

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library Locally Produced or Purchased Books 2006



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These titles were selected for production or purchase based on patron requests and to supplement underrepresented areas in the existing collection. You will find that many of the books are by local authors or are set in the Pacific Northwest.

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Braille: Adult Books, Nonfiction

Light's Ladder: Poems

BRW 1135

by Christopher Howell

1 volume

This work contains 49 lyrical and narrative poems on the themes of internal struggles, history, and grief. Braille and vision loss are mentioned in several of the poems. The author lives in Spokane and is a professor of English and creative writing at Eastern Washington University. Washington State Book Award winner.

Room Full of Mirrors: A Biography of Jimi Hendrix

BRW 1132

by Charles Cross

7 volumes

Music journalist draws on interviews to trace the life and untimely death of the Seattle musician. Investigates Hendrix's troubled childhood in the Seattle projects, struggles against racial prejudice as a young musician, drug use, rapid ascent to the top of the swinging London scene, and death at age twenty-seven.

Orphans BRW 1141

by Charles D'AmBrosio

3 volumes

This collection of eleven thoughtful and atmospheric essays by the Seattle writer examines subjects ranging from a haunted house in Texas to the Mary Kay Letourneau trial. Washington State Book Award winner.

Breaking Ground BRW 1148

by Paul Hunter

1 volume

This work of 32 poems in free verse reaches back to 19th century rural practices and values, and by the end leaps ahead to the agribusiness and suburban sprawl of the 21st century. Washington State Book Award winner.

**Gorgon: Paleontology, Obsession, and the Greatest Catastrophe in Earth's History
BRW 1139**

by Peter D. Ward
5 volumes

A professor of geological sciences at the University of Washington combines the tale of the gorgonopsians with a South African travelogue and musings on mass extinction. Washington State Book Award winner.

Incredible Good Fortune: New Poems BRW 1154

by Ursula K. Le Guin
1 volume

A collection of short poems from the award-winning Northwest fantasy and science fiction writer.

**The Glass Castle: A Memoir
BRW 1137**

by Jeannette Walls
5 volumes

The four Walls children grew up fending for themselves while their eccentric, alcoholic parents pursued elusive dreams and ran from responsibility.

Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood (Play) BRW 1147

by Marjane Satrapi
adapted by The 5th Saturday
Radio Drama Company
2 volumes

Script of radio play adapted from the graphic novel. The intelligent and outspoken only child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. 2006 Seattle Reads selection. "Toolbox" (Reading Guide) available as BRW 1145.

**The Dog Whisperer: A
Compassionate, Nonviolent
Approach to Dog Training
BRW 1161**

by Paul Owens and Norma
Eckroate

4 volumes

A manual that emphasizes an empathetic, caring approach to dog training. Includes sections on dog body language, vocalizations, clicker training, rewards, and how to humanely solve behavioral problems such as jumping, barking, chewing, and mouthing.

Braille: Adult Books, Fiction

Miracle on the 17th Green BRW 1133

by James Patterson and Peter De Jonge

2 volumes

Travis McKinley is an ordinary man living an ordinary life until on Christmas Day he goes out to play a round of golf. Always a fairly good golfer, he finds himself playing like a pro and is so caught up in his excitement that he continues to play, sinking putt after putt, missing Christmas dinner with his wife and family.

Where There's a Will BRW 1118

by Aaron J. Elkins

4 volumes

A Gideon Oliver mystery. After going missing ten years ago, the small private plane of ranching heir Axel Torkelsson's late Uncle Magnus has finally been found in a remote lagoon, hundreds of miles south of the Big Island of Hawaii.

Long Time Gone BRW 1131

by J.A. Jance

5 volumes

Seventeenth title in the J.P. Beaumont mysteries. Beau, currently a homicide investigator for the Washington State Attorney's office, must contend with a case concerning a nun who, under hypnotherapy, recovered memories of a murder she witnessed 50 years ago. Meanwhile, Beau's close friend and former partner, Ron Peters, is the primary suspect in the suspicious death of his ex-wife.

First Avenue BRW 1088

by Lowen Clausen

5 volumes

Story of a Seattle cop who couldn't shake the image of the abandoned dead baby he finds in a seedy hotel--and who can't give up on finding the truth until those responsible are taken down.

**Language of the Geckos and
Other Stories BRW 1134**

by Gary Pak

3 volumes

Nine short stories set in Hawaii featuring the nuanced voices and interior lives of housewives, mechanics, cabdrivers, aging hippies, and bargirls. The worlds of Pak's Hawaiians, Asian locals, and the haoles sometimes intersect and collide and other times remain parallel, but each is haunted by the past.

The Highest Tide BRW 1138

by Jim Lynch

4 volumes

Thirteen-year-old Miles O'Malley finds a rare deep-sea creature stranded on the tidal flats of south Puget Sound. While struggling with becoming a local sensation who some people think is a prophet, he continues to clumsily court his former babysitter, nurse his elderly psychic friend and search for the words that will keep his parents together.

Silent Proof BRW 1087

by Michael Hawley

5 volumes

Thirty years ago, a woman was savagely murdered in a Seattle park. The crime went unsolved. Seattle Police Department detectives Leah Harris and Frank Milkovich have only 48 hours to make a charge stick against a suspect about to be released from prison on an unrelated crime. But new evidence and a new murder plunge the detectives into a life-and-death game with a deadly opponent.

The Sweetbriar Bride BRW 1140

by Brenda Wilbee

4 volumes

Second title in the Sweetbriar series. Seattle, 1853. Follows newlyweds Louisa Boren Denny and David Denny as they begin their life together in a cabin on Elliott Bay.

Bear Daughter BRW 1149

by Judith Berman

7 volumes

One morning, young Cloud awakens in the form of a human girl, shedding the bear shape she inherited from her true father. Determined to learn to live in her new body, Cloud struggles to fit into the life of Sandspit Town, but her mother's human husband, King Rumble, despises her and seeks her downfall. Draws on the myths of Native American tribes of the Pacific Northwest.

Things Fall Apart BRW 1157

by Chinua Achebe

3 volumes

Portrays traditional Ibo society in nineteenth-century Nigeria and one of its great men, Okonkwo. Through rituals, the lives of the individual and the community are unified, giving them order and significance. But the time-honored system of beliefs and behavior falls apart with the arrival of missionaries and colonists.

Braille: Children's Books, Fiction

The Mummy's Mother

BRW 1136

by Tony Johnston

2 volumes

When his mother is stolen from her tomb, Ramose, a 4000-year-old mummy, tries to find her in the Egyptian desert, aboard an ocean liner, and in New York City's Metropolitan Museum. A 2006 Sasquatch Award nominee. For grades 3-6.

Judy Moody BRW 1142

by Megan McDonald

1 volume

First title in the Judy Moody series. Third grader Judy Moody is in a first-day-of-school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage. For grades 2-4.

Judy Moody Gets Famous!

BRW 1143

by Megan McDonald

1 volume

Second title in the Judy Moody series. When her third-grade classmate, Jessica, gets her picture in the newspaper for winning a spelling bee, Judy wants to be famous too. She

discovers that doing something for others--without trying to be famous--is the best way to feel good about herself. For grades 2-4.

Judy Moody Saves the World

BRW 1144

by Megan McDonald

1 volume

Third title in the Judy Moody series. When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her younger brother, Stink, thinks she is overdoing it. But she inspires her third-grade classmates to undertake an award-winning, environment-saving project. For grades 2-4.

Ella the Elegant Elephant

BRW 1160

By Carmela D'Amico and Steven D'Amico

1 volume

Ella is nervous about the first day of school in her new town, but wearing her grandmother's good luck hat makes her feel better--until the other students tease her and call her names. Washington State Book Award winner. For grades P-2.

Olivia Owl BRC 1299

by Maurice Pledger

1 volume

Meet Olivia Owl and her animal friends in this board book with braille added and textures to feel on every page. For grades P-2.

Oscar Otter BRC 1300

by Maurice Pledger

1 volume

Meet Oscar Otter and his animal friends in this board book with braille added and textures to feel on every page. For grades P-2.

Billy Bunny BRC 1301

by Maurice Pledger

1 volume

Meet Billy Bunny and his animal friends in this board book with braille added and textures to feel on every page. For grades P-2.

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