



Humorous Stories for Adults

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Humorous Fiction includes comedy, wit, satire, dark humor, absurdity and general silliness and may be found in any genre.

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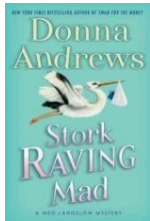
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The White Tiger

By Aravind Adiga

Call #: F Adiga

Balram Halwai is a complicated man. Servant. Philosopher. Entrepreneur. Murderer. Over the course of seven nights, by the scattered light of a preposterous chandelier, Balram tells the terrible and transfixing story of how he came to be a success in life--having nothing but his own wits to help him along.



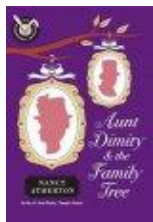
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Stork Raving Mad: A Meg Langslow Mystery

By Donna Andrews

Call #: Mystery F Andrews

Hosting a Spanish playwright during a graduate student's production of his play, Meg, eight-and-a-half months pregnant with twins, is on the case when the department dean cancels the play and is promptly found murdered.



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Aunt Dimity and the Family Tree

By Nancy Atherton

Call #: Mystery F Atherton

Lori Shepherd's debonair father-in-law has moved to town and is renovating Fairworth House, a grand estate nearby. But once things get truly peculiar at Fairworth—moving furniture, strange sounds, and mysterious visitors—Lori calls on Aunt Dimity for her otherworldly guidance. Be sure to check out all the other Aunt Dimity mysteries!



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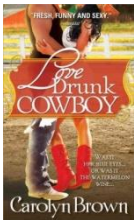
Royal Blood

By Rhys Bowen

Call #: Mystery F Bowen

To escape her hateful brother, Georgie Rannoch, penniless and thirty-fourth in line to the throne, accepts an invitation from the queen to represent the royals at a Transylvanian wedding in a macabre castle, only to find the bride with a bloody chin, a guest poisoned, and murderous mystery in the air. Quirky characters add to the fun. Check out the rest of the Royal Spyness mysteries too!





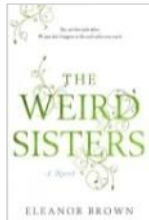
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Love Drunk Cowboy

By Carolyn Brown

Call #: Romance F Brown

Austin Lanier wants to sell her inherited watermelon farm and run back to corporate America until she meets the ruggedly sexy cowboy next door, Rye O'Donnel, who wants both her and her farm. Funny romance.



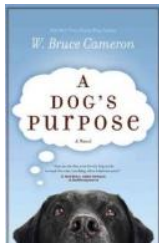
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The Weird Sisters

By Eleanor Brown

Call #: F Brown

Unwillingly brought together to care for their ailing mother, three sisters who were named after famous Shakespearean characters discover that everything they have been avoiding may prove more worthwhile than expected. Funny and upbeat.



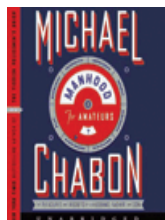
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A Dog's Purpose

By W. Bruce Cameron

Call #: F Cameron

This is the remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives. Heartwarming, insightful, and often laugh out loud funny, this book is not only the emotional and hilarious story of a dog's many lives, but also a dog's eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend.



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Manhood for Amateurs: The Pleasures and Regrets of a Husband, Father, and Son

By Michael Chabon

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The author questions what it means to be a man today in a series of interlinked autobiographical reflections, regrets, and reexaminations, each sparked by an encounter, in the present, that holds some legacy of the past. Funny and upbeat.



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And Another Thing...

By Eoin Colfer

Call #: SciFi/Fantasy F Colfer

Arthur Dent has finally made it home to Earth, but no sooner has he touched down on the planet when he finds out that it is about to be blown up...again. Douglas Adams' uproarious *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* series is revived! Be sure to check out the original series for crazy, science fiction, laugh-out-loud fun!





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Undead and Unwelcome

By MaryJanice Davidson



Call #: F Davidson

Betsy Taylor has problems that only a vampire queen/suburban wife could possibly understand such as taking the body of her werewolf friend Antonia—who died in her service—to Cape Cod, where she's not sure if the Wyndham werewolves will welcome her with fangs or friendship, and dealing with her half-sister's increasingly erratic behavior back in St. Paul. This is book 8 in the Undead series that begins with *Undead and Unwed*.



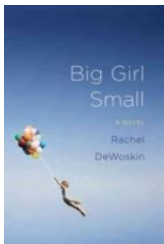
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The Sisters Brothers

By Patrick DeWitt

Call #: Western F DeWitt

Set against the backdrop of the great California Gold Rush, this darkly comic novel follows the misadventures of the fabled Sisters brothers, two hired guns, who, under the order of the mysterious Commodore, try to kill Hermann Kermit Warm, a man who gives them a run for their money. A genre-bending frontier saga that is exciting, funny, and, perhaps unexpectedly, moving.



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Big Girl Small

By Rachel DeWoskin

Call #: F DeWoskin

With a singing voice that can shake an auditorium, Judy should be the star of Darcy Academy, the local performing arts high school. So why is a girl this promising hiding out in a seedy motel room on the edge of town? A scathingly funny and moving book about dreams and reality, at once light on its feet and profound.



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Smokin' Seventeen

By Janet Evanovich



Call #: Mystery F Evanovich

Where there's smoke there's fire, and no one knows this better than New Jersey bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum. The bail bonds office has burned to the ground, and bodies are turning up in the empty construction lot. To make matters worse, Stephanie is working out of a motor home she shares with a dancing bear, and Joe Morelli's old-world grandmother has declared a vendetta against her. Enjoy all the Stephanie Plum novels for hilarious romps.



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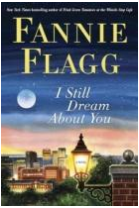
Thursday Next: In First Among Sequels

By Jasper Fforde

Call #: F Fforde

Thursday Next is back for more genre-bending fun, with witty dialogue and madcap adventure to spare. Fourteen years have passed since we last dropped in on Thursday, and not much has changed—except her son Friday has grown into a teenage pill. Now the Goliath Corporation is up to their old mischief, and only Thursday can stop their latest diabolical scheme. Fans of satiric literary humor are in for a treat with this series.





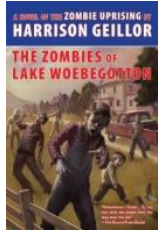
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I Still Dream About You

By Fannie Flagg

Call #: F Flagg

Hiding her unhappiness from those who believe she has a perfect life, former beauty queen Maggie has an unexpected change of circumstances that leads to surprising discoveries and valuable lessons in friendship. Funny and heartwarming.



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The Zombies of Lake Wobegotten

By Harrison Geillor (Garrison Keillor)

Call #: F Geillor

The town of Lake Wobegotten, Minnesota, is a small town, filled with ordinary (yet above average) people, leading ordinary lives. Ordinary, that is, until the dead start coming back to life, with the intent to feast upon the living. Now this small town of above average citizens must overcome their petty rivalries and hidden secrets in order to survive an onslaught of the dead. This parody of Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon stories includes some of Keillor's characters.



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36 Arguments for the Existence of God: A Work of Fiction

By Rebecca Goldstein

Call #: F Goldstein

Elevated to celebrity by his best-selling book, psychology professor Cass Seltzer finds his relationship with a fellow theorist challenged by a former girlfriend's invitation to join her biochemistry experiment in immortality, an effort that is further complicated by his ongoing quest to understand religion. Madcap novel of ideas, careening between the hilarious and the ponderous.



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Star Island

By Carl Hiaasen

Call #: F Hiaasen

Ann DeLuisa, body double for drug-addled pop star Cherry Pye, is kidnapped by an obsessed paparazzo, and Cherry's entourage must rescue her while keeping her existence a secret from Cherry's public--and from Cherry herself. Clueless celebrities and criminal paparazzi provide the perfect match and the perfect metaphor for contemporary public culture.



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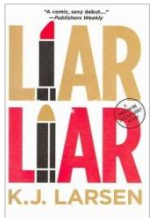
Mini-Shopaholic

By Sophie Kinsella

Call #: F Kinsella

Nothing comes between Becky Brandon and her bargains. Neither act of God nor budget crunch can shatter her dreams of wall-to-wall Prada. Every milestone in her well-shopped life (travel, long-lost sister, marriage, pregnancy) inspires new vistas to explore in the name of retail therapy. But now Becky faces her greatest little challenge yet: her two-year-old daughter, Minnie.





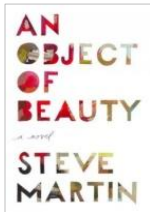
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Liar, Liar

By K.J. Larsen

Call #: Mystery F Larsen

Caterina DeLuca is the proprietor of Pants on Fire Detective Agency in Chicago. She's working a case that seems pretty simple: follow around a wayward husband, snap some incriminating photos, and report back to his wife, the client. Only it turns out the wayward husband maybe isn't so wayward, and the client maybe isn't his wife. The novel is a lot of fun, with a likable, series-worthy protagonist.



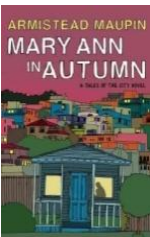
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An Object of Beauty

By Steve Martin

Call #: F Martin

Martin compresses the wild and crazy end of the millennium and finds in this piercing novel a sardonic morality tale as he examines the glamour and the subterfuge of the fine art world in New York City.



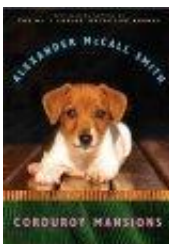
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Mary Ann in Autumn: A Tale of the City Novel

By Armistead Maupin

Call #: F Maupin

After suffering personal calamities in New York, Mary Ann Singleton moves back to San Francisco after being gone for twenty years and begins to slowly rebuild her life, only to confront fresh terrors when her past comes back to haunt her. Maupin's edgy wit energizes the layered story lines. His keen eye for irony and human foible is balanced by an innate compassion in this examination of the life of a woman of a certain age.



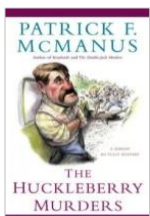
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Corduroy Mansions

By Alexander McCall Smith

Call #: F McCall Smith

While a middle-aged wine merchant tries to emancipate his reluctant adult son from their crumbling Pimlico home, a hated Parliament member incites the disgust of his biography-writing mother and long-suffering literary agent girlfriend. Wry, witty and wise, it's sure to become another best-selling series in McCall Smith's impressive dossier, which also includes the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency and Isabel Dalhousie mysteries.



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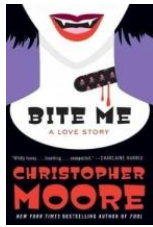
The Huckleberry Murders

By Patrick F. McManus

Call #: Mystery F McManus

In his fourth outing (after The Double-Jack Murders), Sheriff Bo Tully of Blight County, ID, is hip deep in bodies when he finds three young men shot to death execution-style as he is out picking huckleberries for his mother. McManus's folksy narrative keeps the reader's interest with plenty of humor, aw-shucks moments, and action.





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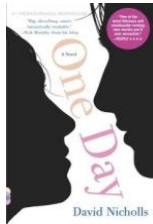
Bite Me: A Love Story

By Christopher Moore



Call #: F Moore

San Franciscan goth girl Abby Normal and her brainiac boyfriend, Stephen "Foo Dog" Wong, pursue a vampire cat and his minions, but things become even more complicated with the arrival of three ancient vampires intent on getting some payback. Enjoy low horror and high camp.



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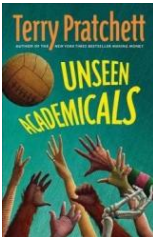
One Day

By David Nicholls



Call #: F Nicholls

Over twenty years, snapshots of an unlikely relationship are revealed on the same day—July 15th—of each year. Dex Mayhew and Em Morley face squabbles and fights, hopes and missed opportunities, laughter and tears. And as the true meaning of this one crucial day is revealed, they must come to grips with the nature of love and life itself. A romantic comedy not to miss!



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Unseen Academicals: A Novel of Discworld

By Terry Pratchett



Call #: SciFi/Fantasy F Pratchett

The wizards of Unseen University in the ancient city of Ankh-Morpork must win a football match, without using magic, so they're in the mood for trying everything else. As the match approaches, four lives are entangled and changed forever. Nobody writes fantasy funnier than Pratchett.



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Last Night at the Chateau Marmont

By Lauren Weisberger



Call #: F Weisberger

Lauren Weisberger, author of *The Devil Wears Prada*, presents a new salacious tome about a couple of everyday girls plotting revenge against their celebrity ex-boyfriends. Fun chick lit!



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Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary

By David Sedaris



Call #: 813.54 Sed

An original collection of humorous fables features animals with unmistakably human failings, including a cynical cat struggling to sit through his prison-mandated AA meetings, and a pair of lovers separated by prejudiced family members.

