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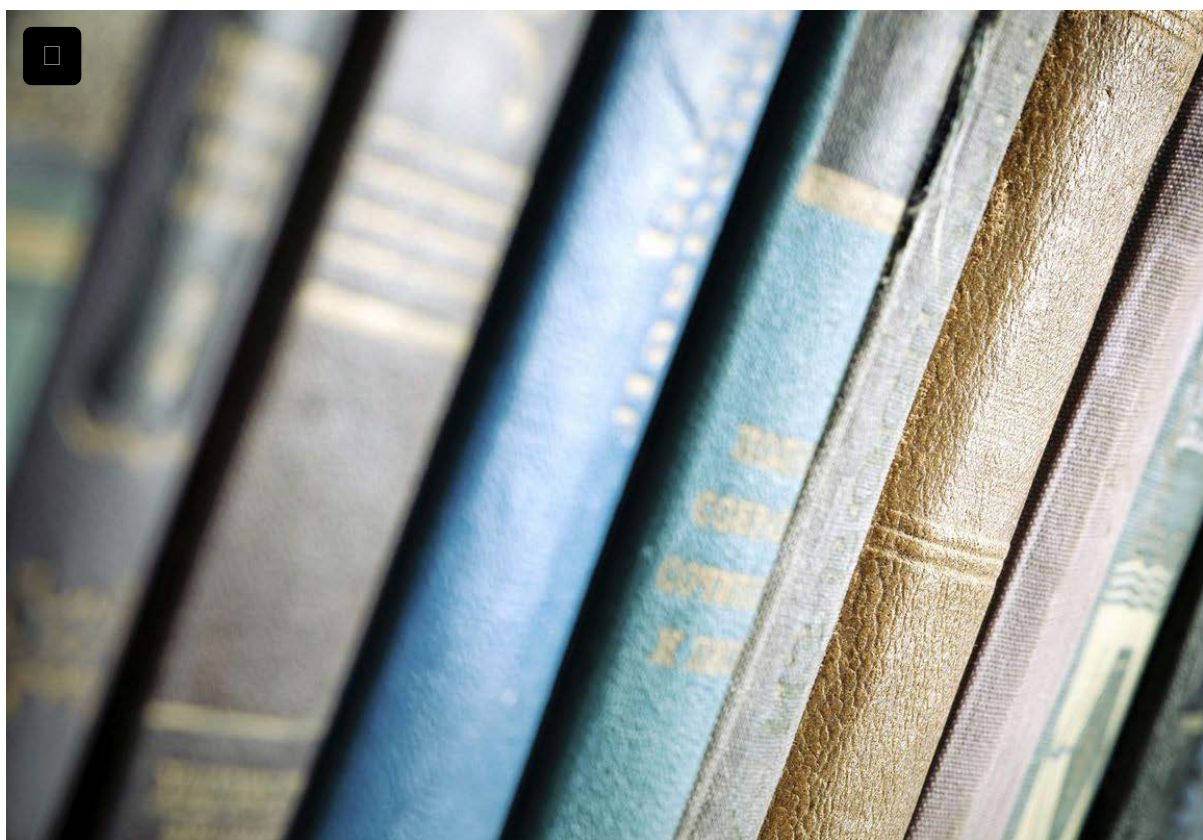
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## Library Corner: The best books I haven't read

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It's time again to share my list of books people have strongly recommended but I haven't gotten around to reading. Hopefully this will motivate me to read some of the titles, and motivate you to read some of the books on your list.

I use [Goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) to keep track of the books I want to read. It's a great site where you can keep

lists of books you've read and want to read, see what other people have read (even connect with your friends through Facebook), and read and make book recommendations. If you want to learn how to set up a Goodreads account, call the library at 918-549-7624 and set up a Book-A-Librarian session.

1. *"Truly, Madly, Guilty" by Liane Moriarty*

"Three cute kids. One small dog. It's just a normal weekend. What could possibly go wrong? In *Truly Madly Guilty*, Liane Moriarty turns her unique, razor-sharp eye towards three seemingly happy families."

I love Liane Moriarty's books and have read them all except the newest one. My excuse is I just haven't had time. This book is actually the May book for Barbara's book discussion group, which meets at the library on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am.

2. *"My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman*

"A novel about a young girl whose grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters, sending her on a journey that brings to life the world of her grandmother's fairy tales."

I have heard over and over how much everyone liked this book, and I know his previous book ("*A Man Called Ove*," also made into a movie) was a hit as well. But I still haven't read it. I've heard the grandmother is very ornery and a lot of fun.

3. *"Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys*

"Winter, 1945. Four teenagers. Four secrets. Each one born of a different homeland; each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies... and war."

It's officially labeled young adult, and the reviews are amazing, with people calling it "a powerful story," "beautifully written" and "moving." It's based on true events that occurred during WWII. I just have to be in the right mood for a sad story.

4. *"The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katarina Bivald*

"Sara travels all the way from Sweden to Broken Wheel, Iowa to start a bookstore in honor of her friend's memory. All she wants is to share the books she loves with the citizens of Broken Wheel and to convince them that reading is one of the great joys of life. But she makes some unconventional choices that could force a lot of secrets into the open and change things for everyone in town."

This book comes up almost every month at my book club. Usually with someone saying, "You haven't read that yet? It's so good!" It's described as a book for book lovers, which I definitely am.



5. *"Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi*

"Two half-sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia is married off to an English colonial while her sister Esi will be sold into slavery. Stretching from the tribal wars of Ghana to slavery and Civil War in America to the streets of 20th century Harlem, Yaa Gyasi has written a modern masterpiece."

I have selected this book for my own book club next month (because I will read it if I have a book club deadline). It looks fascinating to me and made a lot of top-10 lists at the end of last year. I am a fan of historical fiction and novels that span several generations.

6. *"My Husband's Wife" by Jane Corry*

"When young lawyer Lily marries Ed, she's determined to make a fresh start. To leave the secrets of the past behind. Lily's next-door neighbor Carla may be only nine, but she has already learned that secrets are powerful things. When Lily finds Carla on her doorstep years later, a chain of events is set in motion that can end only one way."

I love a good thriller and a twisty, surprise ending. This book looks like it won't disappoint.

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