

Cheery Books for Dreary Days



Alexander, Lloyd **J ALEXAND Lloyd**
The Chronicles of Prydain series
Starts with "The Book of Three"
The adventures of the characters in the imaginary kingdom of Prydain inspired by Welsh mythology.

McCall Smith, Alexander **MCCALL Alex**
The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
Precious Ramotswe investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week in Botswana.

Ross, Ann B. **ROSS Ann**
Miss Julia Speaks her Mind
Recently widowed and newly wealthy, Miss Julia gets a visit from a long lost relative.

Bryson, Bill **917.4044 BRYSON**
A Walk in the Woods: rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail
Bryson shares his breath-taking adventures and the fascinating history of the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, as he travels slowly on foot.

Alcott, Louisa May **ALCOTT Louisa**
Little Women
Chronicles the joys and sorrows for the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.

Burns, Olive **BURNS Olive**
Cold Sassy Tree
Set in the fictional town of Cold Sassy in 1906, it follows the life of a 14-year-old boy named Will Tweedy, and explores themes such as religion, death, and social taboos.

Alexander McCall Smith - **MCCALL Alex**
My Italian Bulldozer
Food writer Paul Stuart heads to the idyllic Italian hill town of Montalcino to finish his late manuscript, but he discovers his rental car is missing. Paul is stuck at the airport until he is offered a bulldozer. Paul accepts the offer and this begins a series of surprising adventures in food, wine, Tuscan history and modern romance

Lipman, Elinor **LIPMAN Elinor**
On Turpentine Lane
Living a mostly peaceful existence in her small suburban hometown where she struggles to ignore the dysfunctional people in her life, Faith discovers mysterious artifacts that make her question a promising new relationship and everything she believes.

Lewis, C.S. **J LEWIS C.S.**
The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe
Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

DiCamillo, Kate **J DICAMIL Kate**
The Tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread.
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents and the princess that he loves.

Kaye, M.M. **J KAYE M.M.**
The Ordinary Princess
A fairy tale for kids and adults.

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Titles to lift your spirits

Burnett, Francis Hodgson

The Secret Garden **J BURNETT**

A ten-year old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Canfield, Jack

158.128 CANFIEL

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Teenage soul, pet owners, children, lots of special editions.

Capote, Truman

CAPOTE Truman

A Christmas Memory

You don't know him until you've read this special story.

Dallas, Sandra

DALLAS Sandra

The Persian Pickle Club

Kansas ladies in the 1930s dustbowl stick together and almost hang!

Delany, Sarah & Elizabeth

B DELANY

Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years

Good reminiscences, advice, wisdom and anecdotes.

Fforde, Jasper

FFORDE Jasper(LP)

The Big Over Easy

Full of nursery rhyme references, puns and literary that it's hard not to laugh out loud while reading this fantastical send-up of a police procedural.

Gibbons, Kaye

GIBBONS Kaye

Ellen Foster

A little southern girl finds a home.

Gilbreth, Frank

B GILBRET FRANK

Cheaper by the Dozen

No growing pains have ever been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the dozen, riotous red-haired, freckle-faced Gilbreth clan.

Kinsella, Sophie

KINSELL Sophie

Can You Keep a Secret?

After the worst day of her life, Emma Corrigan spills her darkest secrets to a stranger on an airplane.

Lindbergh, Anne

170.82 LINDBER

Gift From the Sea

Timeless life lessons and reflections.

Keene, Carolyn

J KEENE Carolyn

Nancy Drew Mystery stories

Toole, John

TOOLE John...

Confederacy of Dunces

Follow the ridiculous journey of Ignatius Reilly, a would-be scholar from the Dark Ages, as he confronts New Orleans — in all its zany glory.

MacDonald, Betty

979.7 MACDONA

The Egg and I

Life on a chicken ranch near Port Townsend.

MacPherson, Malcolm **599.674 MACPHER**

The Cowboy and his Elephant : the story of a remarkable friendship

A former Marlboro Man adopts an elephant named Amy.

McManus, Patrick

796.5 MCMANUS

The Good Samaritan Strikes Again

Now that he's older, he's better. Less fishing and more real life.

Richardson, Arleta

J RICHARD Arleta

In Grandma's Attic (series)

A young girl delights in her grandmother's stories of mischief, discovery, and laughter, such as the time she accidentally lost the family buggy.

Saint-Exupery, Antoine **J SAINT-EXUPERY**

The Little Prince

With a timeless charm it tells the story of a little boy who leaves the safety of his own tiny planet to travel the universe, learning the vagaries of adult behavior through a series of extraordinary encounters.

Crosley, Slone

814.6 CROSLY

How Did You Get This Number

Crosley still lives and works in New York City, but she's no longer the newcomer for whom a trip beyond the Upper West Side is a big adventure. She can pack up her sensibility and takes us with her to Paris, to Portugal (having picked it by spinning a globe and putting down her finger, and finally falling in with a group of Portuguese clowns), and even to Alaska, where the "bear bells" on her fellow bridesmaids' ponytails seemed silly until a grizzly cub dramatically intrudes.



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