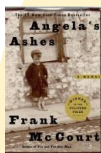


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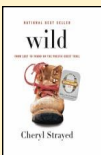


Angela's Ashes

by Frank McCourt

929 MCCO, LT 929 MCCO, E-audio

A family moves from impoverished Brooklyn to even worse poverty in Limerick, Ireland, in this award-winning memoir.



Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail

by Cheryl Strayed B STRA, LT 813.6 STRA,
CD Book STRA, E-book, E-audio

An inspirational story of a 1,100 mile solo hike taken by a young woman on a journey of self-discovery.

ENGAGING



#Girlboss

by Sophia Amoruso 381 AMOR, E-book

The founder of Nasty Gal fashion e-tailer shares straightforward advice based on her rags-to-riches success.



Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory

by Caitlin Doughty

B DOUG, LT 363.7 DOUG

Details the author's time as a crematory operator, questioning our country's changing rituals and examining the reader's narrow view of mortality.

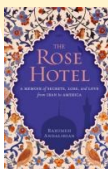
TOPICAL



Off the Sidelines: Raise Your Voice, Change the World

by Kirsten Gillibrand B GILL

A New York senator who advocates for women to get more involved in politics discusses her career, marriage, friendships, and family.



The Rose Hotel: A Memoir of Secrets, Loss, and Love from Iran to America

by Rahimeh Andalibian B ANDA

A dramatic account of a once secure and happy Iranian family following the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Films based on memoirs:

12 Years a Slave - DVD, BLU

127 Hours - DVD, BLU

Angela's Ashes - DVD

Captain Phillips - DVD, BLU

Catch Me If You Can - DVD

Cheaper by the Dozen (1950) - DVD

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly - DVD

Eat Pray Love - DVD, BLU

Jarhead - DVD

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Persepolis - DVD

The Pianist - DVD

The Railway Man - DVD, BLU

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The Theory of Everything - DVD, BLU

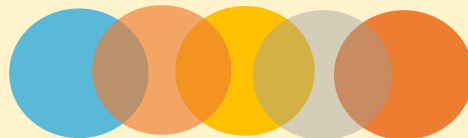
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Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken - DVD

MEMOIRS



Merriam-Webster defines memoirs as narratives composed from personal experience. Here are some interesting selections that are written by people from all walks of life.



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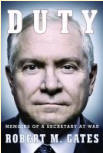
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CANDID



Hard Choices
by Hillary Rodham Clinton
B' CLIN, LT B CLIN, E-audio
Looking back on key moments as Secretary of State and reflecting on the importance of U.S. world leadership.



Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War
by Robert Michael Gates
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The former Secretary of Defense served both Presidents Bush and Obama during the wars in the middle east.

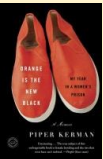


My Beloved World
by Sonia Sotomayor B SOTO, LT B SOTO,
CD Book 347.73 SOTO, E-book, E-audio
The first Hispanic Supreme Court justice was appointed in 2009. Sotomayor, the daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants from the South Bronx, eventually went on to Princeton and Yale.

WITTY



Bossypants
by Tina Fey
B FEY, LT B FEY, CD Book B FEY, E-audio
On the joys (yeah, right) of balancing work, marriage, and motherhood.



Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison by Piper Kerman
B KERM, LT 365 KERM, E-book, E-audio
The author finds incarceration for drug trafficking isn't all that bad as she learns the rules and meets a variety of personalities.

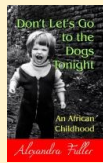


Yes Please
by Amy Poehler
PLAY 791.4502 POEH, E-book, E-audio
The comedienne offers up humorous advice on topics such as sex, babies, friendship, and divorce.
Don't let's go to the dogs:

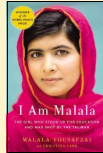


Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
by Roz Chast B CHAS, E-book
Celebrates the final years of aging parents' lives through cartoons, family photos, and documents, reflecting the author's struggles with caregiver challenges.

INSPIRING



Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight
by Alexandra Fuller LT 968.91 FULL, E-book
A white African girl's childhood during the Rhodesian civil war of 1971 to 1979, chronicling her struggles with her alcoholic mother and frequently absent father.

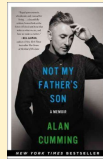


I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban
by Malala Yousafzai
B YOUS, LT B YOUS, E-audio
The life of a young Pakistani student who advocates for women's rights after surviving an assassination attempt, and who became the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.



A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive
by David J. Pelzer 362.7 PELZ, E-book
A horrible childhood at the hands of a sick and twisted mother.

EMOTIONAL



Not My Father's Son
by Alan Cumming B CUMM, E-book, E-audio
Celebrated Scottish actor's emotional story of his troubled relationship with his father, and the deeply buried family secrets that shaped his life and career.



Watch Me: A Memoir
by Anjelica Huston B HUST
Well-known actress discusses her long-time relationship with Jack Nicholson, her most memorable film appearances, and her collaborations with a range of famous directors.

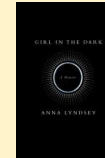


Just Kids
by Patti Smith B SMIT, E-book
An artist and musician recounts her romance and friendships with Robert Mapplethorpe, as well as Bob Dylan, Allen Ginsberg, Andy Warhol, and William Burroughs.



Glitter and Glue: A Memoir
by Kelly Corrigan B CORR, LT B CORR
Perspectives on motherhood, shaped by a job as a nanny for a grieving Australian family, and the author's experiences with her own daughters.

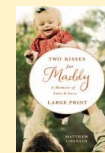
HEARTWARMING



Girl in the Dark
by Anna Lyndsey B LYND, LT B LYND
A young woman writes about her sensitivity to light that has forced her to live in darkness, and the love that has saved her.



Wave: A Memoir of Life After the Tsunami
by Sonali Deraniyagala
B DERA, LT B DERA, E-book, E-audio
A survivor of the 2004 tsunami that killed her parents, husband, and two young sons, Sonali recounts her struggles with grief and survivor's guilt and her steps toward healing.



Two Kisses for Maddy: A Memoir of Loss & Love
by Matthew Logelin
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The day his daughter was born was the day his wife died of a pulmonary embolism. This is a memoir of a father's first year.

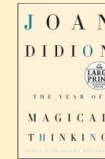
REFLECTIVE



A House in the Sky: A Memoir
by Amanda Lindhout B LIND, LT LIND
A Canadian journalist who survived a harrowing 15-month captivity with Somali Islamist rebels chronicles her ordeal and how she found the moral strength to survive.



Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?
by Jeanette Winterson B WINT, E-book
Award-winning English writer explores her upbringing and her recent journey to search for her real mother.



The Year of Magical Thinking
by Joan Didion LT B DIDI, E-book, E-audio
An American author recalls the year following the sudden death of her husband during which her daughter was hospitalized with a serious illness.



Hitch-22: A Memoir
by Christopher Hitchens LT B HITC, E-book
The controversial author shares some life stories, explaining his contradictory stances on a variety of issues.