

4th Of July Celebrations:

Happy Birthday America, Staunton’s annual July 4th celebration kicks off on Thursday, July 3rd at 6:30pm with live music and continues all of Friday, ending with fireworks at 10:00 pm. This event will be held at Gypsy Hill Park and the Moxie Stadium, and is free to attend. Vendors will be selling refreshments.

Waynesboro will be hosting “Glow Waynesboro” on July 12 at Constitution Park. Rather than fireworks, this event will feature a lightshow performed by drones at 9:30pm.

Buena Vista will be featuring a “4th of July Fireworks and Celebration!” with the Party Crasher Band, starting at 6:30pm at Glen Maury Park

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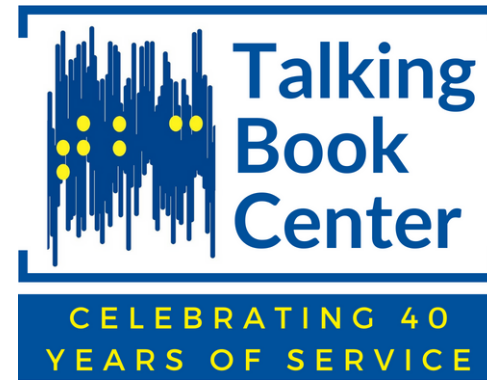
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Personal Finance and Wealth Building:

DB128894 Personal Finance In Plain English: Definitions. Examples. Uses. By Michele Cagan CPA

Managing your money is not an easy job, and it's made even more complicated by the specific terminology used in personal finance. Reading through a loan agreement, credit card terms and conditions, or a stock market report can leave even the most financially responsible people wondering what exactly does this mean? Now, Personal Finance in Plain English has the answers. 2025.

DB118057 Rich AF: The Winning Money Mindset That Will Change Your Life by Vivian Tu

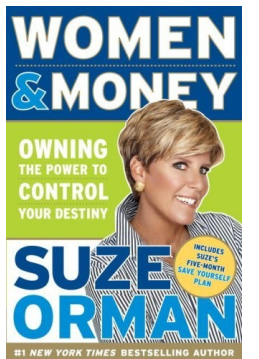
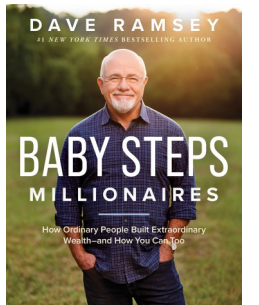
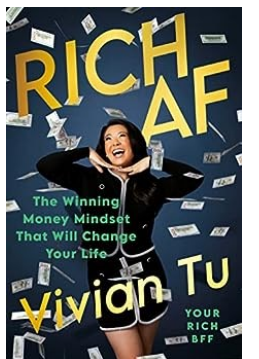
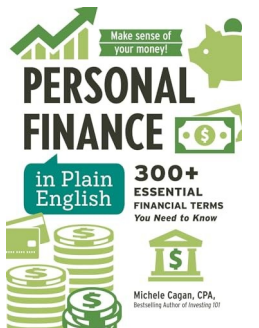
When Vivian Tu started working on Wall Street, she was making more money than she had ever seen in her life. But it wasn't until she found a mentor that she began to understand what wealthy people knew, the secrets to beating the financial game. Vivian now offers her best personal finance tips and tricks to readers of all ages and demographics, so that anyone can get rich. 2023.

DB108935 Baby Steps Millionaires: How Ordinary People Built Extraordinary Wealth- And How You Can Too by Dave Ramsey

After three decades of guiding millions of others through the plan, the evidence is undeniable: the Baby Steps not only work for everyone, but they're proven to work fast. If you follow the plan, you will get out of debt, and you can become a millionaire. 2022.

DB63496 Women And Money: Owning The Power To Control Your Destiny by Suze Orman

Financial guru and host of her own financial television show focuses on women and their finances. Describes the basics of money management, the eight qualities of a wealthy woman, and her recommendations for financial security. 2007.



Patron Recommendations:

DB122213 *The Girls Who Fought Crime: The Untold True Story Of The Country's First Female Investigator And Her Crime Fighting Squad* by Mari K. Eder (crime) From corsets to crime fighting, Mae Foley challenged the patriarchal status quo by not only juggling family life, but also by forming the first female auxiliary police force in New York City. After the 19th Amendment passed in 1920, Foley galvanized 2,000 women to join her "Masher Squad" and eventually became one of the first sworn officers with the NYPD. The "Masher Squad" brought down robbers and rapists, investigated the notorious 3X serial murders, and provided witness protection during the trials of the deadliest mafia bosses in the city. Foley starred down the barrel of the gun--from facing the patriarchy head on, but also quite literally--and always came out on top. 2023.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

- DB129333 *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (full dramatic reading)
- DB129130 *Tough Luck* by Sandra Dallas (western, historical fiction)
- DB128896 *The Other Passenger* by Louise Candlish (suspense)
- DB128922 *The Staircase In The Woods* by Chuck Wendig (horror)
- DB127168 *The Silver Ladies Do Lunch* by Judy Leigh (human relations)
- DB128910 *Lonesome Justice; Justice 03* by Donald L. Robertson (western)
- DB128900 *Strangers in Time: A World War II Novel* by David Baldacci (historical fiction)
- DB127419 *A Cowboy In Amish Country; Amish Country Haven 02* by Patricia Johns
- DB128898 *Anything But Plain* by Suzanne Woods Fisher (religious fiction)
- DB128893 *Murder With Ganache; Key West Food Critic Mystery 04* by Lucy Burdette
- DB129145 *Appalachian Song* by Michelle Shocklee (historical religious fiction)
- DB128253 *Far From Home* by Danielle Steel (historical romance)
- DB128732 *Overkill; Ali Reynolds 18* by J.A. Jance (mystery suspense)
- DB128626 *Killing Time; Agatha Raisin 35* by M.C. Beaton (cozy mystery)
- DB128488 *Eat Your Age: Feel Younger, Be Happier, Live Longer* by Ian Smith (health)
- DB126562 *Before Yellowstone: Native American Archaeology In The National Park* by Douglas H. MacDonald (history, nature)
- DB126825 *Zeppo: The Reluctant Marx Brother* by Robert S. Bader (biography)
- DB126235 *Ira Gershwin: A Life In Words* by Michael Owen (biography of musician)
- DB76840 *Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life And Legacy As The Duck Commander* by Phil Robertson (biography)

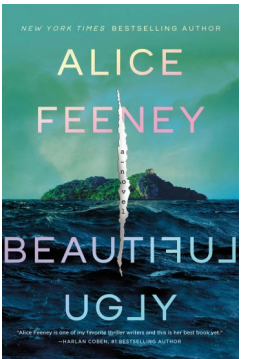


Popular 2025 Fiction:

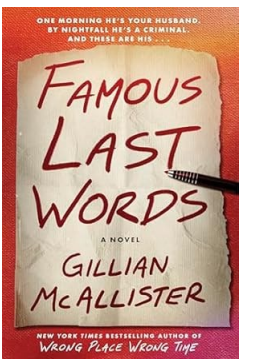
DB127213 *The Crash* by Freida McFadden (suspense) Tegan is eight months pregnant and her world is crashing down around her and has no idea what she's going to do. In an effort to find help and get away from her ex, she heads out into a storm to her brother's, but never arrives. She wakes in a ditch, having skidded off the road, and is taken in by a couple living in a remote farmhouse. But they may have ulterior motives and Tegan soon realizes she's stuck in the middle of nowhere at the mercy of strangers. The nightmare she's running from is nothing compared to where she's headed. 2025.



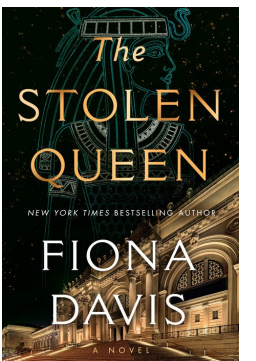
DB126338 *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney (suspense) Grady Green calls his wife to share some exciting news as she is driving home. He hears Abby slam on the brakes and get out of the car, but his wife has disappeared. A year later, Grady is still overcome with grief and desperate to know what happened to Abby. He can't sleep, and he can't work, so he travels to a tiny Scottish island to try to get his life back on track. Then he sees the impossible: a woman who looks exactly like his missing wife. Wives think their husbands will change but they don't. Husbands think their wives won't change but they do. 2025.



DB127690 *Famous Last Words* by Gillian McAllister (suspense) New mother Camilla's life is about to change forever. After months of maternity leave, she will drop her infant daughter off at daycare. But, when she wakes, her husband Luke isn't there, and in his place is a cryptic note. But then there's a hostage situation developing and Luke is involved. But he isn't a hostage, he is the gunman. What she does next is crucial. Because only she knows what the note he left behind that morning says... 2025.



DB126937 *Water Moon* by Samantha Sotto Yamboa (fantasy) A woman inherits a pawnshop where you can sell your regrets--and then embarks on a magical journey when a charming young physicist wanders into the shop in this dream-like and enchanting fantasy novel. 2025.



DB126389 *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis (historical mystery) Egypt, 1936: When anthropology student Charlotte Cross is offered a spot on a dig in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, she leaps at the opportunity. New York City, 1978: Eighteen-year-old Annie Jenkins lands an opportunity to help organize the Met Gala. Charlotte, is now the curator of the Met's Department of Egyptian Art, and wants little to do with the upcoming gala. When one of the Egyptian art collection's most valuable artifacts goes missing, Annie and Charlotte team up to search for the missing antiquity. 2025.

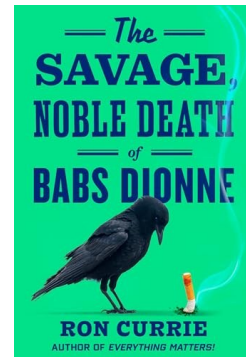
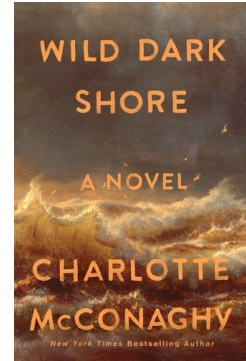
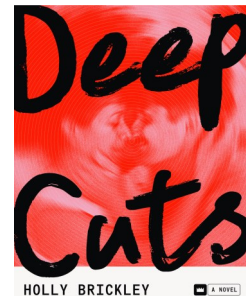
Popular 2025 Fiction Titles:

DB127648 *Deep Cuts* by Holly Brickley (contemporary romance)
Berkeley, fall of 2000, Percy Marks is pontificating about music again. Percy has no talent for music, just lots of opinions about it. The guy next to her at the bar, fellow student Joe Morrow, is a songwriter. Joe asks Percy for feedback on one of his songs which results in a partnership that will span years, ignite new passions in them both, and crush their egos again and again. Is their collaboration worth its cost? 2025.

DB128019 *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall (historical romance)
Beth and Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager- the man who broke her heart years ago, has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident. Beth is pulled back into Gabriel's life, tensions around the village rise and dangerous secrets and jealousies from the past resurface, this time with deadly consequences. Beth is forced to make a choice between the woman she once was, and the woman she has become. 2025.

DB127669 *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy (mystery)
Dominic Salt and his three children are caretakers of Shearwater, a tiny island not far from Antarctica. Home to the world's largest seed bank, Shearwater was once full of researchers, but with sea levels rising, the Salts are now its final inhabitants. Until a woman mysteriously washes ashore. As they nurse the woman, Rowan, back to strength, it begins to feel like she might just be what they need. Rowan, long accustomed to protecting herself, starts imagining a future where she could belong to someone again. But Rowan isn't telling the whole truth about why she set out for Shearwater. And when she discovers sabotaged radios and a freshly dug grave, she realizes Dominic is keeping his own secrets. 2025.

DB128114 *The Savage, Noble Death Of Babs Dionne* by Ron Currie Jr. (mystery thriller)
Babs Dionne, doting grandmother and vicious crime matriarch, rules her small town with an iron fist. She controls the flow of drugs into Little Canada with the help of her loyal lieutenants and her eldest daughter, Lori, a Marine vet struggling with addiction. When a drug kingpin discovers that his numbers are down in the upper northeast, he sends a malevolent force, known only as The Man, to investigate. At the same time, Babs's youngest daughter, Sis, has gone missing, which doesn't seem at all like a coincidence. In twenty-four hours, Sis will be found dead, and the whole town will seek shelter from Babs's wrath. 2025.



July Titles:

DBC16824 *Snow In July* by Heather Barbieri (suspense)
Butte, Montana. 18-year-old Erin, the "responsible" sister, attempts to keep the family peace when older sister Meghan, a drug addict with two small children, returns to town during a summer snowstorm. Her dreams of going away to college are tempered by Meghan's behavior and empty promises to reform, as well as her concern for Meghan's children. 2004.

DBC04817 *Cold In July* by Joe R. Lansdale (suspense)
Richard Dane has killed a man. Everyone in the small town of LaBorde, Texas knows Dane acted in self defense--everyone except Ben Russel, the father of the criminal who invaded Dane's home. When Russel comes looking for revenge against Dane's family, the two men are unexpectedly drawn into a conspiracy that conceals the vilest of crimes. Surrounded by police corruption and underworld brutality, Dane, Russel, and a private investigator have discovered a game they may not survive. 1989.

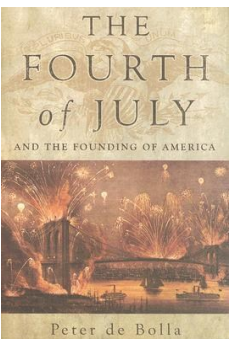
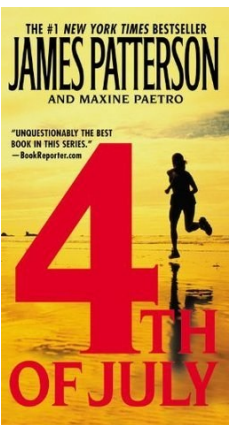
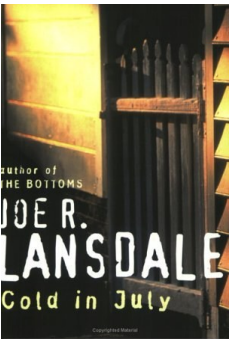
DB60328 *4th Of July; Women's Murder Club 04* by James Patterson
San Francisco police lieutenant Lindsay Boxer retreats to her sister's house in Half Moon Bay while fighting a charge of police brutality. But a killer is loose, and Lindsay enlists the help of the Women's Murder Club to catch him. 2005. (mystery)

DB67730 *The Fourth Of July: And The Founding Of America*
by Peter De Bolla (history)

Professor traces the history of this American day of celebration from its origin in July 1776. Analyzes the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence; Thomas Jefferson's role; and the symbols, meanings, and activities associated with the federal holiday. 2007.

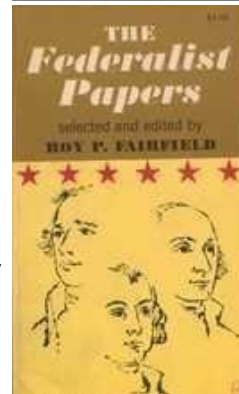
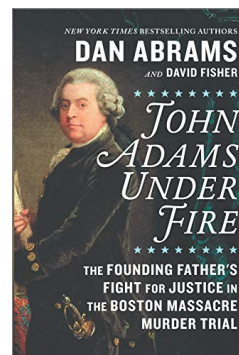
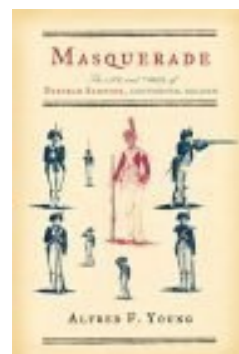
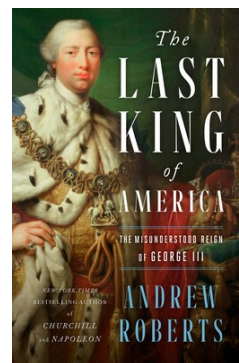
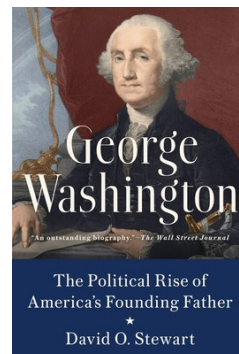
DB83045 *Christmas In July: It Happened At Christmas; Christmas, Colorado 02, 03* by Debbie Mason (romance)
In Christmas in July, nearly eighteen months after Grace's husband Jack went missing in action, he comes home with no memory of his wife or son. It Happened at Christmas has Skye meeting with former one-night stand, mayor Ethan. 2014.

DBC20315 *Salina, Utah Massacre, July 8, 1945* by Mike Rose (history)
The war with Germany had been over for 2 months, yet thousands of German soldiers were being held in prisoner of war camps in the US. Nine German soldiers lie in graves in Salt Lake City, victims of an Army private who climbed onto a guard tower and opened fire with a machine gun into the German prisoners of war sleeping below. 2013.



The American Revolution And The Founding Fathers:

- DB110409 George Washington: The Political Rise Of America's Founding Father by David O. Stewart
- DB111798 The Last King Of America: The Misunderstood Reign Of George III by Andrew Roberts
- DB115955 Cornwallis: Soldier And Statesman In A Revolutionary World by Richard Middleton
- DB98838 Founding Martyr: The Life And Death Of Dr. Joseph Warren, The American Revolution's Lost Hero by Christian Di Spigna
- DB109172 Minds & Hearts: The Story Of James Otis Jr. And Mercy Otis Warren by Jeffrey H. Hacker
- DB66685 Common Sense, Rights Of Man, And Other Essential Writings Of Thomas Paine by Thomas Paine
- DB68402 Nathan Hale: The Life And Death Of America's First Spy by M. William Phelps
- DB126935 Masquerade: The Life And Times Of Deborah Sampson, Continental Soldier by Alfred F. Young
- DB56823 The Autobiography Of Benjamin Franklin & Selections From His Other Writings by Benjamin Franklin
- DB100623 In The Hands Of The People: Thomas Jefferson On Equality, Faith, Freedom, Compromise, And The Art Of Citizenship by Thomas Jefferson
- DB60042 John Jay: Founding Father by Walter Stahr
- DB86174 The Hamilton Collection: The Wisdom And Writings Of The Founding Father by Alexander Hamilton
- DB99520 John Adams Under Fire: The Founding Father's Fight For Justice In The Boston Massacre Murder Trial by Dan Abrams
- DB89946 The Three Lives Of James Madison: Genius, Partisan, President by Noah Feldman
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The American Revolution And The Founding Fathers:

- DB110158 Liberty Is Sweet: The Hidden History Of The American Revolution by Woody Holton
- Explores connections between the Patriots of 1776 and other Americans whose passion for freedom often brought them into conflict with the Founding Fathers. Author describes the origins and crucial battles of the Revolution from Lexington and Concord to the British surrender at Yorktown, focusing on marginalized Americans- enslaved Africans and African Americans, Native Americans, and dissenters - and on overlooked factors such as weather, North America's geography, chance, misperception, attempts to manipulate public opinion, and disease. 2021.
- DB68052 The Drillmaster Of Valley Forge: The Baron de Steuben And The Making Of The American Army by Paul Lockhart
- Biography of Prussian army officer Friedrich von Steuben who trained the U.S. Continental Army to fight the British during the Revolutionary War. Focuses on the winter of 1778, when Steuben drilled the colonial troops at Valley Forge, in European techniques of war. 2008.
- DB77861 George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved The American Revolution by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger
- Relays the exploits of the New York-based Culper Spy Ring, five men and one woman whose activities enabled General George Washington to defeat the British during the Revolutionary War. Profiles the group's leader, Quaker merchant Robert Townsend, and describes the unmasking of traitor Benedict Arnold. 2013.
- DB84158 Lafayette In The Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell
- Author provides a humorous account of Revolutionary War hero Marquis de Lafayette and his return to America in 1824. Examines the impact Lafayette had on a young America, his popularity, and his ongoing relationships with instrumental American leaders of the time. 2015.
- DB103819 Revolutionary Mothers: Women In The Struggle For America's Independence by Carol Berkin
- The author examines the vital role of women in the American Revolution. She recounts their efforts to organize boycotts, raise funds, manage family business and more, all while maintaining their households. She also profiles women who fought on the front lines. 2018.
- DB16212 Night On Fire: The First Complete Account Of John Paul Jones's Greatest Battle by John Evangelist Walsh
- Reconstruction of one of the most bitterly fought naval battles of the Revolutionary War, based on documents and eyewitness reports. 1978.

