



Feel good books to enjoy while staying at home

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

~Mason Cooley

Acceptance by Susan Coll

A comic chronicle of a year in the life in the college admissions cycle, and the frantic rush of students and parents to do something--anything--to distinguish themselves. For all, the price of admission requires compromise; for a few, the ordeal blossoms into an unexpected journey of discovery.

Born a Crime : Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother-his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

Boys Don't Knit(in Public) by TS Easton

After a brush with the law, Ben, a dyed-in-the-wool worrier, must take up a new hobby and chooses knitting, an activity at which he excels but must try to keep secret from his friends, enemies, and sports-obsessed father.

The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee

1890, Atlanta. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for 'the genteel Southern lady'

Geekerella by Ashley Poston

Recasting Prince Charming as Darien, dreamboat star of a cult sci-fi show's new reboot, and the prince's ball as "ExcelsiCon," Poston delivers a sweet, breezy "Cinderella" update. A cosplay contest offers heroine Elle a chance to attend the premiere of her beloved Starfield--with Darien. This sweet rom-com smartly serves up hidden identities, unabashed fandom, thwarted yearnings, and satisfying triumphs.

Losers Take All by David Klass

When a football coach-turned-principal enforces a new policy requiring every senior to join an athletic team, a group of self-professed geeks, oddballs, and other nonathletes creates a team that challenges the high school's long-standing sports culture.

Love and First Sight by Josh Sundquist

Sixteen-year-old blind teen Will Porter undergoes an experimental surgery that enables him to see for the first time, all while navigating a new school, new friends, and a crush".

The Meg Langslow Mystery Series by Donna Andrews

"A long-running series that gets better all the time. A fine blend of academic satire, screwball comedy, and murder."

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

Westley, a farm boy, goes off to seek his fortune shortly after declaring his love for Buttercup, the most beautiful woman in the world, but their relationship is put to the test when his ship is captured by pirates and she is summoned to become the bride of the prince.

The promise of amazing by Robin Constantine

A creative twist on the "opposites attract" theme in this well-crafted romance starring good-girl Wren Caswell and shady jock Grayson Barrett. Told from the teens' alternating points of view, the story begins when Wren, a waitress at her parents' inn, saves the life of a choking guest. At this point, she knows nothing of the guest, Grayson, whose past misdeeds got him expelled from his old private school, news Wren later acquires through gossip and confessions. When Grayson lands a job at the inn, the two begin to fall for each other, in spite-or perhaps because-of their different personalities. Conflicts arise as Grayson's former partners in crime threaten to ruin his relationship with Wren, and Wren, tired of being labeled "bright but quiet," grows too bold for her parents' taste.

The Pros of Cons by Alison Cherry

Vanessa Montoya-O'Callagh, a writer, Phoebe Byrd, a drummer, and Callie Buchanan, a taxidermy assistant form an unlikely friendship when a random mix-up at a hotel lobby brings them togethe

Pumpkin Heads by Rainbow Rowell

Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world. They say good-bye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September 1. But this Halloween is different. Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last good-bye. Josiah's ready to spend the whole night feeling melancholy about it. But Deja has a plan: What if instead of moping they went out with a bang?

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Don Tillman, professor of genetics, has never been on a second date. He is a man who can count all his friends on the fingers of one hand, whose lifelong difficulty with social rituals has convinced him that he is simply not wired for romance. So Don designs the Wife Project, a sixteen-page scientifically valid survey to help himself find the perfect partner.

Sleeping Freshmen Never by Lie David Lubar

Scott Hudson chronicles the ups and downs of his eventful freshman year in high school, as he joins the newspaper, works as a stage manager for the spring play, learns a lot from his outstanding English teacher, tries to help a student who attempts suicide, is beaten up because of a girl, and goes to the spring dance. Along the way, he discovers that his mother is pregnant, and he writes a series of insightful letters to his soon-to-be sibling. By the end, Scott has outgrown his freshman insecurities, realizing that he has carved a place for himself in the high-school world

Sway by Katarina Spears

Jesse is good at making things happen--hence his nickname, "Sway." But when he's enlisted to persuade the perfect girl to fall for a seriously imperfect guy, he might have reached the limits of his persuasive powers. This debut, a modern-day Cyrano de Bergerac story, is bolstered by snappy writing and strong, diverse supporting characters.

We regret to inform you by Ariel Kaplan

When high-achiever Mischa is rejected from every college she applies to, she teams up with a group of hacker girls to find who altered her transcript and set things right.

When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon

In her delightful debut, Menon tells the story of two Indian American teenagers, fresh from high school and eager for adulthood. While Rishi's version of growing up involves happily following his parents' life plan (giving up art for engineering and accepting an arranged marriage to Dimple), Dimple sees college as her chance to escape her immigrant parents' stifling expectations (which include little more than wearing makeup and finding a suitable Indian husband). And yet, when Dimple and Rishi finally meet, they are both shocked to realize what it is they truly want—and what they're willing to sacrifice to get it.