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but also jealousies, disappointments, and  
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2015\*\* 'It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon...' This is the way Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she and Red fell in love that summer's day in 1959. The whole family on the porch, half-listening as their mother tells the same tale they have heard so many times before. From that porch we spool back through the generations, witnessing the events, secrets and unguarded moments that have come to define the family. From Red's father and mother, newly arrived in Baltimore in the 1920s, to Abby and Red's grandchildren carrying the family legacy boisterously into the twenty-first century - four generations of Whitshanks, their lives unfolding in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their home... **\*\*ANNE**

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From the beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning author--now in the fiftieth year of her remarkable career--a brilliantly observed, joyful and wrenching, funny and true new novel that reveals, as only she can, the very nature of a family's life. "It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon." This is the way Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she fell in love with Red that day in July 1959. The whole family--their two daughters and two sons, their grandchildren, even their faithful old dog--is on the porch, listening contentedly as Abby tells the tale they have heard so many times before. And yet this gathering is different too: Abby and Red are growing older, and decisions must be made about how best to look after them, and the fate of the house so lovingly built by Red's father. Brimming with the luminous insight, humor, and

compassion that are Anne Tyler's hallmarks, this capacious novel takes us across three generations of the Whitshanks, their shared stories and long-held secrets, all the unguarded and richly lived moments that combine to define who and what they are as a family.

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant-Anne Tyler  
2011-02-09 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
“Funny, heart-hammering, wise...An extremely beautiful book.” —The New York Times “A Book that should join those few that every literate person will have to read.” —The Boston Globe  
Abandoned by her wanderlusting husband, stoic Pearl raised her three children on her own. Now grown, the siblings are inextricably linked by their memories—some painful—which hold them together despite their differences. Hardened by life’s disappointments, wealthy, charismatic Cody has turned cruel and envious. Thrice-married Jenny is errant and passionate. And Ezra, the flawed saint of the family, who stayed at home to look after his mother, runs a restaurant where he cooks what other people are homesick for, stubbornly yearning for the perfect family he

never had. Now gathered during a time of loss, they will reluctantly unlock the shared secrets of their past and discover if what binds them together is stronger than what tears them apart. Soulful and redemptive—full of heartbreak and hope—this portrait of a family will remind you why Anne Tyler is one of the most beloved writers working today. “[In Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant Tyler] has arrived at a new level of power.” —John Updike, *The New Yorker*  
“Marvelous, astringent, hilarious, [and] strewn with the banana peels of love.” —*Cosmopolitan*  
Clock Dance-Anne Tyler 2018-07-12 A bittersweet novel of family and self-discovery from the bestselling, award-winning author of *A Spool of Blue Thread* Willa Drake can count on one hand the defining moments of her life: her mother’s disappearance when she was just a child, being proposed to at an airport at the age of twenty-one, the accident that would leave her a widow in her forties. Each time, Willa ended up on a path laid out for her by others. So when she receives a phone call from a stranger informing her that her son’s ex-girlfriend has been shot,

she drops everything and flies across the country. The spur-of-the moment decision to look after this woman and her nine-year-old daughter leads Willa into uncharted territory and the eventual realisation that it's never too late to choose your own path. 'She is and always will be my favourite author' Liane Moriarty

The Beginner's Goodbye-Anne Tyler 2012-04-03 Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anne Tyler gives us a wise, haunting, and deeply moving new novel about loss and recovery, pierced throughout with her humor, wisdom, and always penetrating look at human foibles. Crippled in his right arm and leg, Aaron grew up fending off a sister who constantly wanted to manage him. So when he meets Dorothy, an outspoken, independent young woman, she's like a breath of fresh air. He marries her without hesitation, and they have a relatively happy, unremarkable marriage. Aaron works at his family's vanity-publishing business, turning out titles that presume to guide beginners through the trials of life. But when a tree crashes into their house and Dorothy is killed, Aaron feels as though he has

been erased forever. Only Dorothy's unexpected appearances from the dead—in their house, on the roadway, in the market—help him to live in the moment and to find some peace. Gradually, Aaron discovers that maybe for this beginner there is indeed a way to say goodbye. “Like a modern Jane Austen, Tyler creates small worlds [depicting] the intimate bonds of friendship and family.”—USA Today “An absolute charmer of a novel . . . With sparkling prose . . . [Anne] Tyler gets at the beating heart of what it means to lose someone, to say goodbye.”—The Boston Globe “Classic Tyler . . . The wonder of Anne Tyler is how consistently clear-eyed and truthful she remains about the nature of families and especially marriage.”—Los Angeles Times “Beautifully intricate . . . By the exquisitely romantic emotional climax [an] ordinary life has bloomed into an opera.”—Entertainment Weekly

Morgan's Passing-Anne Tyler 2011-01-26 "An almost flawless story of love...Morgan emerges as a true hero." LOS ANGELES TIMES Morgan Gower works at Cullen's hardware store in north Baltimore. He has seven daughters and a

warmhearted wife, but as he journeys into the gray area of middle age, he finds his household growing tedious. Then Morgan meets two lovely young newlyweds under some rather extreme circumstances--and all three discover that no one's heart is safe.... From the Paperback edition. Together Tea-Marjan Kamali 2013-05-21 In Together Tea, Marjan Kamali's delightful and heartwarming debut novel, Darya has discovered the perfect gift for her daughter's twenty-fifth birthday: an ideal husband. Mina, however, is fed up with her mother's years of endless matchmaking and the spreadsheets grading available Iranian-American bachelors. Having spent her childhood in Tehran and the rest of her life in New York City, Mina has experienced cultural clashes firsthand, but she's learning that the greatest clashes sometimes happen at home. After a last ill-fated attempt at matchmaking, mother and daughter embark on a return journey to Iran. Immersed once again in Persian culture, the two women gradually begin to understand each other. But when Mina falls for a young man who never appeared on her mother's

matchmaking radar, will Mina and Darya's new-found appreciation for each other survive? Together Tea is a moving and joyous debut novel about family, love, and finding the place you truly belong.

Earthly Possessions-Anne Tyler 2012-04-10 For thirty-five year old Charlotte Emory, leaving her husband seems to offer the only way out from the mundaneness of every day life's earthly possessions and emotional complications. In the bank, she withdraws enough money to escape a life and a marriage gone sour. But Charlotte is about to escape in a way she never expected, as a young bank robber takes her hostage, and they head south for Florida in a stolen car. OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD 'She's changed my perception on life' Anna Chancellor 'One of my favourite authors' Liane Moriarty 'She spins gold' Elizabeth Buchan 'Anne Tyler has no peer' Anita Shreve 'My favourite writer, and the best line-and-length novelist in the world' Nick Hornby 'A masterly author' Sebastian Faulks 'Tyler is not merely good, she is wickedly good' John Updike 'I love Anne Tyler' Anita

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Redhead by the Side of the Road-Anne Tyler  
2020-04-07 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE  
"If ever there was a perfect time for a new Anne Tyler novel, it's now." —People "Tyler's novels are always worth scooping up—but especially this gently amusing soother, right now." —NPR  
From the beloved Anne Tyler, a sparkling new novel about misperception, second chances, and the sometimes elusive power of human connection. Micah Mortimer is a creature of habit. A self-employed tech expert, superintendent of his Baltimore apartment building, cautious to a fault behind the steering wheel, he seems content leading a steady, circumscribed life. But one day his routines are blown apart when his woman friend (he refuses to call anyone in her late thirties a "girlfriend") tells him she's facing eviction, and a teenager shows up at Micah's door claiming to be his son. These surprises, and the ways they throw

Micah's meticulously organized life off-kilter, risk changing him forever. An intimate look into the heart and mind of a man who finds those around him just out of reach, and a funny, joyful, deeply compassionate story about seeing the world through new eyes, Redhead by the Side of the Road is a triumph, filled with Anne Tyler's signature wit and gimlet-eyed observation. Vinegar Girl-Anne Tyler 2016-06-21 Pulitzer Prize winner and American master Anne Tyler brings us an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. Kate Battista feels stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and uppity, pretty younger sister Bunny? Plus, she's always in trouble at work - her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don't always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner. Dr. Battista has other problems. After years out in the academic wilderness, he is on the verge of a breakthrough. His research could help millions. There's only one problem: his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. And

without Pyotr, all would be lost. When Dr. Battista cooks up an outrageous plan that will enable Pyotr to stay in the country, he's relying - as usual - on Kate to help him. Kate is furious: this time he's really asking too much. But will she be able to resist the two men's touchingly ludicrous campaign to bring her around?

A Patchwork Planet-Anne Tyler 2015-05-05 In this, her fourteenth novel--and one of her most endearing--Anne Tyler tells the story of a lovable loser who's trying to get his life in order. Barnaby Gaitlin has been in trouble ever since adolescence. He had this habit of breaking into other people's houses. It wasn't the big loot he was after, like his teenage cohorts. It was just that he liked to read other people's mail, pore over their family photo albums, and appropriate a few of their precious mementos. But for eleven years now, he's been working steadily for Rent-a-Back, renting his back to old folks and shut-ins who can't move their own porch furniture or bring the Christmas tree down from the attic. At last, his life seems to be on an even keel. Still, the Gaitlins (of "old" Baltimore) cannot forget the

price they paid for buying off Barnaby's former victims. And his ex-wife would just as soon he didn't show up ever to visit their little girl, Opal. Even the nice, steady woman (his guardian angel?) who seems to have designs on him doesn't fully trust him, it develops, when the chips are down, and it looks as though his world may fall apart again. There is no one like Anne Tyler, with her sharp, funny, tender perceptions about how human beings navigate on a puzzling planet, and she keeps us enthralled from start to finish in this delicious new novel.

The Accidental Tourist-Anne Tyler 2015-05-05 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Incandescent, heartbreaking, exhilarating...One cannot reasonably expect fiction to be much better than this." —The Washington Post In this irresistible novel, Anne Tyler explores the slippery alchemy of attracting opposites, and the struggle to rebuild one's life after unspeakable tragedy. Travel writer Macon Leary hates travel, adventure, surprises, and anything outside of his routine. Immobilized by grief, Macon is becoming increasingly prickly and alone, anchored by his

solitude and an unwillingness to compromise his creature comforts. Then he meets Muriel, an eccentric dog trainer too optimistic to let Macon disappear into himself. Despite Macon's best efforts to remain insulated, Muriel up-ends his solitary, systemized life, catapulting him into the center of a messy, beautiful love story he never imagined. A fresh and timeless tale of unexpected bliss, *The Accidental Tourist* showcases Tyler's talents for making characters—and their relationships—feel both real and magical. Look for *Clock Dance*, the charming new novel from Anne Tyler, available now.

Back When We Were Grownups-Anne Tyler  
2015-05-05 "Once upon a time, there was a woman who discovered that she had turned into the wrong person." So Anne Tyler opens this irresistible new novel. The woman is Rebecca Davitch, a fifty-three-year-old grandmother. Is she an impostor in her own life? she asks herself. Is it indeed her own life? Or is it someone else's? On the surface, Beck, as she is known to the Davitch clan, is outgoing, joyous, a natural

celebrator. Giving parties is, after all, her vocation—something she slipped into even before finishing college, when Joe Davitch spotted her at an engagement party in his family's crumbling nineteenth-century Baltimore row house, where giving parties was the family business. What caught his fancy was that she seemed to be having such a wonderful time. Soon this large-spirited older man, a divorcé with three little girls, swept her into his orbit, and before she knew it she was embracing his extended family plus a child of their own, and hosting endless parties in the ornate, high-ceilinged rooms of *The Open Arms*. Now, some thirty years later, after presiding over a disastrous family picnic, Rebecca is caught un-awares by the question of who she really is. How she answers it—how she tries to recover her girlhood self, that dignified grownup she had once been—is the story told in this beguiling, funny, and deeply moving novel. As always with Anne Tyler's novels, once we enter her world it is hard to leave. But in *Back When We Were Grownups* she so sharpens our perceptions and awakens so many untapped

feelings that we come away not only refreshed and delighted, but also infinitely wiser.

Ladder Of Years-Anne Tyler 2010-02-23 One warm summer's day at the beach, forty-year-old Cordelia Grinstead, dressed only in a swimsuit and beach robe, walks away from her family and just keeps on going. After hitching a ride with a stranger to a new town where she knows no one, she reinvents herself as a single woman with no ties and begins living a new life altogether. But how long can she keep this up before her real life finds her? OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD 'She's changed my perception on life' Anna Chancellor 'One of my favourite authors' Liane Moriarty 'She spins gold' Elizabeth Buchan 'Anne Tyler has no peer' Anita Shreve 'My favourite writer, and the best line-and-length novelist in the world' Nick Hornby 'A masterly author' Sebastian Faulks 'Tyler is not merely good, she is wickedly good' John Updike 'I love Anne Tyler' Anita Brookner 'Her fiction has strength of vision, originality, freshness, unconquerable humour' Eudora Welty

The Amateur Marriage-Anne Tyler 2009-10-13

Michael and Pauline seemed like the perfect couple - young, good-looking, made for each other. The moment she walked into his mother's grocery store in Baltimore, he was smitten, and in the heat of World War II fervour, they marry in haste. From the sound of the cash register in the old grocery to the counter-culture jargon of the sixties, from the miniskirts to the multilayers of later years, we watch their lives unspool and see the consequences of their very mismatched marriage. OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD 'She's changed my perception on life' Anna Chancellor 'One of my favourite authors' Liane Moriarty 'She spins gold' Elizabeth Buchan 'Anne Tyler has no peer' Anita Shreve 'My favourite writer, and the best line-and-length novelist in the world' Nick Hornby 'A masterly author' Sebastian Faulks 'Tyler is not merely good, she is wickedly good' John Updike 'I love Anne Tyler' Anita Brookner 'Her fiction has strength of vision, originality, freshness, unconquerable humour' Eudora Welty

The Clock Winder-Anne Tyler 1991 'Her brilliance in capturing the ripples on the surface

of family life gives her a claim to be the Jane Austen of our age' - Allison Pearson, Daily Mail Having sacked her handyman, newly-widowed Mrs Emerson finds a replacement in Elizabeth, a lanky, awkward girl. The Emersons - there are seven grown-up children - have a reputation for craziness and Elizabeth finds herself drawn into their disorderly lives against her will. But in the end it is hard to tell whether she is a victim of the needy Emersons, or the de factoruler of the family. OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD 'She's changed my perception on life' Anna Chancellor 'One of my favourite authors ' Liane Moriarty 'She spins gold' Elizabeth Buchan 'Anne Tyler has no peer' Anita Shreve 'My favourite writer, and the best line-and-length novelist in the world' Nick Hornby 'A masterly author' Sebastian Faulks 'Tyler is not merely good, she is wickedly good' John Updike 'I love Anne Tyler' Anita Brookner 'Her fiction has strength of vision, originality, freshness, unconquerable humour' Eudora Welty  
Tumble Tower-Anne Tyler 1993 A very messy princess in a very tidy royal family has the

opportunity to prove that there are advantages to not being neat.

The Illuminations-Andrew O'Hagan 2015-03-24 Longlisted for the 2015 Man Booker Prize The Illuminations, the fifth novel from Andrew O'Hagan, a writer "of astonishingly assured gifts" (The New York Times Book Review), is a work of deeply charged beauty--and one that demonstrates, with poignancy and power, that no matter how we look at it, there is no such thing as an ordinary life. Anne Quirk's life is built on stories--the lies she was told by the man she loved and the fictions she told herself to survive. Nobody remembers Anne now, but in her youth she was an artistic pioneer, a creator of groundbreaking documentary photographs. Her beloved grandson Luke, a captain with the Royal West Fusiliers in the British army, has inherited her habit of transforming reality. When his mission in Afghanistan goes horribly wrong, he returns to Scotland, where the secrets that have shaped his family begin to emerge. He and Anne set out to confront a mystery from her past among the Blackpool Illuminations--the dazzling

lights that brighten the seaside town as the season turns to winter.

If Morning Ever Comes-Anne Tyler 1990 If Morning Ever comes tells with insight and wit the story of a bewildered young man's rediscovery of his past on a visit home. The Tin Can Tree tells of a tight-knit Southern family and its efforts to cope with the random, tragic death of a daughter. A Slipping-Down Life tells of the romance of an offbeat and amusingly unlikely couple -- a lonely, dowd high school girl and a stubborn rock musician.

If Morning Ever Comes-Anne Tyler 2011-01-05 "A triumph." HARPERS Ben Joe Hawkes is a worrier. Raised by his mother, grandmother, and a flock of busy sisters, he's always felt the outsider. When he learns that one of his sisters has left her husband, he heads for home and back into the confusion of childhood memories and unforeseen love....

Breathing Lessons-Anne Tyler 2015-05-05  
WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE • NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Maggie and Ira Moran have been married for twenty-eight

years—and it shows: in their quarrels, in their routines, in their ability to tolerate with affection each other's eccentricities. Maggie, a kooky, lovable meddler and an irrepressible optimist, wants nothing more than to fix her son's broken marriage. Ira is infuriatingly practical, a man "who should have married Ann Landers." And what begins as a day trip to a funeral becomes an adventure in the unexpected. As Maggie and Ira navigate the riotous twists and turns, they intersect with an assorted cast of eccentrics—and rediscover the magic of the road called life and the joy of having somebody next to you to share the ride . . . bumps and all. Praise for Breathing Lessons "A wonderful novel, glowing with the insight and compassion of an artist's touch."—The Boston Globe "Superb fiction: It shows us how to live."—Newsday "Simple, wise, funny, touching, and real . . . Tyler is known for offbeat characters, and Maggie Moran is one of her most endearing."—The Christian Science Monitor "An occasion for laughter and tears."—New York Post "More powerful and moving than anything [Tyler] has done."—Los

Angeles Times From the Trade Paperback edition.

The Past-Tessa Hadley 2016-01-05 Winner of the Windham Campbell Prize • A Washington Post Best Book of the Year • A Time Best Book of the Year • A San Francisco Chronicle Top 10 Book of the Year • A Huffington Post Best Fiction Book of the Year • A New York Times Editors' Choice In her most accessible, commercial novel yet, the "supremely perceptive writer of formidable skill and intelligence (New York Times Book Review) turns her astute eye to a dramatic family reunion, where simmering tensions and secrets come to a head over three long, hot summer weeks. With five novels and two collections of stories, Tessa Hadley has earned a reputation as a fiction writer of remarkable gifts. She brings all of her considerable skill and an irresistible setup to *The Past*, a novel in which three sisters, a brother, and their children assemble at their country house. These three weeks may be their last time there; the upkeep is prohibitive, and they may be forced to sell this beloved house filled with memories of their shared past (their mother took

them there to live when she left their father). Yet beneath the idyllic pastoral surface, hidden passions, devastating secrets, and dangerous hostilities threaten to consume them.

Sophisticated and sleek, Roland's new wife (his third) arouses his sisters' jealousies and insecurities. Kasim, the twenty-year-old son of Alice's ex-boyfriend, becomes enchanted with Molly, Roland's sixteen-year-old daughter. Fran's young children make an unsettling discovery in a dilapidated cottage in the woods that shatters their innocence. Passion erupts where it's least expected, leveling the quiet self-possession of Harriet, the eldest sister. Over the course of this summer holiday, the family's stories and silences intertwine, small disturbances build into familial crises, and a way of life—bourgeois, literate, ritualized, Anglican—winds down to its inevitable end. With subtle precision and deep compassion, Tessa Hadley brilliantly evokes a brewing storm of lust and envy, the indelible connections of memory and affection, the fierce, nostalgic beauty of the natural world, and the shifting currents of history running beneath the surface

of these seemingly steady lives. The result is a novel of breathtaking skill and scope that showcases this major writer's extraordinary talents.

Study Guide-Supersummary 2019-10-29 SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 65-page guide for "A Spool Of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 14 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Keeping Up Appearances and The Ghosts of Our Past.

Ruby-Cynthia Bond 2015 Loving the beautiful but damaged Ruby all of his life, Ephram is torn between his sister and a chance for a life with Ruby when the latter returns to their small hometown and confronts the forces that traumatized her early years.

The Sound of Glass-Karen White 2015-05-12 The

New York Times bestselling author of the Tradd Street novels explores a Southern family's buried history, which will change the life of the woman who unearths it, secret by shattering secret. Two years after the death of her husband, Merritt Heyward receives unexpected news—Cal's family home in Beaufort, South Carolina, bequeathed by his reclusive grandmother, now belongs to Merritt. In Beaufort, the secrets of Cal's unspoken-of past reside among the pluff mud and jasmine of the ancestral Heyward home on the Bluff. This unknown legacy, now Merritt's, will change and define her as she navigates her new life—a life complicated by the arrival of her too young stepmother and ten-year-old half brother. Soon, in this house of strangers, Merritt is forced into unraveling the Heyward family past as she faces her own fears and finds the healing she needs in the salt air of the Lowcountry.

Celestial Navigation-Anne Tyler 2011-01-26

"Tyler is steadily raising a body of fiction of major dimensions." THE NEW YORK TIMES Thirty-eight-year-old Jeremy Pauling has never left home. He lives on the top floor of a Baltimore

row house where he creates collages of little people snipped from wrapping paper. His elderly mother putters in the rooms below, until her death. And it is then that Jeremy is forced to take in Mary Tell and her child as boarders. Mary is unaware of how much courage it takes Jeremy to look her in the eye. For Jeremy, like one of his paper creations, is fragile and easily torn-- especially when he's falling in love....

Come Away with Me-Karma Brown 2015-08-25

"One minute, 26-year-old Tegan Lawson has everything she could hope for, including an adoring husband, Gabe, and a baby on the way. The next, a patch of black ice causes a devastating accident and Tegan's life is as shattered as the car they had to cut her out of. With the loss of her baby and her unbearable anger towards Gabe, who was driving that night, Tegan is drowning in grief. After a handful of sleeping pills land her in the hospital, lucky to be alive, her family's fear and Gabe's commitment to fix things prompts Tegan to make a change. At Gabe's suggestion, she agrees to travel to three destinations from their 'life experiences' wish

list. From culture-rich Thailand, to the flavors of Italy, to the ocean waves in Hawaii, Tegan and Gabe embark on a journey to escape the tragedy and to search for forgiveness. But Tegan soon learns grief follows you no matter how far away you go, and that acceptance comes when you least expect it. When things take a shocking turn in Hawaii, Tegan is forced to face the truth -- and she must decide if the life she has is the one she wants"-- from author's web site.

Searching for Caleb-Anne Tyler 2011-02-23

"Magic and true, dazzling and wise...It has an astounding confidence, depth and range...A wonderful, wonderful novel."—The Boston Globe  
Through the syncopated rhythms of the ragtime era to the thumping, rocking beats of the 1970s, generations of Pecks have maintained a determined steadiness. Adamantly middle class—Peck-proud, as the family slogan goes—they are quick to sweep under the rug those members who do not live up to their standards. Maybe that's why Caleb Peck took off with his violincello as a boy? Sixty years later, his brother Daniel is still wondering. No longer

willing to live without answers, he turns to his daughter-in-law, Justine, another Peck family eccentric. A studied tarot card reader, Justine comes across one message over and over in the cards: change is coming. With Daniel's help, she's hoping to find the courage to embrace whatever happens next. An unlikely pair struggling against a stifling family, Daniel and Justine believe they'll find freedom in just the right mix of magic, music, and mystery.

Noah's Compass-Anne Tyler 2015-10-01 Liam Pennywell has spent most of his life dodging issues and skirting adventure when suddenly, in his sixty-first year, something happens that jolts him out of his certainty and leaves him with a frightening gap in his memory. In trying to piece together what took place on his first night in a new apartment, Liam finds instead an unusual woman with secrets of her own, and a late-flowering love that brings its own set of thorny problems... OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD 'She's changed my perception on life' Anna Chancellor 'One of my favourite authors' Liane Moriarty 'She spins gold'

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Real Life Drama-Wendy Smith 2013-08-06 Real Life Drama is the classic history of the remarkable group that revitalized American theater in the 1930s by engaging urgent social and moral issues that still resonate today. Born in the turbulent decade of the Depression, the Group Theatre revolutionized American arts. Wendy Smith's dramatic narrative brings the influential troupe and its founders to life once again, capturing their joys and pains, their triumphs and defeats. Filled with fresh insights into the towering personalities of Harold Clurman, Lee Strasberg, Cheryl Crawford, Elia Kazan, Clifford Odets, Stella and Luther Adler, Karl Malden, and Lee J. Cobb, among many others, Real Life Drama chronicles a passionate

community of idealists as they opened a new frontier in theater.

Running with Sherman-Christopher McDougall  
2020-07-28 A heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America. "McDougall is a gifted storyteller who gets to the heart of the human-animal connection."--John Grogan, author of *Marley & Me*.

Christmas with the Teashop Girls-Elaine Everest  
2020-10-15 Christmas with the Teashop Girls is a heartwarming and moving story of wartime love, bravery and hope, by the bestselling author of the Woolworths series, Elaine Everest. It is late 1940 and the war feels closer to home than ever for Rose Neville and her staff at the Lyon's Teashop in Margate. The worry of rationing hangs overhead as the Nippies do their best to provide a happy smile and a hot cup of tea for their customers. When a heavy bombing raid targets the Kent coastline, Lyon's is badly hit, throwing the future of the cafe into jeopardy. The light in Rose's life is her dashing fiancé Capt. Ben Hargreaves and planning their Christmas

Eve wedding. But she must also plan to take two new step-daughters into her life and get on the right side of her wealthy mother-in-law, Lady Diana. Is Rose ready to become a mother so soon? When Rose's half-sister Eileen makes contact, it seems that Rose's dreams of having a sibling are coming true at long last. But her friends begin to suspect that something is not right between Eileen and her husband: just what are they hiding? As the Christmas Eve wedding draws near, the bombings intensify in Kent and London, putting everything and everyone Rose loves in danger. Only one thing is for sure: it will be a Christmas she never forgets . . .

Barefoot Beach-Toby Devens 2016 The place carried some kind of spell, concocted of?I don't know?salt air, sea grass, and Old Bay Seasoning, that over the years had permeated its walls and floorboards. Whatever it was, the place cast fabulous magic. For Nora Quinn Farrell, the beach in Nanticoke, Maryland, isn't just a retreat?it's home, where she married the love of her life, decided to have a child, and first connected with her two closest friends. Even

now, long after her husband's passing, Nora reunites with Margo and Emine every summer to build new memories. But this year, challenges invade the friends' retreat. Even as Nora delights in teaching at her dance studio, she is shaken by her son's decision to seek out his sperm-donor dad. While Margo directs a musical at the Driftwood Playhouse, her marriage seems headed toward its final curtain. And Em, who relishes running her family's café, struggles to handle her rebellious teen. With their personal dramas reaching a fever pitch and a coastal hurricane threatening their sanctuary, the women will discover that the beach isn't the magic that brightens their lives?their bond with one another is.

The Most Fun We Ever Had-Claire Lombardo  
2021-04-06 Longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction When Marilyn Connolly and David Sorenson fall in love in the 1970s, they are blithely ignorant of all that awaits them. By 2016, their four radically different daughters are in a state of unrest. Wendy, widowed young, soothes herself with booze and younger men; Violet, a

litigator turned stay-at-home-mom, battles anxiety and self-doubt; Liza, a neurotic and newly tenured professor, finds herself pregnant with a baby she's not sure she wants by a man she's not sure she loves; and Grace, the dawdling youngest daughter, begins living a lie that no one in her family even suspects. With the arrival of Jonah Bendt--a child placed for adoption by one of the daughters fifteen years before--the Sorensens will be forced to reckon with the rich and varied tapestry of their past: years marred by adolescent angst, infidelity, and resentment, but also the transcendent moments of joy that make everything else worthwhile.

Mama Blue-Jane Coco Cowles 2013 Mama Blue is a simple picture book intended to introduce children ages 5-8 to depression. Baby Moo sees her mother sleeps most of the day, is always tired, and doesn't play outside with her. She tries to cheer up her mother, but she cannot. One day she sees her mother is bleeding and asks what happened. Mama Blue tells her daughter that she cut herself to lessen the pain. Baby Moo is scared. Her mother could easily have bled to

death. All of Baby Moo's questions help Mama Moo see that she needs help from doctors and mental health professionals to treat her depression. While fictional, this story is based on the author's experiences of watching her mother struggle with depression. It is never too soon to learn the warning signs of this debilitating and life-threatening disease. Depression and other mental illnesses are just as real as physical illnesses. Until we start changing the way we view mental illness as a society, people will not get the help they need.

The Tin Can Tree-Anne Tyler 2011-12-07 "Anne Tyler writes like an angel." —USA Today In the small town of Larksville, the Pike family is hopelessly out of step with the daily rhythms of life. Mrs. Pike seldom speaks, while Mr. Pike maintains a forced stoicism. Only their ten-year-old, Simon, seems able to acknowledge that their world has changed. He just doesn't understand why. The Pikes may choose to stand still, to hide from an unnameable past, but the strange shroud over their home cannot be contained. Soon it's inching its way toward their neighbors, where

brothers Ansel and James will have to confront their own dark secrets if they want to bring their neighborhood back out into the light.

The Deepest South of All-Richard Grant  
2020-09-01 Bestselling travel writer Richard Grant offers an entertaining and profound look at a city like no other. Natchez, Mississippi, once had more millionaires per capita than anywhere else in America, and its wealth was built on slavery and cotton. Today it has the greatest concentration of antebellum mansions in the South, and a culture full of unexpected contradictions. Prominent white families dress up in hoopskirts and Confederate uniforms for ritual celebrations of the Old South, yet Natchez is also progressive enough to elect a gay black man for mayor with 91% of the vote. Much as John Berendt did for Savannah in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* and the hit podcast *S-Town* did for Woodstock, Alabama, so Richard Grant does for Natchez in *The Deepest South of All*. With humor and insight, he depicts a strange, eccentric town with an unforgettable cast of characters. There's Buzz Harper, a six-foot-five

gay antique dealer famous for swanning around in a mink coat with a uniformed manservant and a very short German bodybuilder. There's Ginger Hyland, "The Lioness," who owns 500 antique eyewash cups and decorates 168 Christmas trees with her jewelry collection. And there's Nellie Jackson, a Cadillac-driving brothel madam who became an FBI informant about the KKK before being burned alive by one of her customers. Interwoven through these stories is the more somber and largely forgotten account of Abd al Rahman Ibrahima, a West African prince who was enslaved in Natchez and became a cause célèbre in the 1820s, eventually gaining his freedom and returning to Africa. Part history and part travelogue, *The Deepest South of All* offers a gripping portrait of a complex American place, as it struggles to break free from the past and confront the legacy of slavery.

Minus Me-Mameve Medwed 2021-01-12 Her life turned upside down by a grim diagnosis, a small-town Maine woman sets about writing a "How To" life manual for her handsome yet hapless husband in a novel Elinor Lipman (Good

Riddance, *On Turpentine Lane*) calls "smart, funny-quirky, and so very satisfying." Annie and her devoted but comically incompetent childhood sweetheart Sam are the owners and operators of Annie's, a gourmet sandwich shop, home to the legendary Paul Bunyan Special Sandwich--their "nutritionally challenged continual source of income and marital harmony and local fame." But into their mostly charmed marriage comes the scary medical diagnosis for Annie--and the overwhelming challenge of finding a way to help Sam go on without her. Annie decides to leave Sam step-by-step instructions for a future without her, and considers her own replacement in his heart and their bed. Her best-laid plans grind to a halt with the unexpected appearance of Ursula, Annie's Manhattan diva of a mother, who brings her own brand of chaos and disruption into their lives. *Minus Me* is a poignant and hilarious novel about the bonds of marriage, the burdens of maternal love, and the courage to face mortality, "with an ending readers will cherish (Caroline Leavitt, *Pictures of You*)." "Medwed's lovely novel of marriage,

motherhood, love and loss is so real that at times it feels like non-fiction. It's a timely reminder that in the worst of times, we sometimes rediscover the very best of ourselves." --Jodi Picoult, New York Times bestselling author of *A Spark of Light*.

Road Ends-Mary Lawson 2014-07-08 From an acclaimed writer whose work invites comparisons to Elizabeth Strout, Rick Bass, and Richard Ford comes a brilliantly layered novel about self-sacrifice, family relationships, and the weight of our responsibility to those we love. The New York Times bestselling author of the critically acclaimed *Crow Lake* and *The Other Side of the Bridge* returns with a brilliantly layered novel about self-sacrifice, family relationships, and the weight of our responsibility to those we love. Twenty-one-year-old Megan Cartwright has never been outside Struan, Ontario, a small town of deep woods and forbidding winters. The second oldest in a house with seven brothers, Megan is the caregiver, housekeeper, and linchpin of the family, but the day comes when she decides it's time she had a

life of her own. Leaving everything behind, Megan sets out for London. In the wake of her absence, her family begins to unravel. Megan's parents and brothers withdraw from one another, leading emotionally isolated lives while still under the same roof. Her oldest brother, Tom, reeling from the death of his best friend, rejects a promising future to move back home. Emily, her mother, rarely leaves the room where she dreamily dotes on her newborn son, while Megan's four-year-old brother, Adam, is desperate for warmth and attention. And as time passes, Megan's father, Edward, stubbornly refuses to acknowledge that his household is coming undone. Torn between her independence and family ties, Megan must make an impossible choice. Nuanced, compelling, and searingly honest, *Road Ends* illuminates how we each make peace with the demands of love. Mary Lawson delivers compassion and heartbreak in equal measure in her most stunning novel to date. Praise for *Road Ends* "Mary Lawson's story of a dysfunctional family in a northern Ontario logging town is told in scenes that are as

palpably tender and surprising as they are quietly disturbing. . . . [Lawson] has an uncanny talent for evoking the textures of her characters' moods while moving them unsentimentally through London and Struan."—The New York Times Book Review "Like all great writers—and Lawson is among the finest—she tells her story in a deceptively simple and straightforward way, but one that resonates with anyone who has ever struggled with doing the right thing by a family member despite a desperate longing to escape that burden."—The Star "[Lawson] can justifiably

lay claim to an oeuvre as well as a personal geography. If the part of Ontario west of Toronto is Munro country, then the area northwest of New Liskeard and Cobalt—where her fictional towns of Struan and Crow Lake are roughly located—may well end up being dubbed Lawson Country."—National Post "A beautiful novel, with the psychological twists and turns of each character gently and poignantly unfurled."—The Globe and Mail