

The Library Book

by Susan Orlean

A constant pleasure to read ... Everybody who loves books should check out *The Library Book*. – THE WASHINGTON POST

Irresistible ... A flitting and meandering masterpiece ... This is a joyful book. – SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Exquisitely written, consistently entertaining ... A loving tribute not just to a place or an institution but to an idea. –THE NEW YORK TIMES

Explores the facts behind the 1986 arson fire at the Los Angeles Central Library, including the guilt or innocence of the man who was arrested for setting the fire, but never charged

Relates the history of Los Angeles, and of its public library, with biographical sketches of historical and contemporary librarians

Takes us behind-the-scenes at the library, including a discussion of library buildings and their design

Above all *The Library Book* describes the role that libraries play in our communities and our democracy, responding to crises, and providing a center for civic engagement.

Winner of the California Book Award, and named a Best Book of the Year by the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR and several others.

Find out more about The Library Book by Susan Orlean:

A conversation at the LA public library

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6LeK2IF6uQ>

Saving Central Library: Remembering the Fire and Recovery

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMaw-Tbt mXc>

Interview --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY3Wxafosbw>

"The Power of Narrative" Conference: Susan Orlean

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0_0QyIexAw

Writer Susan Orlean on the Art of Telling Amazing Stories

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4JEpUygUmQ>

Walking Tour | Los Angeles Central Library - Downtown Los Angeles, California

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PzkIN0ekPA>