

Title: **Love in the time of cholera**

Author: Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

Notes: Set on the Caribbean coast of South America, this love story brings together Fermina Daza, her distinguished husband, and a man who has secretly loved her for more than fifty years. In their youth, Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza fall passionately in love. When Fermina eventually chooses to marry a wealthy, well-born doctor, Florentino is devastated, but he is a romantic. As he rises in his business career he whiles away the years in 622 affairs--yet he reserves his heart for Fermina. Her husband dies at last, and Florentino purposefully attends the funeral. Fifty years, nine months, and four days after he first declared his love for Fermina, he will do so again.

Title: **Song of Solomon**

Author: Morrison, Toni

Subjects: Black Americans – Fiction

Notes: Macon Dead, Jr., called Milkman, son of the richest Negro in town, moves from childhood into early manhood, searching, among the disparate, mysterious members of his family, for his life and reality.

Title: **The brief wondrous life of Oscar Wao**

Author: Diaz, Junot

Subjects: Family relations - Fiction; Book Awards

Notes: Things have never been easy for Oscar, a sweet but disastrously overweight, lovesick Dominican ghetto nerd. From his home in New Jersey, where he lives with his old-world mother and rebellious sister, Oscar dreams of becoming the Dominican J. R. R. Tolkien and, most of all, of finding love. But he may never get what he wants, thanks to the Fukœ-the curse that has haunted the Oscar's family for generations, dooming them to prison, torture, tragic accidents, and, above all, ill-starred love. Oscar, still waiting for his first kiss, is just its most recent victim. Winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

Title: **Thanks for the memories**

Author: Ahern, Cecelia, 1981-

Subjects: Accidents - Fiction; Love stories

Notes: Joyce Conway leaves hospital after recovering from a terrible accident. Having faced a near-death experience, she is suddenly awakened to the stark reality of her futile marriage, and vows to start afresh - separating from husband Conor and moving back in with her dad. Justin Hitchcock arrives in Dublin to give a guest lecture. Recently divorced and living near his daughter Bea, but far from his Chicago home, he's lonely and restless. When beautiful doctor Sarah persuades him to give blood, he nonchalantly accepts, hoping he'll at least get a date with her. Then one rainy evening, Joyce and Justin cross paths in the strangest of circumstances. They have no idea that their fates are more entangled than they could ever have imagined

Title: **The graveyard book**

Author: Gaiman, Neil

Subjects: Fantasy - Fiction; Supernatural stories; Ghosts - Fiction; Orphans – Fiction

Notes: After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own. Awarded the Carnegie Medal 2010.

Title: **Her fearful symmetry : a novel**

Author: Niffenegger, Audrey

Subjects: Sisters - Fiction; Ghosts - Fiction

Notes: "The novel opens with the death of Elspeth Noblin, who bequeaths her London flat and its contents to the twin daughters of her estranged twin sister back in Chicago. These 20-year-old dilettantes, Julie and Valentina, move to London, eager to try on a new experience like one of their obsessively matched outfits. Historic Highgate Cemetery, which borders Elspeth's home, serves as an inspired setting as the twins become entwined in the lives of their neighbours: Elspeth's former lover, Robert; Martin, an agoraphobic crossword-puzzle creator; and the ethereal Elspeth herself, struggling to adjust to the afterlife."--www.amazon.com.

Title: **The book of tomorrow**

Author: Ahern, Cecelia, 1981-

Subjects: Single-parent families - Fiction; Ireland - Fiction; Mothers and daughters - Fiction; Grief – Fiction

Notes: Tamara Goodwin has always lived in the here and now, never giving a second thought to tomorrow. Until a travelling library arrives in her tiny village, bringing with it a mysterious, large leather-bound book locked with a gold clasp and padlock. What she discovers within the pages takes her breath away and shakes her world to its core. (Back cover)

Title: **When you reach me**
Author: Stead, Rebecca
Subjects: Time travel - Fiction; Friendship - Fiction; Growing up – Fiction

Notes: Set in New York City in 1979. Shortly after sixth-grader Miranda and her best friend Sal part ways, for some inexplicable reason her once familiar world turns upside down. Maybe it's because she's caught up in reading *A Wrinkle in Time* and trying to understand time travel, or perhaps it's because she's been receiving mysterious notes which accurately predict the future.
Winner of the Newbery Medal for Best US Children's Fiction 2010.

Title: **The prince of mist**
Author: Ruiz Zafon, Carlos
Subjects: Mystery and suspense stories; Magic – Fiction

Notes: Strange things begin to happen when Max and his family move to an eerie house by the sea. Time seems to slow, and move backwards. Then, from the shadows of the past emerges the Prince of Mist.

Title: **Island beneath the sea**
Author: Allende, Isabel
Subjects: Slavery - Fiction; Haiti - Fiction; New Orleans - Fiction; Historical fiction

Notes: Originally published with the title *La isla bajo el mar*. This book is the moving story of one woman's determination to find love amid loss, to offer humanity though her own has been so battered, and to forge her own identity in the cruellest of circumstances. Born a slave on the island of Saint-Domingue, Zarité -- known as Tété -- is the daughter of an African mother she never knew and one of the white sailors who brought her into bondage. Though her childhood is one of brutality and fear, Tété finds solace in the traditional rhythms of African drums and in the voodoo loas she discovers through her fellow slaves.
When twenty-year-old Toulouse Valmorain arrives on the island in 1770, it's with powdered wigs in his baggage and dreams of financial success in his mind. But running his father's plantation, Saint Lazare, is neither glamorous nor easy. It will be eight years before he brings home a bride -- but marriage, too, proves more difficult than he imagined. And Valmorain remains dependent on the services of his teenaged slave. Spanning four decades, *Island Beneath the Sea* is the moving story of the intertwined lives of Tété and Valmorain. (Publisher)

Title: **Revolution**
Author: Donnelly, Jennifer
Subjects: Grief - Fiction; Historical fiction

Notes: Angry and grieving after the accidental death of her brother, seventeen-year-old Andi travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress, Alexandrine, who is attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France. Includes bibliographical references.

Title: **The particular sadness of lemon cake**
Author: Bender, Aimee
Subjects: Family relations - Fiction; Secrets - Fiction
Notes: Being able to taste people's emotions in food may at first be horrifying. But young, unassuming Rose Edelstein grows up learning to harness her gift as she becomes aware that there are secrets even her taste buds cannot discern.

Title: **The Red Garden**
Author: Hoffman, Alice
Subjects: Short stories; America - Fiction

Notes: Alice Hoffman's "The Red Garden" is a dreamy, fabulist series of connected stories set in Blackwell, Mass., a small town in the Berkshires.
Contents: The Bear's house -- Eight nights of love -- The year there was no summer -- Owl and mouse -- The river at home -- The truth about my mother -- The principles of devotion -- The fisherman's wife -- Kiss and tell -- The monster of Blackwell -- Sin -- Black rabbit -- The red garden -- King of the bees. Characters include a young wounded civil war soldier who is saved by a passionate neighbour; a woman who meets a fiercely human historical character; a poet who falls in love with a blind man, and a mysterious traveller who comes to town in the year when summer never arrives.

Title: **The tiger's wife**
Author: Obrecht, Téa
Subjects: Grandparents - Fiction; Secrets - Fiction; Orphans and orphanages - Fiction; Yugoslavia - Fiction
Notes: Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for "the deathless man," a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife.
Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction 2011.

Title: **The dovekeepers**
Author: Hoffman, Alice
Subjects: Israel - Fiction; Historical fiction; Women – Fiction

Notes: The Dovekeepers is Alice Hoffman's most ambitious and mesmerizing novel, a tour de force of imagination and research, set in ancient Israel. In 70 C.E., nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. Yael's mother died in childbirth, and her father, an expert assassin, never forgave her for that death. Revka, a village baker's wife, watched the horrifically brutal murder of her daughter by Roman soldiers; she brings to Masada her young grandsons, rendered mute by what they have witnessed. Aziza is a warrior's daughter, raised as a boy, a fearless rider and an expert marksman who finds passion with a fellow soldier. Shirah, born in Alexandria, is wise in the ways of ancient magic and medicine, a woman with uncanny insight and power. The lives of these four complex and fiercely independent women intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovekeepers, and all are also keeping secrets—about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and whom they love. The Dovekeepers is Alice Hoffman's masterpiece.

Title: **Queen of the night**
Author: Hall, Leanne Michelle
Subjects: Dreams - Fiction; Friendship - Fiction; Fantasy – Fiction

Notes: For six months Nia has tried to forget Wolfboy, the mysterious boy she met in Shyness. Then, one night, her phone rings. The things Wolfboy says draw her back to the suburb of Shyness, where the sun doesn't rise and dreams and reality are difficult to separate.
Sequel to: This is shyness.

Title: **Erebos**
Author: Poznanski, Ursula
Subjects: Computer games - Fiction; Mystery and suspense stories

Notes: Nick is given a sinister but brilliant computer game called Erebos. The game is highly addictive but asks its players to carry out actions in the real world in order to keep playing online, actions which become more and more terrifyingly manipulative. As Nick loses friends and all sense of right and wrong in the real world, he gains power and advances further towards his online goal - to become one of the Inner Circle of Erebos. But what is virtual and what is reality? How far will Nick go to achieve his goal? And what does Erebos really want? Enter Erebos at your own risk. Exciting, suspenseful and totally unputdownable.
First published in Germany in 2010.

Title: **The night circus : a novel**
Author: Morgenstern, Erin
Subjects: Magicians - Fiction; Fantasy - Fiction; Love stories

Notes: Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways.

Title: **This is shyness**
Author: Hall, Leanne Michelle, 1977-
Subjects: Fantasy - Fiction; Friendship – Fiction

Notes: A guy who howls. A girl on a mission to forget. In the suburb of Shyness, where the sun doesn't rise and the border crackles with a strange energy, Wolfboy meets a stranger at the Diabetic Hotel. She tells him her name is Wildgirl, and she dares him to be her guide through the endless night. But then they are mugged by the sugar-crazed Kidds.

Title: **Dark jelly**
Author: Tawhai, Alice
Subjects: New Zealand - Short stories

Notes: Contents: BIG Y, little y - East of the sun - Roses are red - The King of fucking real - Pink frost - Pluto - Double - The inexact science of Fredericka - Red moon - Dark jelly - Pants on fire - Rainbow warrior - Ice - The electrician's apprentice - Freak - Lucky - Lead balloon - Where I married the sea - As it is in heaven - Fun house - Everything you hear - Hawke and Spain - Men's business - Charlie-Horse - Violet.

Title: **The double shadow**
Author: Gardner, Sally
Subjects: Fathers and daughters - Fiction; Memory – Fiction

Notes: Arnold Ruben has created a memory machine, a utopia housed in a picture palace, where the happiest memories replay forever, a haven in which he and his precious daughter can shelter from the war-clouds gathering over 1937 Britain. But on the day of her seventeenth birthday Amaryllis leaves Warlock Hall and the world she has known and wakes to find herself in a desolate and disturbing place. Something has gone terribly wrong with her father's plan.

Title **Coram boy**
Author Gavin, Jamila
Subjects: Corruption; Fathers and sons - Fiction; Greed; Slavery – Fiction

Notes: The hidden side of the eighteenth century is brought to life in this tale of two cities, two boys and fathers and sons.

Title **A little piece of ground**
Author Laird, Elizabeth
Subjects: Boys - Fiction; Israel - Fiction; War stories

Notes: 12 year-old Karim Aboudi and his family are trapped in their Ramallah home by a strict curfew. Israeli tanks control the city in response to a Palestinian suicide bombing. When the curfew ends, he and his friend discover an unused patch of ground that's the perfect site for a football pitch. When Israeli soldiers find Karim outside during the next curfew, it seems impossible that he will survive.
Power and control

Title **Out on the edge**
Author Mackenzie, Anna, 1963-
Subjects: Adolescents - Fiction; Human relations - Fiction; Love stories; Personal development – Fiction

Notes: Alison's a practical sort: down to earth, a keen cyclist and steady student, she thinks clearly under pressure. Until a guy she vaguely knows turns up in her back yard – looking for shelter. Despite her own suspicions that what she's doing is wrong, she helps Garry hide the traces of what's happened to him – and what he's done. Complex enough, right? Only then they fall in love. When the authorities – police, social workers, courts, counsellors – and family get involved, the barriers set up between Alison and Garry seem impassable.
Can their relationship survive distance and disapproval? A frank, clear-eyed story about making your own decisions, and learning the full dimensions of your heart.(Publisher)

Title **Return to One-Foot Island**
Author Lay, Graeme, 1944-
Subjects: Adolescents - Fiction; Cook Islands; Cook Islands - Fiction; Cross cultural romance; New Zealand stories; Pacific Island Stories

Title **The transformation of Minna Hargreaves**
Author Beale, Fleur
Subjects: Family relations - Fiction; Adolescents - Fiction; New Zealand stories; Interpersonal relations – Fiction

Notes: Summary: Minna is a typical fourteen-year-old, who is urban, technologically savvy, and has the right boyfriend and peer group. But her life is turned upside down when her father announces that the family is going to live on an off-shore island for a year, and the venture will be made into a reality TV series. Minna finds herself on the island with only her family for company, and no contact with the outside world. She has to cope with new family dynamics, including the fact that her parents' marriage is failing.

Title **A rose for the ANZAC boys**
Author French, Jackie
Subjects: Adolescents - Fiction; World War, 1914-1918 – Fiction

Notes: The story starts in 1915. Midge Macpherson is at school in England, having been sent there from New Zealand after her father's death. Her brothers are both serving in the war; her younger brother was last heard of at the Gallipoli campaign earlier that year. Her cousins are serving in the British army. Keen to 'do their bit' for the war effort, Midge and her school friends, Ethel and Anne, start up a canteen behind the front in France. Anne, daughter of English aristocracy, can't wait to escape her inevitable future of being married off to someone 'suitable', and Ethel, a Yorkshire lass, six foot tall and built like a rugby player, isn't exactly debutante material. As the war goes on, the girls start to see the consequences of the 'noble cause' they're supporting, graphically illustrated by letters from Midge's brother Dougie, her aunt Lallie (who is running a hospital ward in Alexandria), and a couple of Australians also serving on the front, Gordon Marks and Harry Harrison. Midge, resourceful for her years, is 'borrowed' by the ambulance service, thus witnessing at close hand the carnage of the battlefields, and hearing the stories of those who come back. She sings songs to the dying, learns to tolerate hit-and-miss anaesthesia and twelve-hour shifts, and meets some remarkable people. She accepts a birthday gift of a drawing, done by a blinded soldier, of a vase of roses. And, on her return to New Zealand, discovers that her world has changed, and she must seek out her future in Australia

Title **Mahtab's story**
Author Gleeson, Libby
Subjects: Refugees - Fiction; Immigration and emigration - Fiction; Family relations – Fiction

Notes: Mahtab's family flees Afghanistan and travel via Pakistan and Indonesia to Australia where they are put in a detention centre - will they be released, and will they meet up again with Mahtab's father, who has gone on ahead?

Title **Shadow of the mountain**
Author Mackenzie, Anna, 1963-
Subjects: Grief - Fiction; Friendship - Fiction; Mountains; New Zealand stories

Notes: New Zealand author.
Geneva's world has been blown apart by loss. Maybe that's why her decisions are not always the sharpest. One thing she knows, there's no way back to the person she once was. When Angus appears in her orbit it seems an omen that things are changing, but life is never that simple. In trying to find a way forward, Geneva risks her friendships, risks repeating the errors of the past, even risks her life. But maybe there's no other way to find the person she can be.

Title **August**
Author Beckett, Bernard, 1968-
Subjects: Traffic accidents - Fiction; Prostitution - Fiction; Science Fiction

Notes: Trapped in a car wreck, upside down, bleeding, broken and in pain, Tristan and Grace are staring at death. As they await their fate, with only a glimmer of hope they might be seen and rescued, we discover the stories of their lives, and the shocking truth behind their crash.
At the centre of this novel lies an exploration of power and freedom. Children are the subject of human experiments and religious brainwashing, and their struggle is one of going against the grain.

Title **David**
Author Hoffman, Mary, 1945-
Subjects: Historical fiction; Artists - Fiction; Italy – Fiction

Notes: Michelangelo's statue of David is renowned all over the world. Thousands flock to Florence to admire the artistry behind this Renaissance masterpiece, and to admire the beauty of the human form captured in the marble. But the identity of the model for this statue that has been so revered for over five hundred years has been lost. This epic story tells the story of Gabriele, an eighteen-year-old who, by becoming Michelangelo's model, finds himself drawn into a world of spies, politicking, sabotage and murder.