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## Described Movies Now on DVD

Talking Book and Braille Service has received its first home entertainment movies on DVD. These movies, which feature audio description, were all purchased from Audio Vision Canada.

This DVD collection includes suspense, Westerns, and adventure stories. Titles include *39 Steps*, *Abilene Town*, *The Angel and the Bad Man*, *Anna Karenina*, *The Art of War*, *The Bells of San Angelo*, *Charade*, *Jane Eyre*, *Meet John Doe*, *Monster's Ball*, *The Two of Hearts*, and *Zulu*.

In addition to the DVD format, new movies continue to arrive on VHS as well.

To request a catalog of movies with audio description, either on VHS or DVD, please contact your Readers Advisor. These movies differ from standard movies in that they feature an additional sound track that describes visual elements, such as setting, character, and action.

On a related note, for those who love old-time radio, ten episodes of *The Lone Ranger* radio program are now available on CD. ■

## *Vital Speeches* Changes Frequency

The cassette magazine *Vital Speeches of the Day*, produced by the Florida Regional Library, is now being published monthly instead of bi-weekly. Each issue features speeches by individuals who have attained leadership in the fields of economics, politics, finance,

education, sociology, health, government, criminology, law, business, taxation, or labor. To sign up for this free magazine, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■



# Volunteer Profile: Mary Anderson

Professional writer Mary Anderson takes time in her busy schedule to volunteer as a narrator in our recording studios. Currently she is narrating a book by Omaha author Sean Doolittle. Mary, herself, has published over one hundred stories and articles and four books for younger readers. She teaches writing at community colleges throughout Nebraska and is a church volunteer.

Mary has written books for younger readers on such diverse topics as the Lincoln Highway, cerebral palsy, and manners. She has authored a devotional book for girls age 9 to 12. Some magazines available for talking book readers, such as *Humpty Dumpty* and *Nebraska Life*, have published her articles.

A former elementary teacher, Mary volunteers in our studios because she likes to read and, like many teachers, has developed the ability to read aloud. Her favorite authors are Bess Streeter Aldrich, Kathyryn Patterson, and Eve Bunting. The latest book she has read is *My Sister's Keeper: A Novel*, by Jodi Picoult (RC 58402). Her favorite foods are salmon and rice; and her favorite movie is *To Kill a Mockingbird* (DVS 70452; RC 36414).

Her favorite pastimes are spending time with her six grandchildren and walking. Her favorite website is her own [www.meanderson.com](http://www.meanderson.com), which includes information about her life as a writer. Soon to be published is a book about dealing with bullies and cliques. ■

## Questions & Answers

**How do I rewind my cassette tapes before I send them back to the library?** To return a tape to its starting point, remember these guidelines.

- If the tape finishes on either track one or three, it is easier to rewind the tape. The rewind key is black and is the second key from the left.
- If the tape finishes on either track two or four, it is easier to fast forward the tape. The fast forward key is black and is the second key from the right.

It is helpful when readers rewind cassettes, but if this is difficult for you, rest assured we open all incoming books and magazines and rewind tapes as needed. ■

# New Cassette Books From Our Studios

## *Fiction*

### **Waring's War RC 957**

by John Wallis Creighton

read by Bonnie Faimon

2 cassettes

During the darkest days of World War II, Paul Waring is sent to Ecuador to procure balsa wood for construction of the British Mosquito Bomber, a crucial Allied aircraft renowned for its speed, range, and load capacity. On Waring's first day, Nazis sabotage shipments and try to assassinate him. Nazi reprisals and enemies from within the ranks continue to interfere with both Waring's mission and his personal life. Contains some strong language.

### **Isaac: A Journey Home RC 1009**

by Kevin Boos

read by Gail Barnard

1 cassette

In 1848, two boys run away from a Missouri orphanage to embark on a dangerous journey to Oregon. Their six-month

journey takes these best friends on a steamboat and across prairies, mountains, and deserts, until they reach Oregon's Willamette River. For young readers grades 4 to 7.

### **In the Land of Second Chances RC 1012**

by George Shaffner

read by Judy Hanefeldt

2 cassettes

Ebb, Nebraska, is a charming town that hasn't changed in fifty years, and that is the way folks like it. Local businessman Calvin Miller has run into a series of bad luck, and his department store, the mainstay of downtown for generations, is on the brink of bankruptcy. Wilma Porter, the proprietress of the town's only bed and breakfast, sees the town on the verge of decline and prays for a miracle to save Ebb's way of life. Vernon L. Moore, a traveling salesman, turns out to be the answer to her prayers. At the end of his six-day visit, he changes minds, saves fortunes, and fixes broken hearts.

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# Magazines on Cassette for Armchair Travelers

If you like to read about other parts of the United States, you might enjoy *Arizona Highways*, a monthly guide to that state's greatest attractions. Produced by the Arizona Regional Library, this magazine is filled with useful information about state and national parks, Indian ruins, nature hikes, beautiful drives, and much more.

*Southern Living*, a monthly magazine recorded by the Florida Regional Library, focuses on the southern style of life, including gardening, history, travel, and recipes. Another magazine, *Yankee*, recorded monthly by the Massachusetts Regional Library, offers travel destinations, local events, and history of the New England states.

A monthly publication in Spanish, *Buena Vida* is Puerto Rico's leading quality of life publication. Recorded by the Florida Regional Library, this publication promotes every family member's well-being with articles on nutrition, fitness, preventative medicine, home safety, family dynamics, and child care.

*Sports 'N Spokes* covers competitive wheelchair sports and

recreation and sports for individuals with visual impairment. This monthly publication, recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, includes how-to tips, a calendar of events, and new product news.

Published by the American Association of Retired Persons and recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, *AARP The Magazine* is a bimonthly that features short articles of interest to persons over 50. Topics include travel, cooking, economics, second careers, and health.

*Older Nebraskan's Voice* is published quarterly by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Aging Services, and recorded in our own studios. This publication offers health news, legislative reviews, and personal profiles.

If you are interested in research in the field of visual impairment, you might like the *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*. This monthly journal is recorded in our own studios.

To order any of these cassette magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or call your Readers Advisor. ■

# Great Books for Fall Reading

November is when we pause to honor veterans and to give thanks just before we jump into another hectic holiday season. Here are some wonderful books for late fall:

**RC 888 *Waiting for My Sailor***, by Genevieve Eppens

The powerful story of one Midwestern family's attempt at a normal life during the uncertainty of World War II. Newly married, the author and her beloved husband experienced long and painful separations and joyful reunions after he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard.

**RC 46096 *Cat Crimes for the Holidays***, edited by Martin H. Greenberg, Ed Gorman, and Larry Segriff

Nineteen original mysteries, each involving a cat at the scene of the crime or as a feline sleuth. Various holidays throughout the year provide the settings for these stories, which include "How the July Fourth Cat Saved the Day and Ruined the Night," and "To Grandmother's House We Go."

**RC 47086 *For Kings and Planets***, by Ethan Canin

When Orno Tarcher arrives at Columbia University, New York, from Missouri, the first student he meets is Marshall Emerson. Marshall dazzles Orno with his cosmopolitan ways and

photographic memory, but Orno sees his dark side when he spends Thanksgiving day with the Emerson family. The relationship becomes more complex when Orno falls in love with Marshall's sister Simone.  
Bestseller

**RC 50647 *Damascus: a Novel***, by Richard Beard

The lives of warehouse worker Spencer Kelly and teacher Hazel Burns were destined to intersect. Inexplicably, on their common birthday, November 1, 1993, they court, mate, and face a common threat when a crazed student, who is obsessed with Hazel, challenges Spencer for her hand.

**RC 53181 *The Story of Thanksgiving***, by Robert Merrill Bartlett

Traces the history and customs of Thanksgiving, from the harvest festivals of the ancient world to American traditions in the twenty-first century. Tells how the Pilgrims spent their first few years in the New World and describes their Thanksgiving celebrations with the Wampanoag Indians. For grades 1-4.

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# Great Books For Fall Reading...

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**RC 55498 *James Arness: an Autobiography***, by James Arness and James E Wise, Jr.

Autobiography by the actor best known for his TV series role in *Gunsmoke*. Describes his Minnesota childhood with his brother (future actor Peter Graves); his WWII tour of duty, which earned him a Purple Heart and Bronze Star; and his theatrical career.

**RC 55697 *Into the Rising Sun: In Their Own Words, World War II's Pacific Veterans Reveal the Heart of Combat***, by Patrick K. O'Donnell

Veterans' firsthand accounts of action in the Pacific theater during World War II. Paratroopers, Marine Raiders, Marauders, and Rangers recount their brutal experiences in major campaigns in Guadalcanal, New Guinea, the Philippines, Burma, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Violence and some strong language.

**RC 56055 *What's So Amazing About Grace?***, by Philip Yancey

Religion author illustrates the impact of forgiveness and mercy through a series of personal anecdotes, historical events, and biblical stories. In "Babette's Feast," a destitute woman is taken in by two sisters and years later invites an entire

community to a feast in thanksgiving.

**RC 58752 *When Difficult Relatives Happen to Good People: Surviving Your Family and Keeping Your Sanity***, by Leonard Felder

Advice by a psychologist on coping with difficult relatives. Drawing on his practice for examples of effective techniques, covers holidays, religion, money, addictions, bigotry, and other topics that trigger negativity.

**RC 59469 *Hallelujah! The Welcome Table: a Lifetime of Memories with Recipes***, by Maya Angelou

Author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (RC 57200) shares favorite recipes from her Southern childhood and penny-pinching days and from her more-recent repertoire of elaborate feasts. Includes anecdotes and stories of dining at home and with her good friends. Bestseller.

**RC 60586 *Now Picture This***, by Robin Jones Gunn

As relatives gather at the Jensen household for Thanksgiving, Sierra wants privacy to reflect on Paul's recent letter. Sierra avoids the chaos by dreaming of being Paul's girlfriend, but then she begins to wonder if it's okay with God to ignore her family. For junior and senior high readers. ■

## Golden Oldies From Our Studios

Here are more books recorded in our own studios in past years that are still wonderful to read. To order, please check the box next to the RC number and return this page to Talking Book and Braille Service, or contact your Readers Advisor.

**RC 629** *When the Tree Flowered: the Story of Eagle Voice, a Sioux Indian*, by John G. Neihardt

3 cassettes                      Native Americans

**RC 630** *Soar with Your Strengths*, by Donald O. Clifton and Paula Nelson

1 cassette                      Management

**RC 634** *Tickly Tiger*, by Garnett Bond

1 cassette                      Animal story for K-2

**RC 635** *Inventions of Mr. Tinkers-A-Lot*, by Garnett Bond

1 cassette                      Children's story, K-2

**RC 636** *Homestead Fever*, by

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## Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Use pages 7 and 8 to mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail it to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

**AARP The Magazine**

**Arizona Highways**

**Buena Vida**

**Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness**

**Older Nebraskans' Voice**

**Southern Living**

**Sports 'N Spokes**

**Vital Speeches of the Day**

**Yankee**

**RC 888**

**RC 957**

**RC 1009**

**RC 1012**

**RC 46096**

**RC 47086**

**RC 50647**

**RC 53181**

**RC 55498**

**RC 55697**

**RC 56055**

**RC 58752**

**RC 59469**

**RC 60586**

- Marie Kramer  
3 cassette Pioneer
- RC 640 *Moon Woman***, by Ardiss Cederholm  
1 cassette Poetry
- RC 641 *Monogamy***, by Marly Swick  
2 cassette Short stories  
Contains some strong language.
- RC 642 *Hawk Flies Above: Journey to the Heart of the Sandhills***, by Lisa Dale Norton  
2 cassettes Autobiography
- RC 643 *Historic Haunted America***, by Michael Norman and Beth Scott  
4 cassettes Ghost stories
- RC 644 *Bubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble***, by Shirley Lueth  
2 cassettes Family humor
- RC 645 *Watch Out!! I'm Peeking***

- in Your Window!***, by Shirley Lueth  
2 cassettes Family humor
- RC 646 *On Solid Ground***, by Tom Osborne  
2 cassettes Football
- RC 647 *Nebraska: an Illustrated History***, by Frederick C. Luebke  
2 cassettes Nebraska history
- RC 648 *Growing Up in Plainview: Stories of Plainview, Nebraska***, by Walter E. Sehnert  
2 cassettes Autobiography
- RC 650 *Nebraska Stories***, by Ron Hansen  
1 cassette Short stories
- RC 651 *Behind Every Champion: 1995 Cornhusker Football Seniors***, by Keith A. Zimmer  
2 cassettes Football