

WTBBL Recommended Reads: Braille Literacy Month, 2023

January is National Braille Literacy Month! To celebrate, here is a variety of books available in both Braille and audio formats.

Big Magic: Creative Living beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert, 2015. ([BR021240](#) and [DB082605](#))

A guide to creativity from the author of ***Eat, Pray, Love*** ([DB061789](#)). Gilbert encourages anyone who ever wanted to write, paint, or do anything creative to let go of fear and be inspired. Shares approaches and attitudes that could help people lead more creative lives.

***Get a Life, Chloe Brown* [#1, Brown Sisters series]** by Talia Hibbert, 2019. ([BR023327](#) and [DB097496](#))

Chloe is a chronically ill computer geek with a goal, a plan, and a list. After almost—but not quite—dying, she's come up with six directives to help her "Get a Life." But it's not easy being bad, even when you've written step-by-step guidelines on how to do it correctly. What Chloe needs is a teacher, and she knows just the man for the job: Redford 'Red' Morgan, a handyman with tattoos, a motorcycle, and more sex appeal than ten-thousand Hollywood heartthrobs. He's also an artist who paints at night and hides his work in the light of day...which Chloe knows because she spies on him occasionally. Just the teeniest, tiniest bit.

The Girl Who Reads on the Metro by Christine Féret-Fleury, 2019. ([BR023536](#) and [DB097251](#))

One morning in Paris, Juliette walks through a rusty gate wedged open with a book into the bizarre and enchanting lives of Soliman and his young daughter, Zaide. Soliman hires Juliette to take used books into the world and match them with readers. Translated from the 2017 French edition.

Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: How Daring Dreams and Unyielding Friendship Turned One Man's Blindness Into an Extraordinary Vision for Life by Sanford D. Greenberg, 2020. ([BR023252](#) and [DB100264](#))

Author describes how losing his eyesight as a junior in college affected his life trajectory. He went on to Harvard and Oxford and – among any other accomplishments – invented a compressed speech machine which speeds up the reproduction of words from recordings without distorting any sound. The title reflects his long friendship with Art Garfunkel.

Native Seattle: Histories from the Crossing-Over Place by Coll-Peter Thrush, 2008. ([BRC01795](#) and [DBC06921](#))

In Seattle, the strands of urban and Indigenous history have always been intertwined. Including an atlas of Indigenous Seattle created with linguist Nile Thompson, *Native Seattle* is a new kind of urban Native American history, a book with implications that reach far beyond the region.

Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghy.
([BR023908](#) and [DB104524](#))

Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with her twin sister, Aggie, to lead a team of biologists reintroducing 14 gray wolves into the remote Highlands. She hopes to heal not only the dying landscape, but also Aggie, who is traumatized by the secrets that drove them out of Alaska.

Playlist for the Apocalypse: Poems by Rita Dove, 2021. ([BR023936](#) and [DB105310](#))

Collection of 73 poems by the author of *Mother Love* ([DB041331](#)). Poems range from exploring the experience of the first Jewish ghetto in sixteenth-century Venice to the efforts of Black Lives Matter, and themes scope between the individual and the global.

The Story of Arthur Truluv [#1, Mason series] by Elizabeth Berg, 2017. ([BR022155](#) and [DB089990](#))

Grieving widower Arthur eats lunch in the cemetery every day to be near his wife's grave. There he meets troubled teenage Maddy, and the pair form a friendship that helps them both out of their isolation.

This Is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone, 2019. ([BR023272](#) and [DB096148](#))

Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between

two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, grows into something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future. Except the discovery of their bond would mean death for each of them.