

Recommended Reading

Gentle Reads

[Nights of Rain and Stars](#) / **Maeve Binchy**

Visitors from a variety of countries meet in a tavern on a Greek island. As their stories unfold, they help each other solve problems and face a tragedy together.

[The Master Quilter](#) / **Jennifer Chiaverini**

The impending marriage of Elm Creek's most renowned quilting instructor prompts the stitching of a perfect commemorative bridal quilt, an endeavor that is challenged by closely guarded secrets.

[The Monk Downstairs](#) / **Tim Farrington**

After twenty years in a contemplative monastery, Michael Christopher moves into a San Francisco apartment, where he confronts a major spiritual crisis and finds himself drawn to his landlady, Rebecca.

[Standing in the Rainbow](#) / **Fannie Flagg**

A heartwarming novel captures the humorous and complex realities of people living in Elmwood Springs, Missouri, including a radio hostess, the Oatman Family gospel singers, and hotshot Hamm Sparks.

[Thale's Folly](#) / **Dorothy Gilman**

The author of the Mrs. Pollifax mysteries presents a novel of romantic suspense featuring New York novelist Andrew Thale, who journeys to rural Massachusetts to look over a dilapidated family property and discovers a beautiful girl and an odd puzzle.

[Arms of God](#) / **J. Lynne Hinton**

When the mother who abandoned her at age four suddenly reappears in her life and then promptly passes away, Alice learns important truths about the desperation and courage that marked her mother's life.

[Back on Blossom Street](#) / **Debbie Macomber**

When Susannah, the owner of a new flower store, and her employee, a young widow, join the knitting class at A Good Yarn, they meet a group of unforgettable women.

[At Home in Covington](#) / **Joan Medlicott**

While Grace struggles with diabetes, grieves the loss of her son's partner, Hannah receives a mysterious diary, and Amelia encourages them all to go on a Caribbean cruise.

[Miss Julia Strikes Back](#) / **Ann B. Ross**

Miss Julia discovers that her Princess Diana ring replica and other jewelry pieces have been stolen, and she packs up Little Lloyd, Etta Mae Wiggins, and an inebriated private investigator in order to catch the thieves in Palm Beach.

[Country Affair](#) / **Rebecca Shaw**

Nineteen-year-old Kate begins a job as a receptionist in Barleybridge, Yorkshire, after failing to get good enough test scores to enter university. But her world will expand in this charming village.

[A Summer in the Country](#) / **Marcia Willett**

Abandoned by her mother as a child, Brigid Foster struggles with conflicted feelings when her mother reenters her life, while her summer lodger, Louise, also gives way to a painful past, with unexpected repercussions.

[Good Hope Road](#) / **Lisa Wingate**

Twenty-one-year-old Jenilee Lane and her elderly neighbor Eudora Gibson are brought together by a tornado that tears across their Missouri homes.



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