

### 2005 - **All That Matters**

by Jan Goldstein

Jennifer Stempler thinks she has nothing left to lose, but when she tries to end it all with a lethal combination of tequila and Xanax, she realizes there is a force out there not yet willing to let Jennifer self destruct—her Nana, Gabby Zuckerman.

### 2004 - **Monkeewrench** by P. J. Tracy

Members of a software company team are horrified when their computer game events are replicated by a ruthless killer.

### 2004 - **Good Hope Road** by Lisa Wingate

After a terrible tornado, Jennilee rescues an elderly neighbor and learns a lot about human resilience.

### 2003 - **The Wedding Dress** by Virginia Ellis

The Atwater sisters sew a wedding dress to symbolize hope after the Civil War leaves them without husbands.

### 2003 - **Small Change: The Secret Life of Penny Burford** by J. Belinda Yandell

Housewife Penny Burford secretly saves all her husband Roy's loose change for charity.

### 2002 - **The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd

Fourteen-year-old Lily seeks sanctuary with her beloved nanny and searches for her past and redemption.

### 2002 - **French Impressions** by John S. Littell

In this memoir, a man obsessed with Hemingway heads for southern France with his family in the summer of 1950.

### 2001 - **Letters for Emily** by Camron Steve Wright

Harry Whitney, an Alzheimer's victim nearing death, writes a series of letters to his granddaughter, Emily.

### 2001 - **Daughter of the Forest** by Juliet Marillier

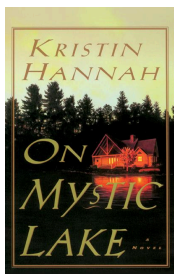
Sorcha must save her family from its enemies who have bewitched her father and six older brothers.

### 2000 - **Thunderhead** by Douglas Preston

Years after her father's mysterious disappearance, archaeologist Nora Kelly follows in his footsteps.

### 2000 - **Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind** by Ann B. Ross

Recently widowed, Miss Julia receives a visit from Hazel Marie, who claims that her son is Julia's husband's child.



### 1999 - **On Mystic Lake**

by Kristin Hannah

Devastated by her divorce, Anne Colwater retreats to her childhood home in Washington, where she encounters her old friend Nick, a widower with an emotionally scarred young daughter.

### 1999 - **Firebird** by Janice Graham

Ethan Brown's secure and planned life is turned upside down when he falls in love with an isolated violinist.

### 1998 - **The Starlite Drive-In** by Marjorie Reynolds

The discovery of human bones at the site of an old drive-in leads Callie Anne Benton to recall the summer of 1956.

### 1998 - **The Maze** by Catherine Coulter

After her sister's death, Lacey Sherlock abandons her career as a concert pianist to track down the murderer.

### 1997 - **The Bone Collector** by Jeffery Deaver

A killer leaves grisly clues while a criminologist and detective race to save kidnapped victims.

### 1997 - **My Real Name Is Lisa** by David Alexander

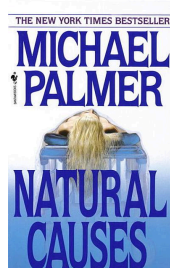
When Peter stumbles across a little girl who insists she's been kidnapped, a desperate race ensues.

### 1996 - **Where the Heart Is** by Billie Letts

Pregnant Novalee Nation hopes for a new life with her boyfriend. Instead, he dumps her in Oklahoma.

### 1995 - **Pandora's Clock** by John J. Nance

A plane is unable to land when a passenger collapses from a deadly virus capable of killing millions.



### 1995 - **Natural Causes**

by Michael Palmer

A horrifying and lethal medical crisis threatens the career of Dr. Sarah Baldwin, a young resident skilled in holistic medicine, and investigators soon discover that the deaths may have nothing to do with natural causes.

### 1995 - **Blue Rodeo** by JoAnn Mapson

Margaret Yearwood completely changes her life when she starts over in the tiny town of Blue Dog, New Mexico.

### 1994 - **Montana 1948** by Larry Watson

Scandal, rape, and murder devastate a family in a small Montana town during the summer of 1948.

### 1994 - **Dying for Chocolate** by Diane Mott Davidson

Caterer Goldy Bear is embroiled in a mystery which includes a menu of wacky characters and tasty recipes.

### 1993 - **Tell Me No Secrets** by Joy Fielding

No-nonsense prosecutor Jess Koster is shattered when the victim in a brutal rape case goes missing.

### 1993 - **The Forever King** by Molly Cochran

King Arthur and Lancelot, reincarnated as a young boy and ex-FBI man, meet again to protect the Holy Grail.

### 1993 - **Doomsday Book** by Connie Willis

Stranded in the 14th century, time traveler Kivrin becomes an unlikely angel of hope during the plague.

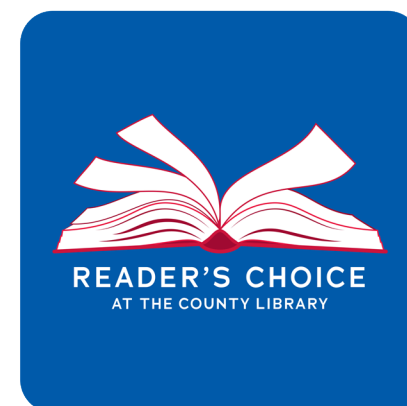
### 1992 - **Loves Music, Loves to Dance**

by Mary Higgins Clark

Erin and Darcy agree to help research a story about personal adds—a decision that leads to the death of one of them.

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# Reader's Choice Winners



Winning reads chosen by  
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1992-2025



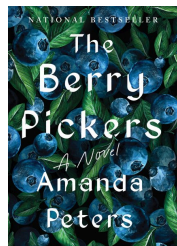
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## Most Recent Winner:



### Spring 2025 - The Berry Pickers

by Amanda Peters

Norma has recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. Searching for the truth leads her to the blueberry fields of Maine.

### 2024 - What You Are Looking For Is in the Library

by Michiko Aoyama

Tokyo's mysterious librarian, Sayuri Komachi, gives her visitors an unexpected book, which has life-altering consequences.

### 2024 - The Collected Regrets of Clover

by Mikki Brammer

Death doulas Clover has no life until she honors the final wishes of a feisty old woman.

### 2023 - Nora Goes Off Script

by Annabel Monaghan

A romance screenwriter is shocked when the leading man asks to stay with her for seven days after shooting wraps.

### 2023 - The Last Chance Library

by Freya Sampson

June Jones must change her solitary life and fight to save her library from closure.

### 2022 - A Peculiar Combination

by Ashley Weaver

Thief Electra McDonnell is forced to help a government official retrieve documents critical to the British war effort.

### 2022 - The Last Flight

by Julie Clark

Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger on the run and assumes the other's identity.

### 2021 - The Finders

by Jeffrey B. Burton

Mace Reid adopts Vera, a new cadaver search dog trainee with a mysterious past.

### 2021 - The Woman in the White Kimono

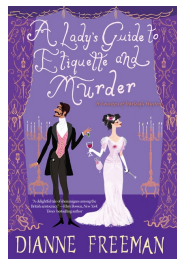
by Ana Johns

Intertwined stories of a young woman from 1950s Japan and a journalist in modern America.

### 2020 - An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good

by Helene Tursten

A body is found in irascible 88-year-old Maud's apartment. Will she finally become a murder suspect?



### 2019 - A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder

by Dianne Freeman

Enjoying unusual freedoms as a widow, the Countess of Harleigh emerges from mourning to host her sister's first London season while navigating an investigation into her husband's death.

### 2019 - The Lost Letter

by Jillian Cantor

An apprentice stamp engraver works for the Austrian resistance and resolves to save the daughter of his Jewish mentor.

### 2018 - The Indigo Girl

by Natasha Boyd

In order to save her family's plantation, Eliza exchanges reading lessons for secrets of the indigo trade.

### 2018 - Not a Sound

by Heather Gudenkauf

Nurse Amelia Winn loses her hearing and rebuilds her life with the help of an assistance dog.

### 2017 - The Dry

by Jane Harper

Agent Aaron Falk returns to his hometown for an old friend's funeral and stays to help investigate the death.

### 2017 - Nine Women, One Dress

by Jane Rosen

The story of the perfect little black dress that changes the lives of nine women.

### 2016 - The Girl Who Wrote in Silk

by Kelli Estes

After inheriting a family estate, Inara Erickson discovers an embroidered sleeve, the key to a family secret.

### 2016 - Girl Underwater

by Claire Kells

Avery's love for water changes when the plane she is traveling on crashes, leaving only five alive.

### 2015 - A Man Called Ove

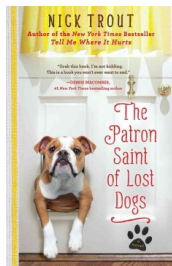
by Fredrik Backman

Ove's cranky and short-tempered exterior hides a terrible personal loss while he clashes with new neighbors.

### 2015 - Delicious!

by Ruth Riechl

Answering a defunct cooking magazine's hotline, Billie discovers a secret trove of letters written to James Beard.



### 2014 - The Patron Saint of Lost Dogs

by Nick Trout

Reluctantly returning home to Vermont to sell his late father's veterinary practice, Dr. Cyrus Mills finds his plans changing when he gets entrenched in the community and in his relationships.

### 2014 - Blackberry Winter

by Sarah Jio

Reporter Claire resolves to discover what happened the night 77 years earlier, when Vera Ray's son vanished.

### 2013 - Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society

by Amy Hill Hearth

All of Jacksonville is trying to discover the identity of local radio show host "Miss Dreamsville."

### 2013 - The Story of Beautiful Girl

by Rachel Simon

Lynnie and Homan escape the School for the Incurable and Feeble-minded and find refuge with Martha.

### 2013 - Angelina's Bachelors

by Brian O'Reilly

After losing her job and husband, Angelina grieves while cooking and shares her bounty with the neighborhood.

### 2012 - The Pioneer Woman

by Ree Drummond

The true account of how Ree Drummond, a city girl, met and married her "Marlboro man."

### 2012 - The Language of Flowers

by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

A foster child ends up homeless when she turns 18, but finds solace in her love of flowers and their meanings.

### 2011 - Girl in Translation

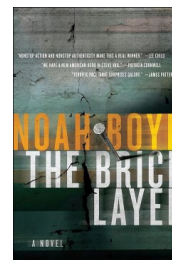
by Jean Kwok

After emigrating to Brooklyn from Hong Kong, Kimberly Chang begins a secret double life.

### 2011 - Saving CeeCee Honeycutt

by Beth Hoffman

CeeCee is placed in the care of an eccentric great aunt and surrounded by strong women and southern culture.



### 2010 - The Bricklayer

by Noah Boyd

The FBI recruits Steve Vail, an agent it has just fired, to solve a brilliant and deadly extortion plot where a group called Rubaco Pentad is killing human targets one by one unless the bureau gives them cash.

### 2010 - Dog on It

by Spencer Quinn

Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped.

### 2009 - The Shape of Mercy

by Susan Meissner

A college student assists with the transcription of a mysterious 400-year-old diary by Mercy Hayworth.

### 2009 - State of the Onion

by Julie Hyzy

White House Assistant Chef Olivia Para finds her goose cooked when she becomes the target of a world-class assassin.

### 2008 - Garden Spells

by Sarah Addison Allen

Claire leads a quiet life tending her family's magical garden until her life is transformed by her sister's return.

### 2008 - Austenland

by Shannon Hale

A Jane Austen addict goes to an English house party complete with a snooty Mr. Darcy and a sexy gardener.

### 2007 - The Saddlemaker's Wife

by Earlene Fowler

Ruby inherits part of a cattle ranch from her husband and finds that his dead family is actually very much alive.

### 2007 - His Majesty's Dragon

by Naomi Novik

During the Napoleonic Wars, Captain Will Laurence discovers a dragon egg on a captured French frigate.

### 2006 - Poison Study

by Maria Snyder

About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered life in exchange for becoming the Commander's food taster.

### 2006 - The Dead Don't Dance

by Charles Martin

Dylan struggles to cope with his wife's lapse into a coma following a stillbirth until his friend Amos helps.

### 2005 - Three Wishes

by Liane Moriarty

A smart, sassy, and funny look at three sisters who have a bond stronger than anything life throws their way.

### 2005 - Run No More

by Catherine Mulvany

Just as Ian is ready to end his life, Tasya Flynn enters it and changes everything.