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Holidays in the Springtime, Fiction and Nonfiction

Listed here are a variety of fiction and non-fiction, juvenile and adult books celebrating the many secular and religious holidays and events that occur during the spring months. Books cover Easter and Passover to Mother's Day and Daylight Savings Time. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Most titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

What My Mother Gave Me: Thirty-One Women on the Gifts that Mattered Most by Elizabeth Benedict

Read by Dawn Ursula

8 hours, 7 minutes

Collection of thirty-one essays by women writers--including Lisa See, Emma Straub, Elinor Lipman, and Joyce Carol Oates--on gifts given to them by their mothers. Straub, author of *Other People We Married* (DB0 74848), reminisces about a boat tour she received as a birthday present in "Three-Hour Tour." 2013.

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Jesus of Nazareth. Holy Week : from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection by Pope Benedict XVI

Read by Bill Wallace

11 hours, 20 minutes

Pope Benedict continues his biography of the flesh-and-blood Jesus, as revealed in the Gospels. Explains the challenges Jesus faced and interprets the meaning of his life, teaching, death, and resurrection. Sequel to *Jesus of Nazareth: From Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration* (DB0 64444).

Translated from German. Bestseller. 2011.

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Ask Another Question: the Story of Passover by Miriam Chaikin

Read by Suzanne Toren

1 hour, 49minutes

The origin and development of the Jewish celebration of freedom. As the Exodus story is retold, the colorful songs, special foods, and traditions of the holiday are described. Includes a discussion of Passover customs observed in different parts of the world. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

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Stories Behind the Traditions and Songs of Easter by Ace Collins

Read By Jack Fox

4 hours, 39 minutes

Award-winning author explores historical and religious origins of customs associated with the Christian holiday of Easter. Discusses the roots of Lent, passion plays, sunrise services, Easter parades, Easter eggs, and the Easter bunny as well as the inspiration for such hymns as "He Lives!" and "The Old Rugged Cross." 2007.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB066620

Red, White, and Blue Letter Days an American Calendar by Matthew Dennis

Read by Ted Stoddard

14 hours, 29 minutes

Professor describes the history and origin of American civic holidays and how they reflect the politics and values of this country. Includes the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Columbus Day, Labor Day, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. 2002

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Spring Forward the Annual Madness of Daylight Saving by Michael Downing

Read by Ray Childs

7 hours, 13 minutes

Chronicles the history of seasonal one-hour clock changes first signed into U.S. law in 1918 to maximize daylight hours and save energy during World War I. Draws on congressional minutes and newspaper reports to trace decades of debate, controversy, and confusion persisting into the twenty-first century. 2005.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB060538

Purim by Howard Greenfeld

Read by Suzanne Toren

17 minutes

Describes the customs associated with the Jewish feast of Purim, a joyous occasion which celebrates Queen Esther's victory over the wicked Haman and the deliverance of the Jewish people. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

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April Fool Dead: A Death on Demand Mystery by Carolyn G. Hart

Read by Mitzi Friedlander

9 hours, 41 minutes

This is the 13th book in the Death on Demand series.

In her South Carolina island hometown, bookstore owner Annie Darling distributes fliers advertising an author's book signing. Then someone plays a vicious joke with counterfeit fliers accusing residents of various crimes. Annie ties the bogus fliers into the murders of a teacher and, later, a student. 2002.

[Download from BARD: April Fool Dead a Death on Demand Mystery](#)

Also available on digital cartridge DB054054

Wonders and Miracles a Passover Companion by Eric A. Kimmel

Read by Corrie James

3 hours, 55 minutes

Presents the steps performed in a traditional Passover Seder. Contains poetry, prayers, songs, and stories that celebrate the historical significance of this holiday to Jews all around the world. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2004.

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Kevin Kling's Holiday Inn by Kevin Kling

Read by Aubrey Deeker

5 hours, 14 minutes

National Public Radio commentator pens good-humored autobiographical stories about holidays throughout the year. Describes celebrating his fourth birthday inside a glass "cage" at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, after measles postponed his operation, and holding his breath--and fainting--during Easter services at church. 2009.

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Easter: Parades, Chocolates, and Celebration by Elaine Landau

Read by Dave Corey

33 minutes

Explains the origins of the Easter celebration and its importance for Christians. Discusses the Easter bunny, Easter symbols, and modern customs. Includes a craft project. For grades 2-4. 2004.

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Easter Poems by Myra Cohn Livingston

Read By John Horton

19 minutes

A collection of poems on Easter themes, including translations from Russian and German. John Ciardi, William Jay Smith, Hilda Conkling, and Joan Aiken are a few of the authors represented. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

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Chocolate Holidays: Unforgettable Desserts for Every Season by Alice Medrich

Read by Barbara Pinolini

4 hours, 22 minutes

Triple winner of the Cookbook of the Year award presents more than fifty recipes for chocolate desserts, for each holiday of the year and special occasions. Designed to follow the calendar, the recipes include chocolate pecan pie, breakfast Valentines, Passover brownies, chocolate Easter baskets, and chocolate-dipped strawberries. 2001.

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Show Me the Way: Readings for Each Day of Lent by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Read by Miriam Wagner

3 hours, 53 minutes

The author guides readers along a forty-day pilgrimage beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday. Daily entries for the Lenten season contain a biblical passage followed by meditations on recurring themes, such as commitment and faith, and concluding with a prayer.

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Snow in April by Rosamunde Pilcher

Read by George Holmes

5 hours, 18 minutes

Caroline Cliburn is supposed to be married in a few days. But first she and her brother Jody are determined to find their vanished brother Angus, who is working in Scotland. They only expect to be gone for a few days, but when a spring snowstorm hits and they have a car accident, they end up at the home of Oliver Cairney, a charming bachelor.

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And Four to Go: A Nero Wolfe Novel by Rex Stout

Read By Conrad Feininger

5 hours, 46 minutes

Four short mysteries featuring orchid-growing New York private detective Nero Wolfe. Includes "Murder Is No Joke" and seasonal tales "Easter Parade," "Fourth of July Picnic," and "Christmas Party," in which Wolfe's assistant Archie Goodwin suspects a sadistic Santa is behind a not-so-festive poisoning. 1992 introduction by Jane Haddam. 1956.

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