

Librarians in Fact and Fiction

Although we librarians tend to see ourselves as superstars, the general public, particularly writers, sometimes have a more jaundiced view. Luckily we also have our defenders.

[Library: An Unquiet History](#) by Matthew Battles

From a Harvard University librarian, a world-wide history of libraries: the concept, the building, the librarian.

[The Librarian](#) by Larry Beinhart

A university librarian moonlights for an eccentric billionaire and ends up on a most wanted criminals list.

[The Uncommon Reader](#) by Alan Bennett

A palace bookmobile introduces the Queen of England to the pleasures of reading – with mixed results.

[Free for All: Oddballs, Geeks and Gangstas in the Public Library](#) by Don Borchet

An account of the motley assortment of people who frequent public libraries.

[The World's Strongest Librarian](#) by Josh Hanagarne

Josh, a public librarian, keeps his Tourette's under control with strength training.

[The Borrower](#) by Rebecca Makkai

An 11 year old boy with crazy parents is "rescued" by a children's librarian.

[The Giant's House](#) by Elizabeth McCracken

Librarian Peggy Cort feels that life has passed her by until an 11 year old giant named James comes to her circulation desk.

[Neighborhood Watch](#) by Cammie McGovern

When the media dubbed "Librarian Murderess" is released on DNA evidence, she returns to her former neighborhood and tries to find the real killer.

[Running the Books](#) by Avi Steinberg

The subtitle says it all: "The adventures of an accidental prison librarian."