

Books Added to HH Library August 5, 2026

FICTION

My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

My Brilliant Friend was first published in Italian in 2011, and it lays the tracks: two girls in a rough Naples neighborhood, in the 1950s and into early 60s, trying to become themselves when the world keeps insisting who they should be. It's social history, coming-of-age, and an autopsy of female friendship wrapped into one. If you've ever loved your best friend so fiercely it changed your life—and sometimes made you a little monstrous—you'll see yourself here.

MYSTERY

A Novel Murder by E.C. Nevin

In the quaint English town of Hoslewit, the biggest names in crime writing have congregated to celebrate all things bookish and murderous. Author Jane Hepburn is determined to make her time at the Killer Lines festival worthwhile. This is her chance to change her fortunes and make her fictional Private Detective Baker a household name. And if she has to resort to sneaking into the book tent after hours to rearrange some books so hers are front and center, so be it.

NON-FICTION

The Johnstown Flood by David McCulloch

The Johnstown Flood of 1889, a deluge of water and debris that tore through a steel community in Central Pennsylvania, killing more than 2,000 people and causing millions of dollars in damage. The flood resulted from a dam bursting in the mountains above Johnstown. The dam had been somewhat hurriedly built to create a lake for an exclusive summer resort, and although known to be weak, calls for it to be reinforced were ignored. The disaster that ensued is a story of inequality, greed, and gross negligence. To tell it, McCullough interviewed some of the few living survivors of the flood that has since become a national scandal etched into the American consciousness.

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