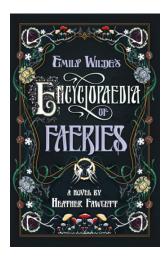
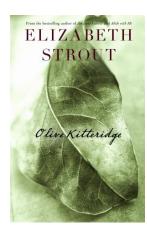
Featuring a Lovable Curmudgeon

Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries by Heather Fawcett, F Fawc Wilde Bk. 1, Libby e-audio & e-book



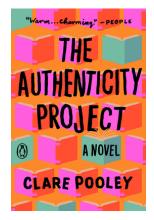
A curmudgeonly professor, Emily Wilde, journeys to a small town in the far north to study faerie folklore and discovers dark fae magic, friendship, and love. Wilde is good at many things: the foremost expert on the study of faeries who is writing the world's first encyclopaedia of faerie lore. But Emily Wilde is not good at people. So when she arrives in the hardscrabble village of Hrafnsvik, Emily has no intention of befriending the gruff townsfolk. But as Emily gets to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones lurking in the shadowy forest outside the town, she also finds herself on the trail of another mystery: Who is Wendell Bambleby? To find the answer, she'll have to unlock the greatest mystery of all--her own heart.

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout, F Stro, Libby e-audio & e-book



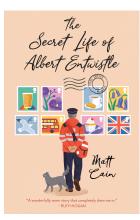
At times stern, at other times patient, at times perceptive, at times in sad denial, Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world, but she doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her: a lounge musician haunted by a past romance; a former student who has lost the will to live; Olive's own adult child, who feels tyrannized by her irrational sensitivities; and her husband, Henry, who finds his loyalty to his marriage both a blessing and a curse. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life – sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty.

The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley, F Poo, Libby e-audio & e-book



Julian Jessop, an eccentric, lonely artist and septuagenarian believes that most people aren't really honest with each other. But what if they were? And so he writes--in a plain, green journal--the truth about his own life and leaves it in his local café. It's run by the incredibly tidy and efficient Monica, who furtively adds her own entry and leaves the book in the wine bar across the street. Before long, the others who find the green notebook add the truths about their own deepest selves--and soon find each other in real life at Monica's café.

The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle by Matt Cain, F Cain, Libby and hoopla e-audio & e-book



Albert Entwistle is a private man with a quiet, simple life. He lives alone with his cat Gracie. And he's a postman. At least he was a postman until, three months before his sixty-fifth birthday, he receives a letter from the Royal Mail thanking him for decades of service and stating he is being forced into retirement. Without the work that fills his days, what will be the point? He has no friends, family, or hobbies—just a past he never speaks of, and a lost love that fills him with regret.

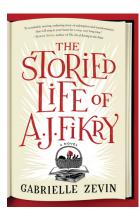
And so, rather than continue his lonely existence, Albert forms a brave plan to start truly living. It's finally time to be honest about who he is.

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers, Libby e-audio & e-book



Sixty-year-old self-proclaimed tea expert Vera Wong enjoys nothing more than sipping a good cup of Wulong and doing some healthy 'detective' work on the internet (AKA checking up on her son to see if he's dating anybody yet). But when Vera wakes up one morning to find a dead man in the middle of her tea shop, it's going to take more than a strong Longjing to fix things. Knowing she'll do a better job than the police possibly could – because nobody sniffs out a wrongdoing quite like a suspicious Chinese mother with time on her hands – Vera decides it's down to her to catch the killer.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin, F Zevi, Libby e-audio & e-book, hoopla e-audio



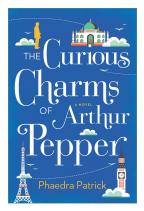
When his most prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner A. J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life. It doesn't take long for the locals to notice the change overcoming A.J.; or for that determined sales rep, Amelia, to see her curmudgeonly client in a new light; or for the wisdom of all those books to become again the lifeblood of A.J.'s world; or for everything to twist again into a version of his life that he didn't see coming.

Old Man's War by John Scalzi, Libby e-audio & e-book, hoopla e-audio



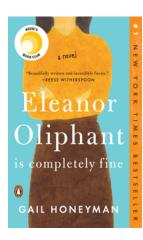
John Perry did two things on his 75th birthday. First he visited his wife's grave. Then he joined the army. Earth itself is a backwater. The bulk of humanity's resources are in the hands of the Colonial Defense Force. Everybody knows that when you reach retirement age, you can join the CDF. They don't want young people; they want people who carry the knowledge and skills of decades of living. You'll be taken off Earth and never allowed to return. You'll serve two years at the front. And if you survive, you'll be given a generous homestead stake of your own, on one of our hard-won colony planets.

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick, F Patr, Libby and hoopla e-audio & e-book



Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 a.m., just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. But on the one-year anniversary of Miriam's death, something changes. Sorting through Miriam's possessions, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met--a journey that leads him to find hope, healing and self-discovery in the most unexpected places.

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine, F Hone, Libby e-audio & e-book



Eleanor struggles with appropriate social skills and says exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mum. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.