

Kaye Gibbons

Gibbons is a Southern writer of literary stories centered around families and with quirky characters. Try [*A Virtuous Woman*](#) ; [*Charms for the Easy Life*](#)

Alice Hoffman

Family relationships are important, especially women. [*At Risk*](#); [*Practical Magic*](#)

Eccentric yet recognizably human characters

Women's lives and relationships

Focus on families and family relationships

Read-Alikes for **Anne Tyler**

Gently humorous look at comedy and tragedy of real life

Leisurely-paced, unfolding novels of self-discovery

Literary Fiction

Richard Russo

Small-town life with interesting, well-drawn characters. [*Empire Falls*](#); [*Nobody's Fool*](#)

John Irving

Powerful prose style; complex characters. [*The World According to Garp*](#); [*Widow for One Year*](#)

Nancy Willard

Willard captures the magic of everyday life. [*Things Invisible To See*](#); [*Sister Water*](#)