

ADVENTURES IN READING LIST 2010-2012

FICTION

The Last Song – by Nicholas Sparks

After her parent's divorce, Ronnie spends the summer with her father and learns how love can heal a broken heart.

House Rules – by Jodi Picoult

Emma Hunt's 18 year-old son, Jacob, has Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism. When his life-skills coach is murdered and Jacob is indicted, Emma hopes he's innocent.

Shattered – by Karen Robards

A woman who disappeared years ago could be Lisa Grant's double. But when she seeks answers, a killer takes aim.

Family Ties – by Danielle Steel

After raising her sister's orphaned children, Annie Ferguson finally falls in love. But will he accept her strong family ties?

Hannah's List – by Debbie Macomber

What will a widower do when a letter from his deceased wife request that he marry one of three women she's chosen?

Big Girl – by Danielle Steel

Victoria has always tolerated her parent's disapproval, but how can she deal when her beloved sister turns on her too?

Sweet Tea At Sunrise – by Sheryl Woods

Single mom Sarah Price is leery of men but sexy Travis McDonald turns on the charm. Will he heal her heart or break it again?

The House on Sugar Plum Lane – by Judy Duarte

Seeking a link to her past, newly divorced Amy Masterson moves into a Victorian house once owned by her mother's family.

Miss You Most of All – by Elizabeth Bass

It's trouble at Sassy Spinster Farm for single mom Rue and her sister Laura when their long-lost stepsister Heidi returns.

The Telling – by Beverly Lewis (Seasons of Grace Series)

Grace Byler searches for her mother – but Lettie Byler is searching for the missing pieces of her own life.

The Long Way Home – by Robin Pilcher

Claire fears her old flame Jonas is trying to manipulate her ailing stepfather. Could he be looking for revenge?

Return to Sender – by Fern Michaels

Rosalind “Lin” Townsend plots revenge against the father of her son, who rejected her years ago. But then she learns the truth.

The Summer Hideaway – by Susan Wiggs

While she’s fleeing a treacherous past, Claire is tempted to risk everything for Ross Bellamy...and a once-in-a-lifetime love.

Rainwater – by Sandra Brown

In Depression-era Texas, single mom Ella meets a handsome stranger who heals her son’s pain and opens her heart.

As Husbands Go – by Susan Isaacs

When her straight-laced husband is found dead in the apartment of a call girl, Susie sets out to find the killer.

The Mountain Between Us – by Charles Martin

Two plane-crash survivors hoping to be rescued share memories of their lives, and it changes them forever.

Beachcombers – by Nancy Thayer

During one captivating Nantucket summer, Abbie and her sisters make profound choices that will transform their lives.

Fly Away Home – by Jennifer Weiner

In a memory-filled beach house three women come together to help one another find the courage to turn their lives around.

Kiss Me If You Can – by Carly Phillips

Sparks fly when Coop – hailed as New York’s most eligible bachelor after he single-handedly foils a jewelry store heist – meets Lexie Davis, the one woman in the city who couldn’t care less about dating him.

Dangerous – by Diana Palmer

FBI special agent Kilraven is forced to risk everything—including his heart—when his investigation forces him to join forces with a quiet beauty whose gentle ways hide a tragic past that rivals his own.

Breaking the Rules – by Barbara Taylor Bradford

A supermodel’s success story stirs the ire of a psychopath from her past with a razor-sharp axe to grind.

The Last Time I Saw You – by Elizabeth Berg

A high school reunion reunites five classmates in an uplifting novel about rediscovery, renewal and second chances.

Winter Garden – by Kristen Hannah

As their father lies dying, two sisters finally learn the startling truth about their cold, disapproving mother.

Losing Charlotte – by Heather Clay

After her sister dies giving birth, Knox moves in to help her brother-in-law and is tested in ways she never imagined.

Summer of Two Wishes – by Julia London

Macy finds herself torn when – while trying to build a marriage with Wyatt – her presumed dead soldier first-husband returns.

The Inn at Angel Island – by Thomas Kincade

Her aunt's housekeeper and an intriguing handyman may convince Lisa to change her life in this new Angel Island series.

Ford County Stories – by John Grisham

This short story collection returns to Ford County, setting for his popular first novel "A Time to Kill" with stories about people.

Days of Gold – by Jude Deveraux

To save Edison from her uncle's scheme, Angus McTern takes her to America in a journey fraught with danger...and passion.

Lip Service – by Susan Mallery

Can Skye convince the man she loved – and left – years ago to forgive her and give their love another chance?

A Scotsman In Love – by Karen Ranney

Haunted by tragedy, the Earl of Linnet returns home to the Scottish Highlands to heal, only to find his solitude interrupted by his tempestuous new neighbor, a beautiful artist tormented by her own painful past.

Ice – by Linda Howard

To save his old flame, soldier Gabriel McQueen outsmarts her captors. But will an ice storm hamper their escape?

That Perfect Someone – by Johanna Lindsey

After attending the Mallory Ball and sharing a blistering kiss with a masked Frenchman, Julie enters a romantic charade.

Smooth Talking Stranger – by Lisa Kleypas

Texas millionaire, Jack Travis, is drawn to a beautiful stranger who barges into his office with a baby she claims is his.

Love in Bloom – by Sheila Roberts

A bout with breast cancer left flower shop owner, Hope Walker, hesitant to date until she met Jason, a hunky contractor.

SERIES

The Ten Books of the Cedar Cove Series – by Debbie Macomber

Telling about family, friends, and neighbors of her town of Cedar Cove. First book "16 Lighthouse Road".

The Four Books of the Bride Series – by Nora Roberts

The Brown estate in Connecticut is where four childhood friends run VOWS, a wedding planning company.

1) Vision in White, 2) Bed of Roses, 3) Savor the Moment, 4)Happy Ever After

McKettricks of Arizona Series – by Linda Lael Miller

Tired of waiting for his sons to settle down, rancher Angus McKettrick announces that the first one to marry and produce a grandchild will inherit the Triple M Ranch.

1) High Country Bride, 2) Shotgun Bride, 3) Second-Hand Bride

McKettricks of Arizona Series – by Linda Lael Miller

A New Generation of McKettrick Men stake claim to their Arizona land, and the women they love.

1) McKettrick Luck, 2) McKettrick Pride, 3) McKettrick Heart, 4) McKettrick Choice

The Montana Creeds – by Linda Lael Miller

Three brothers reclaim their Montana ranch.

1) Logan, 2) Dylan, 3) Tyler

The McKettricks of Texas – by Linda Lael Miller

Three brothers are trying to run the Silver Spur Ranch in Texas when they meet their matches in the three Remington sisters.

1) Tate, 2) Garrett, 3) Austin

The Virgin River series – by Robyn Carr

Tells about the Riordan family, with their struggles and loves.

1) Second Chance Pass, 2) Temptation Ridge, 3) Forbidden Falls, 4) Angel Peak,
5) Moonlight Road

MYSTERIES

Wrecked – by Carole Higgins Clark

P.I., Regan Reilly, and her husband, Jack, head to Cape Cod for Jack's family reunion, but crime could wreck their plans.

The Shadow of Your Smile – by Mary Higgins Clark

Doctor Monica Farrell, has no idea she is the rightful heir to a wealthy, well-known doctor who committed a heinous crime against a nun years ago. And someone aims to keep it that way, no matter what the cost.

Murder She Wrote: Nashville Noir – by Jessica Fletcher and Donald Bain

If Jessica Fletcher can't prove a young singer innocent of murdering a Nashville hotshot, the girl may never get an encore.

Murder at the Academy Awards – by Joan Rivers and Jerrilyn Farmer

It's Oscar night, and Maxine Taylor and her daughter, Drew, are interviewing celebs in front of the Kodak Theater when Halsey Hamilton falls down dead at Maxine's feet.

The 9th Judgment – by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

The murders of a young mother and an actor's wife have Det. Lindsay Boxer and the Women's Murder Club racing the clock.

Every Last One – by Anna Quindlen

A powerful story about a devoted mother and a shocking act of violence that changes her life.

Sizzling Sixteen – by Janet Evanovich

Between chasing a dangerous skip, dealing with Lula—who's involved in a Ponzi scheme—and figuring out who's out to whack her boss, cousin Vinnie, this may be bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's most sizzling caper yet!

Sidney Sheldon's After the Darkness – by Tilly Bagshawe

As the wife of a billionaire, Grace is used to the spotlight. But when her husband disappears amid allegations of fraud, suspicion falls on her! To clear her name, she'll have to risk everything, including her life....

U Is for Undertow – by Sue Grafton

A man who thinks he recalls a long-ago kidnapping hires Kinsey Millhone to investigate. But is he telling the truth?

Too Much Money – by Dominick Dunne

Journalist Gus Bailey investigates billionaire Konstantin Zacharias' death—and makes enemies in all the wrong places.

Fever Dream – by Douglas Preston

When Special Agent Pendergast learns that his wife's death was not an accident, he teams up with Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta in an investigation that dredges up some shocking secrets from her past.

Tough Customer – by Sandra Brown

P.I. Dodge Hanley's biggest regret is letting Caroline King walk out of his life. So he's particularly crazed when he learns the young woman who's become a stalker's obsession is the daughter Dodge has never met....

Caught – by Harlan Coben

Wendy's news story of a sexual predator who later goes missing and is presumed dead earns raves. But were her assumptions based on solid investigative journalism...or was she manipulated into destroying an innocent man?

The Hannah Swensen Murder Mysteries – by Joanne Fluke

Fourteen books, with lots of recipes! Hanna Swensen owns the Cookie Jar shop and gets involved, along with her family and friends, with all of the murders that happen in her home town of Lake Eden, MN.
1) Chocolate Chip Murder

Black Hills – by Nora Roberts

Childhood friends Lil and Coop discover love and danger in the Black Hills as they work to unearth a twisted killer.

BIOGRAPHIES

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future – by Michael J. Fox

A Captain's Duty – by Richard Phillips

Talks about his ordeal with Somali pirates.

Spoken from the Heart – by Laura Bush

Her journey from the Lone Star State to the White House.

This Time Together – by Carol Burnett
She shares hilarious anecdotes of her life.

True Compass: A Memoir – by Ted Kennedy

The Time of My Life – by Patrick Swayze

Barack and Michelle: Portrait of an American Marriage

Highest Duty – by Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger
Tells his story of landing flight 1549 in the Hudson River.

Somewhere Inside – by Laura Ling and Lisa Ling
The tale of the two American journalists incarcerated in North Korea.

Prairie Talk – by Melissa Gilbert
Her tale of addiction, redemption, and life after Little House.

Leap of Faith – by Queen Noor
The story of an American woman who became the wife of King Hussein of Jordan.

Oprah: A Biography – by Kitty Kelley
The first comprehensive biography of the most powerful woman in entertainment.

Kitchen Privileges: A Memoir – by Mary Higgins Clark

NONFICTION

Eat, Pray, Love – by Elizabeth Gilbert
Elizabeth Gilbert decided to trade in her apartment keys, wedding ring and earthly possessions for a solo trip around the world to find out who she really was.

The Blind Side – by Michael Louis
The true story about a homeless African-American youth taken in by a well-to-do white family.

In A Heartbeat – by Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy
The heartwarming story of the remarkable real-life couple who adopted Michael Oher, and helped raise him to greatness.

Three Cups of Tea – by Greg Mortenson
One man’s mission in 1993 to promote peace...one school at a time in the impoverished countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan. In 10 years he built 55 schools for girls.

Stones Into Schools – by Greg Mortenson
Picks up where Three Cups of Tea left off. 130 schools have now been built through this remarkable humanitarian campaign.

The Kitchen House – by Kathleen Grissom
An unforgettable coming-of-age novel about a white indentured servant living among the slaves of a tobacco plantation.

The Walk – by Richard Paul Evans

Alan Christoffersen loses everything and embarks on a 3000-mile walk. A metaphor for our own struggles and redemptions.

Growing Up Country – by Carol Bodensteiner

A story of her life growing up on a farm in eastern Iowa during the 1940s.

Snap and Me – by John W. Brunner

True tales of two young brothers living, loving, laughing their way through the 40s, 50s, and early 60s, in Carroll, Iowa.

Paula Deen's Savannah Style – by Paula Deen

Paula takes you on a tour of her home, and other homes in this historic city.

Home Cooking with Trisha Yearwood – by Trisha Yearwood

She'll make your taste buds sing again.

The Cedar Cove Cookbook – by Debbie Macomber

Cedar Cove fans will relish these 130 recipes of the people you read about in her books. Plus it shows a map of Cedar Cove.

HISTORY

Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War – by Karl Marlantes

You are unceremoniously dropped in to the jungle, disoriented and dripping with leeches, with only a new lieutenant as your guide.

The Pacific – by Hugh Ambrose

Reveals the intertwined odyssey of four World War II servicemen.

Islands of the Damned – by R. V. Burgin

An unforgettable and unvarnished memoir of a Marine vet who experienced some of World War II's most brutal fighting, from New Britain through Peleliu to the hell of Okinawa.

Mount Vernon Love Story – by Mary Higgins-Clark

Story of George and Martha Washington's rare marriage, and brings to life the human side of the man who became the "Father of our Country".

The Yellow House – by Patricia Falvey

A courageous woman finds herself torn between two vastly different men—and between war and peace—amid the growing violence of the Irish war of independence.

Sixteen Brides – by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Sixteen Civil War widows in 1872 St. Louis respond when a land speculator lures them west by promising "prime homesteads" in a "booming community." Sparks fly when they discover they are really prospective brides.

My Name is Mary Sutter – by Robin Oliveira

As the Civil War rages, midwife Mary Sutter refuses to give up her dream of medical school, buoyed by the love of two doctors who admire her courage. But does her heart still belong to the one man she cannot have?

Stay a Little Longer – by Dorothy Garlock

At the end of WWI, Rachel Watkins is raising her sister's child while battling to save her boarding house from an unscrupulous developer. But when a mysterious loner comes to town, what will Rachel risk for love?

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand - by Helen Simonson

The blossoming romance between Major Ernest Pettigrew and widowed shopkeeper Jasmina Ali, considered an outsider by their English village, is the basis of this moving tale about the risks people will take to be happy.

An Irish Country Girl – by Patrick Taylor

The heartwarming tale of Mrs. Kinky Kincaid's life before coming to Ballybucklebo.

RELIGION

The Last Symbol – by Dan Brown

Suave symbologist Robert Langdon tackles his greatest challenge in this exhilarating follow-up to The DaVinci Code.

90 Minutes in Heaven – by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey

In this true story following a near fatal car accident, Don Piper returned to life with the memory of heavenly bliss.

The Shack – by William P. Young

What should you do when you come to the door of a shack where God might be? The answer might transform you!

Fearless – Max Lucado

He offers hope in our fearful times, drawing from Jesus's encounters with people in frightening situations.

Eat the Cookie...Buy the Shoes – by Joyce Meyer

She reassures you that it's OK to break the rules sometimes. God still love you unconditionally.

Storm Warnings – by Billy Graham

He addresses the most challenging problems facing America today.