

Non-Fiction that Reads Like Fiction

This list is for a page-turning, true story that grabs you like a novel. All titles are located in the adult non-fiction collection.

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America (Large Print 364.15 Larson)

An account of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 relates the stories of two men who shaped the history of the event--architect Daniel H. Burnham, who coordinated its construction, and serial killer Herman Mudgett.

Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan (636.752 Grogan)

Follows the life story of an exuberant Labrador retriever who gets into perpetual trouble and experiences a range of inspiring adventures, from shutting down an entire beach to guarding a seventeen-year-old neighbor after a stabbing attack.

Dewey: The Small-town Library Cat Who Touched the World by Vicki Myron (636.809 Myron)

Traces the author's discovery of a half-frozen kitten in the drop-box of her small-community Iowa library and the feline's development into an affable library mascot whose intuitive nature prompted hundreds of abiding friendships.

Julie and Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen by Julie Powell (641.5 Powell)

The author recounts how she escaped the doldrums of an unpromising career by mastering every recipe in *Julia* Child's 1961 classic, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," a year-long endeavor that transformed her life.

Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World has Never Seen by Christopher McDougall (796.42 McDougall)

McDougall reveals the secrets of the world's greatest distance runners--the Tarahumara Indians of Copper Canyon, Mexico--and how he trained for the challenge of a lifetime: a fifty-mile race through the heart of Tarahumara country pitting the tribe against an odd band of super-athletic Americans.

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia (910.4 Gilbert)

Traces the author's decision to quit her job and travel the world for a year after suffering a midlife crisis and divorce, a journey that took her to three places in her quest to explore her own nature and learn the art of spiritual balance.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story by John Berendt (975.872 B)

Presents a true story of intrigue, murder, forgery and eccentricity set in the steamy, surreal atmosphere of Savannah, Georgia. This book brings the unpredictable twists and turns of a murder case that are interwoven with a first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South.

Running With Scissors: A Memoir by Augusten Burroughs (Biography Burroughs)

The author describes his bizarre coming-of-age years after his adoption by his mother's psychiatrist, during which he witnessed such misadventures as a fake suicide attempt and front-lawn family/patient sleepovers.