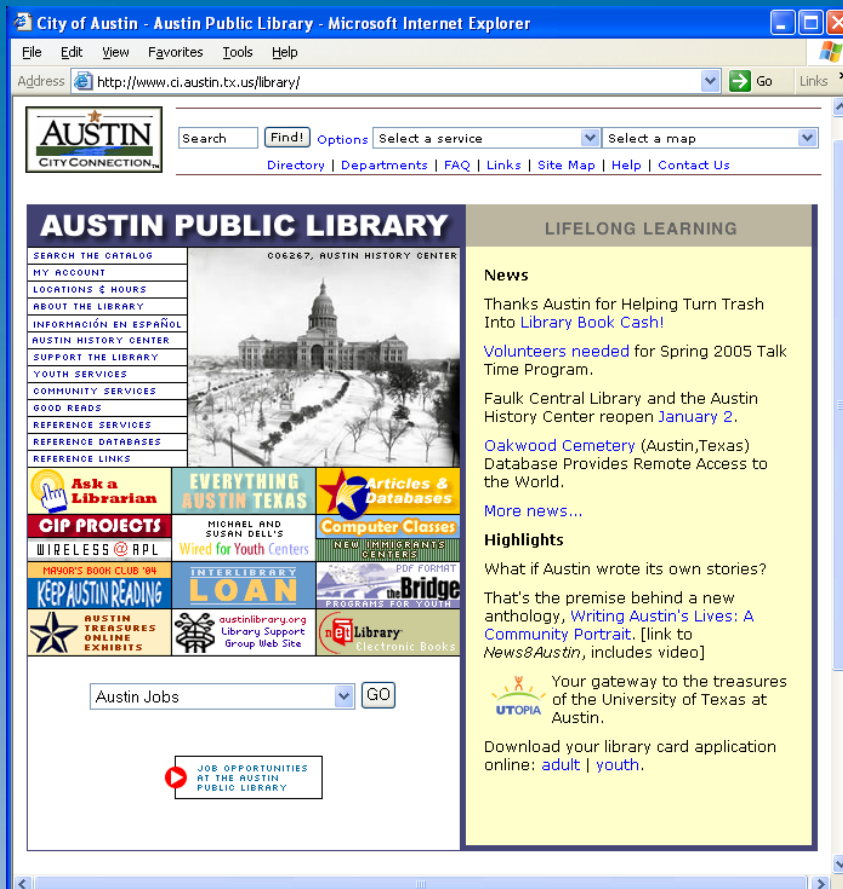


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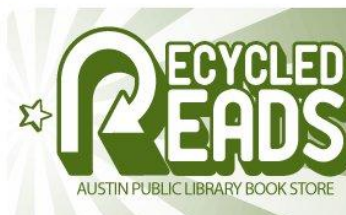
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Bruce Springsteen is a Genius

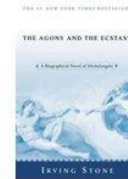
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Bob Dylan said that he would never again write like he did when he was young; that wherever it is those great songs come from is inaccessible to him now. After reading a couple of tepid reviews of Springsteen's new album, *Wrecking Ball* (without hearing it), I figured Bruce's best work is behind him, too. His great anthems, "Born to Run", "Born in the USA", "She's the One", were a product of youth,

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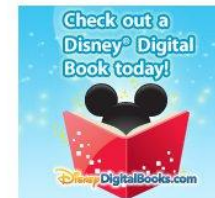
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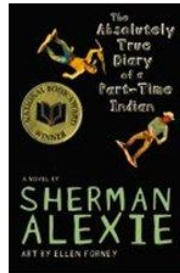
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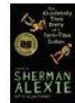
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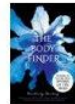
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