

**McCall Smith, Alexander**

*The Limpopo Academy of Private  
Detection*

Precious Ramotswa is called in to tackle a disciplinary problem at her adopted daughter's local school. Meanwhile, her assistant, Grace Makutsi, is having trouble adjusting to wedded bliss and her friend Mma Potokwane is shockingly dismissed from her position as matron at the orphan farm. .

**Miller, Louise**

*The City Baker's Guide to Country  
Living*

A full-hearted novel about a big-city baker who discovers the true meaning of home— and that sometimes the best things are found when you didn't even know you were looking

**Oke, Janette**

*Where Trust Lies*

After teaching in a 1920s mining town in western Canada, Beth Thatcher no longer feels at home among her wealthy family in the East, and her heart is torn between two very different worlds

**Reid, Van**

*Mollie Peer, or, the Underground  
Adventure of the Moosepath League  
Daniel Plainway, or, the Holiday  
Haunting of the Moosepath League*

The rollicking adventures of Tobias Walton and the jovial Moosepath League, set in 19th-century Maine

**Sefton, Maggie**

*Close Knit Killer*

When an acquaintance turns up murdered outside the intended classroom space for her yarn shop, Kelly Flynn unravels a long list of suspects.

**Ross, Ann**

*Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind*

Recently widowed and newly wealthy, Miss Julia receives the shock of her long and proper life when her late husband's mistress turns up on her doorstep with young son in tow.

**Taylor, Patrick**

*An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea*

Recalls young Doctor Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly's World War II service aboard the HMS Warspite, and the challenges he faces decades later tending to the needs of the residents of Ballybucklebo.

**Thirkell, Angela**

*Peace Breaks Out*

In the fictional county of Barseshire, the English gentry try to find love and happiness amid the hardships of WWII.

**Trigiani, Adriana**

*Home to Big Stone Gap*

Life in the delightful small southern Blue Ridge Mountain town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia

**Valentine, Katherine**

*A Miracle for St. Cecilia's*

The charming New England town of Dorsetville and its cast of wry, tough inhabitants struggle to stay afloat after the wool mill closes.



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# Gentle Reads



*Mount Vernon City Library*

**Gentle Reads:** Stories of small town life and everyday people. Cozy, sometimes romantic, good for rainy days or lifting up a sad mood. Occasionally religious, little or no violence or profanity.

**Albert, Susan Wittig**

*The Last Chance Olive Ranch*

When a killer McQuaid put away years ago escapes from prison and heads towards Pecan Springs, China is sent away against her will to the Last Chance Oliver Ranch, whose new owner is facing an increasingly violent estate challenge.

**Austen, Jane**

*Pride and Prejudice*

*Emma*

Matchmaking, manners and marriage in the close-knit communities of England in the early 1800's. Timeless, romantic and fun.

**Beaton, M. C.**

*Something Borrowed, Someone Dead: an Agatha Raisin mystery*

Hired by the Parish councilor of a small community in the Cotswold Hills to investigate the murder of a jolly widow, Agatha Raisin learns about the victim's penchant for keeping borrowed items in a case that is complicated by village secrets and a killer who would make Agatha a next target.

**Berenson, Laurien**

*Gone with the Woof*

Helping a legendary dog breeder pen his autobiography, Melanie is stunned when the man's son turns up dead and the breeder is the main suspect, and she resolves to investigate the death amidst ex-lovers, hoarding, and dead ends.

**Bevarly, Elizabeth**

*The House on Butterfly Way*

While renovating an old house and her life after a divorce, Eugenie Dashner begins working at a dating service and draws the attention of two men who bring romance back into her life.

**Bowen, Rhys**

*Malice at the Palace*

Accepting a royal assignment that places her in the allegedly haunted Kensington Palace, Lady Georgiana serves a Greek princess who is betrothed to the king's youngest son, a comfortable situation that is disrupted by an untimely murder.

**Colgan, Jenny**

*The Bookshop on the Corner*

Despite losing her job as a librarian who liked to put the right book into a patron's hands, Nina continues her mission by moving to rural Scotland, purchasing a van, converting it into a bookmobile, and taking to the road. Romance.

**Daheim, Mary**

*Gone with the Win*

When Ruby Tooms, the world-weary barmaid she met at Oktoberfest, arrives at her bed-and-breakfast with some unexpected baggage, Judith McMonigle Flynn agrees to help Ruby solve the 20-year-old mystery of her mother's murder.

**Dallas, Sandra**

*Prayers for Sale*

This charming novel offers up the unconventional friendship between Hennie Comfort, a natural storyteller entering the twilight of her life, and Nit Spindle, a naïve young newlywed, forged in the isolated mining town of Middle Swan, Colo., in 1936.

**Delderfield, R.F.**

*To Serve Them All My Days*

A teacher at a public school in the West Country of England experiences both joy and tragedy.

**Evans, Richard Paul**

*A Perfect Day*

Laid off from his sales rep job, Robert Paul decides to pursue his dream of becoming a writer and unexpectedly pens a best seller, but when his success compromises his marriage, he receives unexpected guidance from a stranger.

**Fluke, Joanne**

*Wedding Cake Murder*

About to marry her college crush, Hannah must solve the murder case of nasty celebrity chef Alain Duquesne found stabbed to death in the Lake Eden Inn's walk-in cooler.

**Gulley, Philip**

*Home to Harmony*

The new pastor in a small Indiana town experiences one humorous adventure after another as he acclimates to his new congregation and lifestyle.

**Macomber, Debbie**

*Silver Linings: a Rose Harbor novel*

Since opening the Rose Harbor Inn, Jo Marie Rose has grown close to her handyman, Mark Taylor -- yet he still won't reveal anything about his past. When Mark tells her that he's moving out of town, Jo Marie is baffled. Just when she is starting to open herself up again to love, she feels once more that she is losing the man she cares about.

