvis Presley." (FIC ALBOM) DB, EAUD, EBK

***The Museum of
Extraordinary Things***

By Alice Hoffman

A Coney Island sideshow "mermaid" falls in love with an immigrant photographer hired to find a woman who vanished in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. (FIC HOFFMAN) AUD, DB, EAUD, EBK,

***My Grandmother Asked
Me to Tell You
She's Sorry***

By Fredrik Backman

When a young misfit reads her late grandmother's letters, she is transported into a world that teaches her it's okay to be different. (FIC BACKMAN) DB, EAUD, EBK

The Obsession

By Nora Roberts

Naomi, a photographer with a horrific traumatic childhood, finally tries to settle and embrace love in this riveting tale of suspense and romance. (FIC ROBERTS) AUD, DB, RUS

A Spool of Blue Thread

By Anne Tyler

A heartwarming multi-generational portrait of the Whitshank family who, despite their complexities, never lose sight of their sense of family and home. (FIC TYLER) DB, EAUD, EBK, LP

NON-FICTION

The Human Age: The World Shaped by Us

By Diane Ackerman

Scientists have determined that Earth has reached the Anthropocene, or Human Age. The author marvels at every new development: renewable energy, global warming and mass extinction, and digital technology and robotics. (304.2) DB

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

By Bryan Stevenson

An emotionally profound journey of a NYU law professor and MacArthur grant recipient starting a legal practice to protect the rights of people on the margins of American society. (353.48 S) DB, EAUD, EBK

Lab Girl

By Hope Jahren

An award-winning geobiologist's funny, eye-opening memoir compares her struggles in a male dominated field with a sprouting seed's struggle to survive. (570.92 J) DB, EAUD, EBK

Love Wins: The Lovers and Lawyers Who Fought the Landmark Case for Marrying Equality

By Debbie Cenziper

The fascinating story of the key figures behind the ground breaking Supreme Court decision that eventually led to the legalization of same-sex marriage. (346.7301) EAUD

The Rise of the Rocket Girls

By Nathalia Holt

How women broke the gender stereotype working in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the 40s and 50s and helped launch the first American satellites, lunar missions and planetary explorations.

(629.4072 H) DB, EAUD, EBK

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AUD Audio Recording

BR Braille*

CHI 有中文版. Available in Chinese.

DB Digital Talking Book*

EAUD eAudiobook**

EBK eBook**

ESP Disponible en español. Available in

Spanish.

LP Large Print

RUS Имеется на русском языке Available in Russian.

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