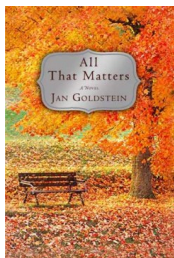


2005 - Run No More by Catherine Mulvany
Just as Ian is ready to end his life, Tasya Flynn enters it and changes everything.



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

Divorced Anne returns to her childhood home where she encounters her old friend Nick and his 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

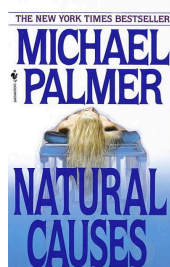
When Peter stumbles across a little girl who insists she's been kidnapped, a desperate race ensues.

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.

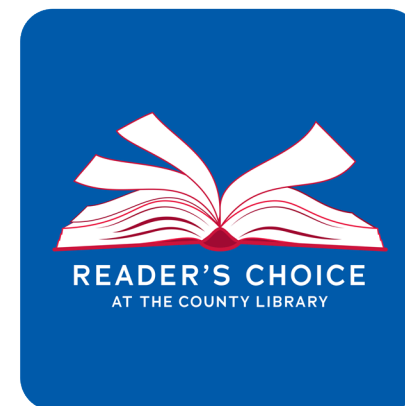
1992 - Loves Music, Loves to Dance

by Mary Higgins Clark

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

Adult

Reader's Choice Winners



Winning reads chosen by
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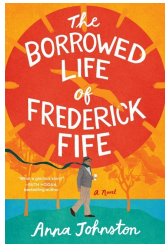
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Most Recent Winner:



Spring 2026 -The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife

by Anna Johnston

Frederick is lonely, broke, and nearly homeless when he is mistaken for Bernard Green and ends up in a comfortable nursing home.

2025 - How to Age Disgracefully by Clare Pooley
Quirky members of a senior social club partner with a daycare to save their shared building.

2025 - The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters
Norma searches for the truth behind her dreams and visions in 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 doula 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
The Countess of Harleigh hosts her sister's first London season while investigating 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.

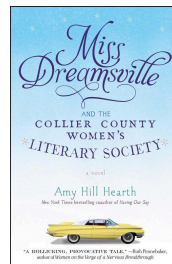
2016 - Girl Underwater by Claire Kells
Avery's love for water changes when the plane she is traveling on crashes, leaving only five alive.

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
Dr. Cyrus Mills reluctantly gets entangled in the community when he returns home to sell his late father's veterinary clinic.

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
Lynn 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."

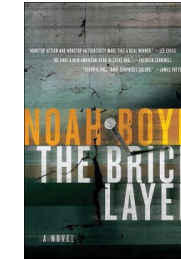
2012 - The Language of Flowers

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.