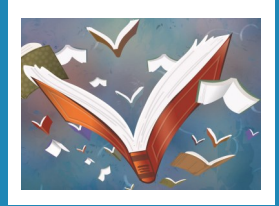


# Connections

## Talking Book Service News



## TBS Satisfaction Survey Coming Soon

This spring, the staff of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) will mail a satisfaction survey to all TBS patrons.

We want to find out what you like -- and maybe what you don't -- about the TBS.

We hope you will take a few minutes to share your honest feedback regarding the TBS. Your answers will remain anonymous.

"Patron feedback is invaluable to help us move forward and improve as we work to provide the best audiobook library service possible," said TBS Program Manager LeAnn Gelskey.



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## **Goodreads' Best Books of 2023**

In case you missed any of these books last year, here is a selection of Goodreads' "Best Books of 2023."

**Celebrity Biography:** "Spare" by Prince Harry, DB112017

**Historical Biography:** "Master Slave Husband Wife: an Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom" by Ilyon Woo, DB112758

**Family Story:** "Hang the Moon" by Jeannette Walls, DB114958

**General Fiction:** "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano, DB113288

**Historical Fiction:** "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See, DB115160

**History:** "The Wager: a Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder" by David Grann, DB113965

**Inspirational:** "The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man" by David Von Drehle, DB115207

**Mystery:** "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger, DB116354

**Mystery in a Detective Series:** "The Last Devil to Die: a Thursday Murder Club Mystery" by Richard Osman, DB116412

**Romance:** "Happy Place" by Emily Henry, DB114742

**Self-Help:** "Outlive: the Science and Art of Longevity" by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford, DB114005

**Suspense:** "None of This is True" by Lisa Jewell, DB116345

## TBS Order Form

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To order any of the books from this newsletter, write your name and address in the space indicated above and mark on the line(s) next to the identification number(s) of the title(s) you want. Then, mail the form (pages 3 through 6). Postage is not required.

These titles are also available for download from BARD. To register for BARD, call the Talking Book Service at 800-458-3271 or visit: <http://NLSbard.loc.gov>.

### Locally Produced Books:

#### **"Merciless Eden"**

**Author:** Doug Tims

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Read By:** Sue Vap

Many sought to carve an existence from the unforgiving wilds of Idaho's Salmon River Canyon, giving their lives in quest of sanctuary from the growing demands of industrial America. All failed until Joe Zaubmiller, a son of German immigrants, marshaled his pioneer skills to share the bounty of the wilderness with others. Perched on the bleeding edge between civilization and the wild, Campbell's Ferry Ranch witnesses the battle over where America will stop development and preserve this vestige of paradise for generations to come.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00909**

**2013**

**17 hours, 1 minute**

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### **"Indians of Idaho"**

**Author:** Deward E. Walker Jr.

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Read By:** Carla Stern

Originally prompted by growing public and professional interest in Native American cultures, this classic study of the Indians of Idaho provides a wealth of information on the social organization, customs, environmental orientation, and physical way of life of the tribes of the state. It surveys the aboriginal American Indian cultures in Idaho from the standpoint of ethnology or cultural anthropology, building upon the work of the field archaeologist in order to achieve interpretive insights never before possible. Relying upon a panoply of both early and contemporary resources, Deward E. Walker, Jr. paints a rich picture of Indian life. This is a sensitive and accurate survey of the ways of life of Idaho's native people, including the Kutenai, Kalispell, Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, and Northern Paiute. Scholars, teachers, and students alike will find it an invaluable resource for understanding and communicating the cultural realities of Indian life.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00929**

**1978**

**4 hours, 21 minutes**

### **"Destination Idaho"**

**Author:** Tim Woodward

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Read By:** Debby Queen

This collection of columns span Tim Woodward's career with the "Idaho Statesman," 1971-2011. With humor, irony, and just a touch of sarcasm, Tim's wit leaves no subject unturned. For all his pokes at the people and places in Idaho, his obvious affection for his home state shines through.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00917**

**2011**

**8 hours, 26 minutes**

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### **"Aboard Cabrillo's Galleon"**

**Adult Fiction**

**Author:** Christine Echevarria Bender

**Read By:** Don Evans

Amid the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in 1542, Conquistador Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo receives orders from the Mexican viceroy to lead a fleet northward and explore the mystery-shrouded land called California. As the ships advance against violent storms up the alien coast, the new country reveals its beauty and peril in nearly equal measures. When natives are encountered, Cabrillo repeatedly chooses diplomacy over bloodshed and soon fosters friendship with many of the native tribes near settlements known today as San Diego and Santa Barbara. While wintering off San Miguel Island, Cabrillo grows close to a young Chumash widow who is an outcast among her people. Peace begins to slip away as trouble escalates between the sailors and natives until war threatens to devastate both sides.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00840**

**2013**

**14 hours, 35 minutes**

### **"Little Moses: High Meadows Series, Book 2"**

**Adult Fiction**

**Author:** Connie Seibert with Sandy Maxwell **Read By:** Maryan Stephens

Raised in a world of women, Moses comes of age and leaves behind everything he has ever known. Fate seems to guide him on a journey to the High Meadows. There, he is thrust into a man's domain, with strong, hardworking ranchers and cowboys. Has God made a mistake by bringing him here? Can he overcome the obstacles he faces and become the man he desires to be?

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00920**

**2014**

**12 hours, 39 minutes**

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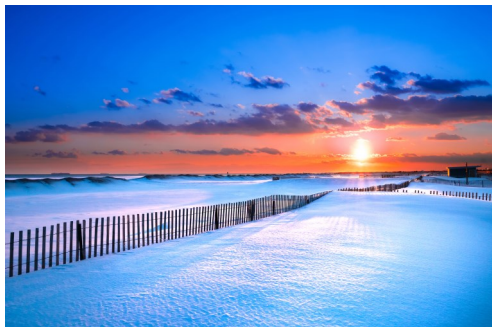


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If you want to start 2024 by trying a new genre or author, contact a TBS customer service representative for suggestions. They love to chat about books.

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## Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(October through December 2023)

### **General Donations:**

Barbara Belknap	Trudy DeRosa	Tony & Cora Kurth
J.B. & Dorothy Benoit	David Fitch	Margaret Mortensen
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Harriet Crosby	James & Julie Hossack	Mary Jane Smedley
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**10 Club**



Our centenarian joining the Ten-Squared Club is:

**Frieda Kalt**

who has read 678 books since joining the TBS in 2013.



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Customer service representatives (CSRs) are available to assist TBS patrons, **Monday through Friday**, from **8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT**, except State of Idaho holidays.

**208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271**

**email: [talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov)**



photo: desert scene with  
sign that reads: snowbird  
season ahead

## **Calling All Snowbirds**

If you plan to be away from your home for a while, you can easily arrange to have your TBS audiobooks follow you.

Just call the Idaho TBS and give the customer service representative an alternate address, and when you return home, simply call to change it back.