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FEBRUARY 2025

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FEBRUARY 17

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CONTINUES

AND MORE



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Library Prepares for New Carpeting

The carpet project is coming along nicely, with work wrapping up in Youth Services. Work will continue on the second floor through this month, and possibly into March.

For updates on which spaces are currently open to the public, visit www.AmesPL.org/carpet

Photo Exhibit: Ames History Pillars

February 1-24, Vestibule

Between 1998 and 2000, the City of Ames underwent a new downtown comprehensive plan which included terracotta sculptures displayed on pillars along 5th Street. Artist David B. Dahlquist designed the sculptures, representing people, places, and organizations which contributed to Ames' history.

Photos of the sculptures, taken before their removal to storage in 2024, will be on display in the Library's Vestibule through February 24.

Teen D&D Campaign

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, Storytime Room

Register at www.AmesPL.org/events

Teens are invited to sign up for a five-week Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Please plan to attend all five sessions.

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Homeschool BOOK CLUB



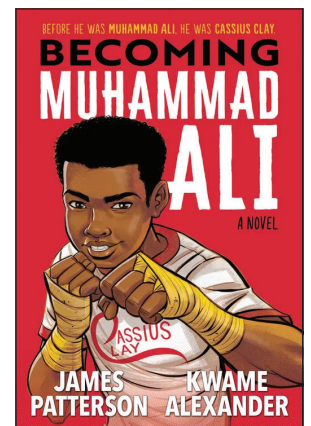
1st Thursday of Each Month
10am, Teen Space

Join Library staff for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling!

Families are invited to read the book of the month (together or independently), then come to the Library for a discussion and related activities.

This event and books are geared for school-age kids or middle-grade reading level, but all ages are welcome.

February 6:
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander



March 6:
The Great Trouble by Deborah Hopkinson

Kids Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(February 4 & 18)
4pm, Storytime Room

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 1-5 are welcome to come have fun. Drop in and learn how to play or make new friends with other chess lovers.



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Teen Videogames

Thursdays
4-6pm, Teen Space

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames in the Teen Space! A virtual reality system will be available to try out, too.



Sunday, February 9
1:30-4:30pm, Storytime Room

Math Minds Unite is a tutoring program for any child in grades 3-8 who may need a little extra help developing math skills. Participants will be matched with a tutor who can work through grade-level math problems and help in areas where students need extra focus.

Groups will work through problems, play games, and have fun while reinforcing mathematics concepts.

No registration is necessary.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month
(February 8)
10am-12pm, Rotary Room

Crafters of all ages are invited to join fellow fiber arts enthusiasts and work on their projects. Knit, crochet, embroidery, or any other fiber craft is welcome!



Please bring your own materials.

Pokémon Club

2nd Sunday of Each Month (February 9)
2-3:30pm, Auditorium

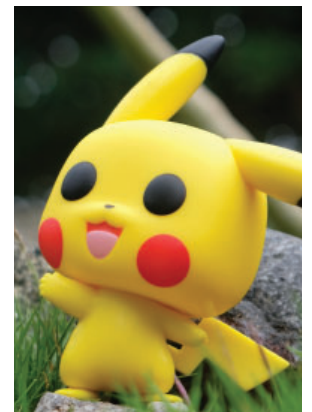
Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Library-supplied deck to battle other players.

You can bring your decks to talk and strategize with other players, but card trading will not be allowed.

Don't want to play? Come to watch others, enjoy Poké-art activities, chat with other kids, and build a supportive community of friends!

Kids ages 8 and under need to bring a caregiver along to help. Caregivers: not sure what Pokémon is all about? This is a great opportunity to learn along with your kids!

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Saturday, February 8
2-4pm, Auditorium

It is hard to make friends as an adult! Join us for a round of speed friend-matching and casual socializing.

There will be guided one-on-one conversations followed by time to hang out, play games, and chat. Light refreshments will be provided.

Everyone 18 or older is welcome.

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Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(February 9)
2-4pm, PEO Room

Teens in 6th - 12th grade are invited to escape into creative writing and connect with other teen writers.



Each month, attendees will be led through prompts and exercises to help develop and stretch their creative writing skills. Attendees will be given a chance to share their work and have a chance to support others.

No experience is necessary so all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

At the end of the school year, writers will be asked to submit 1 to 3 pieces (depending on genre) for inclusion in an anthology, and a celebratory reading will be held.

If you have any questions, please reach out to info@ameswriterscollective.org.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Writers Collective.

A graphic for a workshop. On the left, a blue triangle contains the text 'TEEN WORKSHOP: Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention' and the Ames Public Library logo. On the right, a photograph shows a person's hands holding a pregnancy test stick.

Monday, February 10
3-4pm, Teen Space

Teens in grades 6th-12th are invited to the Teen Space for a short presentation about pregnancy prevention.

YSS staff will be there to chat about any questions or concerns you have.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.

LEGO® Builders

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(February 11 & 25)
4pm, Storytime Room

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to get creative and build with lots of LEGO®! We'll provide the bricks while the kids provide the imagination.

All LEGO® will remain at the Library, so bring a camera to capture a photo of your build. Please leave your own LEGO® at home so they don't get mixed up with the Library's.



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A large advertisement for language learning. The top half has a yellow and white background with the text 'Language-learning for all ages!'. Below this is a circular image of a smiling panda holding several small flags (USA, China, Spain, France). To the right of the panda, text reads: 'Did you know you can learn to speak another language for FREE with your local Library? Check out Mango or Little Pim and soon you'll be speaking in Spanish, Mandarin, or even Pirate.' Below this is the website 'www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases to get started.' At the bottom, there are logos for 'MANGO' (a colorful geometric logo) and 'LITTLE Pim' (a blue cursive logo). The bottom of the ad features a decorative border of colorful geometric shapes.

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(February 12)
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at [AmesPL.org/events](https://www.AmesPL.org/events) or e-mail
gcoffey@amespubliclibrary.org

Hey 6th-12th graders, help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you're reading, make new friends, and eat some food!

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Thursday, February 13
10am-1pm, Auditorium

Join the Mainstream Living community for a monthly movie screening and related activity!

Selected movies are appropriate for adults who are neurodivergent and/or have an intellectual disability. Movies with Mainstream is open to all ages! This month, we'll watch *Tiger's Apprentice* with a tiger-related craft activity to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



Don't miss out on Library news or special events!

- ✓ Follow us on Facebook or Instagram
- ✓ Sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter
- ✓ Pick up our monthly *Page One* newsletter or read it online at www.AmesPL.org/PageOne



2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(February 14 & 22)
9:30-10:30am, Teen Space

Parenting babies and toddlers is full of challenges. Join this welcoming community of families as we support each other and grow together through the early years of pregnancy, postpartum, and parenthood.

Facilitated by experienced mothers, these monthly meetups connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth and parenthood.

Ames Public Library and the
Bookmobile will be

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Monday, February 17

International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(February 18)
5pm, Auditorium

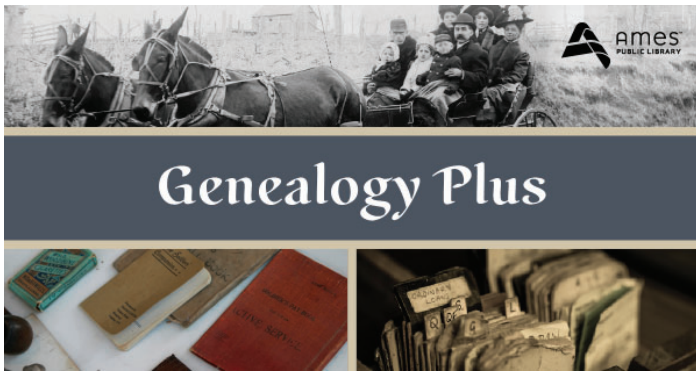
Join fellow international residents on the third Tuesday of each month for fun activities and culture-sharing.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University's International Students and Scholars Office.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NoveList</p> <p>Want to pick up some reading material, but unsure what to request?</p> <p>NoveList can help! This special website is created by librarians and book experts for book lovers like you! It can help you pick books based on genres, "appeal" factors, and age group.</p> <p>Best of all, you can use it for free with your Ames Public Library card! Get started at www.AmesPL.org/databases</p>		 <p>Find Your Mix</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Photo Exhibit: Ames History Pillars February 1-24, Vestibule</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p>Conversation Circles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Russian: 3-4pm ↑ French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</p>
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If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.



Genealogy Plus

Wednesday, February 19
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Did You Listen to Your Ancestors?

Speaker — Dr. Paul Lasley

Based upon his 40+ years of teaching rural sociology at Iowa State University, Dr. Lasley has quizzed students about the lessons they learned from their parents as way to introduce the cultural transmission of rural values. Through adages, metaphors and “front porch sayings,” values and experiences of our ancestors were ingrained in our upbringing that shape who we are.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story County Genealogical Society.



Thursday, February 20, at 7pm
Northminster Presbyterian Church*
1416 20th Street, Ames

Clarissa Thompson, Executive Director of Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) will shed light on the challenges and potential solutions to poverty in our community.

*** Please note off-site location.**

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County.

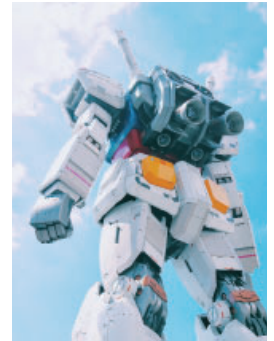
Teen Anime Club

3rd Friday of Each Month
(February 21)
4-6pm, Teen Space

Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga.

Open to 6th-12th graders.

Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



Saturday, February 22
10am-12pm, PEO Room or via Zoom


Do you dream of writing “someday,” but don’t know where to start? Perhaps you already write, but you’re stuck.

Join this free monthly writing workshop for adults, which provides a safe space for writers of all stages and genres to generate stories inspired by prompts running the gamut from phrases, poems, photography, guest authors and their prompts, or a piece of artwork.

We will read our stories to one another and share only positive feedback.

These workshops are inspired by the Amherst Writers & Artists Method, which believes that everyone is a writer.

Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library in partnership with the Ames Writers Collective.



Adventures Along the Historic Lincoln Highway in Iowa



Wednesday, February 26
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Register at ameshistory.org to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

Topic – Adventures Along the Lincoln Highway

Speaker – Darcy Maulsby, Iowa journalist and historian

Nothing says freedom like the great American road trip, especially when you cruise the historic Lincoln Highway in Iowa. Known as Highway 30, the Lincoln Highway revolutionized our state and country when it was developed more than a century ago.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum. Program funded by Humanities Iowa.



Outdoor Alliance



Thursday, February 27, at 7pm, Auditorium

Topic – Story County Water and Land Legacy

Speaker – Mike Cox, Story County Conservation Director

Last November, voters passed the Story County Water and Land Legacy (SCWLL) Bond with nearly 78% approval. Come learn more about the work included in the SCWLL and how the public can stay informed of the progress.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Outdoor Alliance of Story County.



Creating Buzz: The Joy, Ease, and Challenge of Supporting Pollinators

Saturday, March 1
10am, Auditorium or via Zoom

This lively presentation dives into the fun of planting beautiful, nectar-rich flowers, the ease of simple steps like reducing sprays and mowing less, and the rewarding challenge of shifting attitudes about weeds and wild spaces.

Ames Reads Leopold

Saturday, March 1
1:30-4pm, Rotary Room

Hear the thought-provoking words of Iowa's own Aldo Leopold, widely acknowledged as the father of wildlife conservation and a strong advocate for a "Land Ethic" in America.

Natural Discoveries

Sunday, March 2
2pm, Storytime Room

Join ISU's Environmental Education Club for storytime, a craft, and fun activities.

Summer Camp Fair

Saturday, March 8
9am-12pm, City Hall Gymnasium

Find out about some of the camps and activities offered for families in the Ames area this summer.

Book Sale

March 13-16, Auditorium

Ames Public Library

BOOK SALE

515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium

Thursday

MAR. 13

5:30-8:30pm

\$2 Admission

Free admission and early entry starting at 5pm for current donors to the APLFF at the \$20 level and above.

Fri. & Sat.

MAR. 14-15

9am-6pm

FREE Admission

Sunday

MAR. 16

12-5pm

\$1 Admission

Everything FREE!
(Auditorium Only)

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Mary Greeley
MEDICAL CENTER

Behavioral Health at the Library

Mondays, 11am-1pm, 1st Floor Study Room

Staff from Mary Greeley Medical Center will be available in the Library to talk about inpatient and outpatient mental health services in the Ames community.



UnityPoint Health
Eyerly Ball

COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES

Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm
1st Floor Study Room

Staff from UnityPoint Health-Eyerly Ball will be available in the Library to connect you with mental health services.



**AGING
RESOURCES**
of Central Iowa

The Experts on Aging & Disability

2nd Tuesday of Each Month (February 11)
9am-12pm, 1st Floor Study Room

Staff from Aging Resources of Central Iowa will be available in the Library to provide information about maximizing the quality of life, independence, health, and safety of older adults.

Get assistance with state applications, such as applying for Medicaid, waiver assistance, food stamps, etc. and continued follow through until the process is complete. Staff can also find resources to safely stay at home or connect to resources to help with a level of care change move (nursing facility, assisted living, etc).

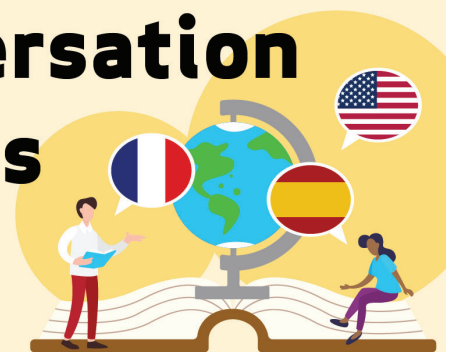
**THE
BRIDGE
HOME**



Thursdays: 4-7pm, 1st Floor Study Room

Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more. Staff members will also be available to connect community members who are experiencing homelessness with vital services.

**Conversation
Circles**



English: Mondays
12:30-1:30pm, Auditorium

Gather for casual conversations in English. The focus of this group is to help English Language Learners gain confidence and fluency in a comfortable and fun setting. Library staff will pair native and non-native speakers and provide themes, questions, and topics for conversation.

Spanish: Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

Chinese: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
of Each Month, 6-7pm

German: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of Each Month, 7-8pm

Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Board Room or Zoom

Gather (in person or online) for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable speaking in another language.

THE BOOKMOBILE



MONDAY

Mitchell School:
2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)
Sawyer School:
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

The Bookmobile
will be **CLOSED**
Monday, Feb. 17.

TUESDAY

St. Cecilia School: 3-4pm (Hoover & 30th Street)

WEDNESDAY

Edwards School: 2:30-3:30pm (820 Miller)
Fareway on Stage: 5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

THURSDAY

ISU Campus: 11am-1pm
(Near Kildee Food Truck Court)

We ♥ Donors

*by Cassie Benning Luze, Development Director
Ames Public Library Friends Foundation*

A big giant thank you to everyone who has responded to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation annual holiday mailing! Our end-of-year appeal is a vital part of our fundraising efforts each year, and you have responded so generously. Your support today makes an impact long into the future. If you haven't made your gift yet, it's not too late! Go to www.APLFF.org to make a donation.

One of our winter themes should be "pardon our mess" as the Library wraps up a huge carpet replacement project. Thank you for your patience as we work through the process. The good news is that many programs and activities continue almost as usual in February.

Don't forget to include the Library among your stops during Downtown Ames' 2025 Heart of Ames celebration February 1-16. Stop by to pick up a book or movie you love, or bring your child or grandchild to the Library for a play date!

February is also Black History Month. This year's national theme, "African Americans and Labor," focuses on the many and profound ways that work of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. One of my favorite quotes from Frederick Douglass is "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

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STORYTIMES & MORE

Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm
Wednesdays at 11am
Thursdays at 6:30pm
Storytime Room

Bring your pre-walker to the Library for stories, songs, and baby sign language. Join with other caregivers and older siblings for 20 minutes of fun and learning. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal or doll for the older sibling to learn along with you. Babies and caregivers are welcome to stay and play after the event!



Fridays at 10:30am, Auditorium

Families are invited to enjoy a short storytime and get hands-on with a fun related STEM activity for all ages!

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Wednesdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

Families with toddlers are invited for a storytime filled with music, stories, and fun!



Family Storytime

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

Preschool-age children and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities while building early literacy skills.

@ the Ice Arena

1st Friday of Each Month (February 7)
11am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena

Join Library staff at the ice arena on the first Friday of each month for a free storytime!

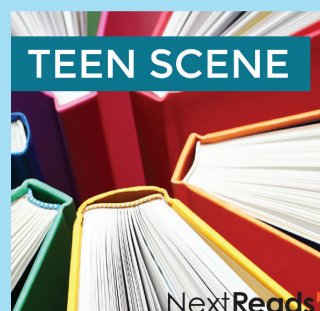
After the storytime, the ice arena will offer skating and children's activities on the ice for a small fee.

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BOOK GROUPS

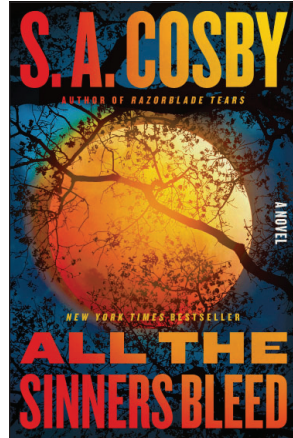
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Board Room

Mystery readers, come talk
about books by a selected
author or on a theme!

February 5:
S. A. Cosby

March 5:
Deborah Crombie

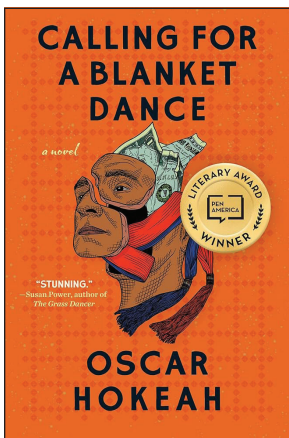


VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month
7pm, PEO Room or via Zoom

Check out this book group for fresh insights and lively
discussion about topics relating to society, identity, and
culture.

Book selections include fiction and non-fiction from a
wide variety of perspectives and marginalized identities.



February 26:
**Calling for a
Blanket Dance**
by Oscar Hokeah

March 26:
**Lost and Found:
Reflections on
Grief, Gratitude
and Happiness**
by Kathryn Schulz

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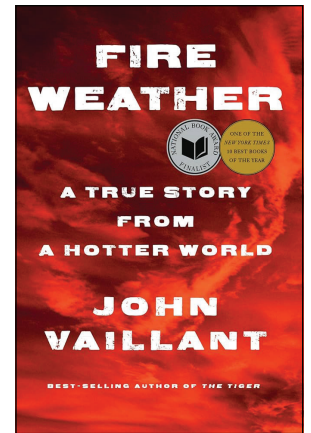
028: REAL READS Book Group

2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, PEO Room or via Zoom

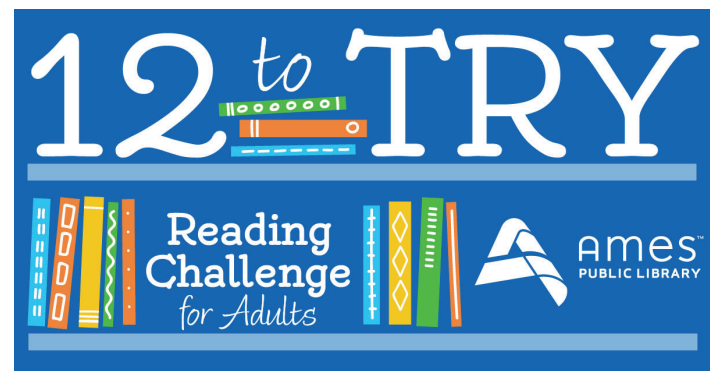
028 focuses on recently published, popular nonfiction
on a variety of topics.

February 13:
Fire Weather:
*On the Front Lines
of a Burning World*
by John Vaillant

March 13:
**But You Look
So Normal: Lost
and Found in a
Hearing World** by
Claudia Marseille



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