

# 2015 SRP

## Adult Reading List

### NLS Edition

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#### **Fiction**

**Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder** by Joanna Fluke

**DB 54603**

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 7 hours, 34 minutes.

Bakery owner Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota, discovers the body of the local dairy delivery man in her alley. Although her brother-

in-law, Bill Todd, is a deputy sheriff, Hannah does some sleuthing of her own. Then another murder occurs. Includes cookie recipes. 2000.

**Like Water for Chocolate** by Laura Esquivel

**DB 36256**

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: 5 hours, 34 minutes.

When Pedro asks Mama Elena for the hand of her youngest daughter, Tita, he is offered her sister instead. By family tradition, Tita is to remain unmarried to care for her mother. Tita, a magical cook, shares recipes that, seasoned by her emotions, have an extraordinary impact on the events that follow her mother's decision. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1992.

**Out of Africa** by Isak Dineson

**DB 23011**

Read by Jill Ferris. Reading time: 15 hours, 49 minutes.

In "Out of Africa" the Danish author records her experiences on a coffee plantation in Kenya and comments on the customs of the natives and their outlook on life. Dealing mainly with Dineson's recollections of her servants in Kenya, "Shadows on the Grass" consists of four short essays. Bestseller. 1986.

## Nonfiction

**Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero** by David Maraniss

**DB 62447**

Read by Jonathan Davis. Reading time: 16 hours, 33 minutes.

Biography of the Pittsburgh Pirates' right fielder Roberto Clemente (1934-1972), one of the major league's first Latino players. Details Clemente's upbringing in Puerto Rico, his arrival to the majors, and the

prejudice he endured. Discusses his charitable works and his death on a disaster relief flight. Strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

**Eat, Pray, Love** by Elizabeth Gilbert

**DB 61789**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero. Reading time: 13 hours, 45 minutes.

Successful young author, recently divorced, seeks distraction and solace during a year of travel. She describes finding culinary pleasure in civilized Italy, ascetic meditation on an ashram in India, and a love affair in Bali. 2005.

**Fighting for America: Black Soldiers--the Unsung Heroes of World War II** by Christopher Moore

**DB 61836**

Read by Bob Moore. Reading time: 13 hours, 20 minutes.

Author chronicles the contributions of African American WWII service members, interweaving his own family history as the son of black veterans. Describes achievements of units such as the 761st Tank Battalion and the Tuskegee Airmen. Profiles soldiers who fought two battles--one abroad and one at home for racial equality. 2005.

**Flags of Our Fathers** by James Bradley and Ron Powers

**DB 50264**

Read by Ted Stoddard. Reading time: 14 hours.

Recounts the story of the six young marines who raised the flag at Iwo Jima during fierce combat on the obscure Japanese-held island in 1945. Author Bradley, the son of one of the soldiers, recreates his father's experiences as well as those of the five men who fought beside him. Bestseller. 2000.

**Glitter and Glue: A Memoir** by Kelly Corrigan

**DB 78400**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero. Reading time: 5 hours, 50 minutes.

Bestselling author recounts her 1992 trip to Australia as a recent college graduate. Explains that after running out of money, she took a job as a

nanny in suburban Sydney. Discusses her uneasy relationship with her mother--and her realization that she relied on her mother's advice. Strong language. Bestseller. 2014.

**The Great Railway Bazaar** by Paul Theroux  
**BR 2900, DB 58610**

Read by Ted Stoddard. Reading time: 12 hours, 24 minutes.  
An American novelist's account of a four-month trip in 1973. Traveling through Turkey, Iran, India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the USSR, he writes of his encounters with a motley collection of hippies, businessmen, whores, and fellow tourists. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language.

**The Greatest Generation** by Tom Brokaw  
**DB 47490**

Read by Phil Regensdorf. Reading time: 11 hours, 35 minutes.  
Recalling his coverage of the fortieth anniversary of D-Day in 1984, reporter Brokaw describes World War II veterans as "the greatest generation any society has produced." Profiles individuals who sacrificed for their country, including Thomas Broderick--who founded the Blinded Veterans Association--and businessman Bob Bush, who lost an eye in a heroic rescue mission. Bestseller. 1998.

**Heroes for My Son** by Brad Meltzer  
**BR 19080**

When Brad Meltzer welcomed his first child into the world, he started keeping a list of heroes whose virtues and talents he wanted his son to share when he grew up. Heroes for my son is a collection of 52 extraordinary men and women, some celebrated across the globe and some lesser-known, but each in their own right a hero. The book will include short vignettes, quotations, and black and white photos of each hero. 2010.

**Hero with a Thousand Faces** by Joseph Campbell  
**DB 28252**

Read by Ralph Lowenstein. Reading time: 13 hours, 16 minutes.  
A study tracing the concept of the hero. Explores mythology, ritual, folk literature, and comparative religion, showing the hero myth to be one great story, which the author terms a monomyth. Also discusses ethical teachings as these relate to religious and mystic thought, especially Oriental. 1949.

**The Hero's Trail: A Guide for Heroic Life** by T. A. Barron  
**BR 14518, DB 55497**

Read by Patricia McDermott. Reading time: 3 hours, 35 minutes.  
Explores the elements of heroism, including facing challenges with courage, strength of character, and wisdom. Mixes brief sketches of historic examples such as Anne Frank, Wilma Rudolph, and Helen Keller with those of ordinary kids who prevailed in emergencies. 2002.

**I Never Had It Made: An Autobiography of Jackie Robinson** by Jackie Robinson  
**DB 58600**

Read by Mark Ashby. Reading time: 9 hours, 7 minutes.  
Baseball legend's account of his triumphs and tragedies on the road to becoming the first African American to play major league baseball. Descended from slaves and sharecroppers, Robinson recalls struggling to overcome racial barriers before and after his 1947 debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Introduction by Hank Aaron. 1995.

**In a Sunburned Country** by Bill Bryson  
**BR 13508, DB 50276**

Read by John Stratton. Reading time: 12 hours, 48 minutes.  
The author of *A Walk in the Woods* (DB 46519) now chronicles his exploration of Australia. This good-humored traveler relates his outback adventures with anecdotes about the history and local inhabitants. Describes the harsh terrain and hostile wildlife including crocodiles, poisonous snakes, and attacking seashells. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2000.

**Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10** by Marcus Luttrell

**DB 64802**

Read by L. J. Ganser. Reading time: 12 hours, 46 minutes.

U.S. Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell recounts the 2005 maneuver he led against Al Qaeda operatives along Afghanistan's border with Pakistan. Details the fierce mountain battle that led to the loss of Luttrell's three comrades and describes his own escape, capture, and rescue. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2007.

**Paterno** by Joe Posnanski

**DB 75474**

Read by Barry Bernson. Reading time: 11 hours, 46 minutes.

Biography of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno (1926-2012) chronicles Paterno's Brooklyn upbringing, education, and career. Highlights the success of the college's gridiron program, Paterno's family life, and the child-abuse scandal surrounding defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky that led to Sandusky's imprisonment and Paterno's firing. Some strong language. 2012.

**Schindler's List** by Thomas Keneally

**BR 9689, DB 20835**

Read by Ed Blake. Reading time: 14 hours, 29 minutes.

In 1939, Oskar Schindler, a young, wealthy, enterprising German interested in drinking and women, is a less-than-exemplary Catholic. In this "nonfiction novel," Keneally tells the story of his transformation into a man who, at great personal risk, saves hundreds of Jews from death during World War II. Some strong language. Violence.

**She Got Up Off the Couch and Other Heroic Acts from Moorehead, Indiana** by Haven Kimmel

**BR 16611, DB 62225**

Read by Kerry Dukin. Reading time: 9 hours, 41 minutes.

Following *A Girl Named Zippy* (DB 54946, BR 14575), Kimmel continues her saga of growing up in Indiana in the 1970s. Recounts her

mother's decision to go to college and become a teacher to help the family's finances, and how that decision caused marital problems for her parents. 2006.

**Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time** by Mark Adams

**DB 75354**

Read by Mark Ashby. Reading time: 10 hours, 7 minutes.

Adventure and travel magazine editor retraces Yale professor Hiram Bingham III's 1911 discovery of the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu. Adams describes his own adventures in the Peruvian Andes with an Australian survivalist guide and local mule tenders and discusses his investigation of the controversies surrounding Bingham. Bestseller. 2011.

**When Pride Still Mattered: The Life of Vince Lombardi** by David Maraniss

**BR 12471, DB 49258**

Read by Michael Scherer. Reading time: 24 hours, 34 minutes.

The life and times of football giant Vince Lombardi are chronicled, including his humble beginnings in Brooklyn and his many years in school athletics, before he became head coach of the Green Bay Packers in 1959. Recalls his philosophy of winning and the influences on his life. Bestseller. 1999.

**Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail** by Cheryl Strayed

**DB 74646**

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 13 hours, 27 minutes.

Author recounts the three-month, 1,100-mile solo hike she took on a whim in 1995, after years of devastating personal losses. Describes her encounters with rattlesnakes, locals, fellow hikers, and her own thoughts during her trek from Los Angeles to Washington State on the Pacific Crest Trail. Strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

