

**[The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency](#)**  
(mystery)

*By Alexander McCall Smith*

This first novel in Alexander McCall Smith's widely acclaimed The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives."

**[One for the Money](#)** (mystery)

*By Janet Evanovich*

Trenton native Stephanie Plum is out of work, out of money, and her car's in repo-hell. So who does a hardly working girl turn to when the going gets tough? Meet cousin Vinnie, bail bondsman. So she joins the bounty hunters. Not that she knows the first thing about it. But hey, beggars can't be choosers.

**[Everything is Illuminated](#)** (domestic fiction)

*By Jonathan Safran Foer*

With only a yellowing photograph in hand, a young man sets out to find the woman who may or may not have saved his grandfather from the Nazis. Accompanied by an old man; an amorous dog and the unforgettable Alex, Jonathan is led on a quixotic journey over a devastated landscape and into an unexpected past.

**[Rabbit Cake](#)** (domestic fiction)

*By Annie Hartnett*

Elvis Babbitt has a head for the facts. But there are things Elvis doesn't yet know--like how to keep her sister Lizzie from poisoning herself while sleep-eating or why her father has started wearing her mother's silk bathrobe around the house. Elvis investigates the strange circumstances of her mother's death and finds comfort, if not answers. As hilarious a storyteller as she is heartbreakingly honest, Elvis is a truly original voice in this exploration of grief, family, and the endurance of humor after loss.

**[Crocodile on the Sandbank](#)**(mystery)

*By Elizabeth Peters*

Amelia Peabody, that indomitable product of the Victorian age, embarks on her debut Egyptian adventure armed with unshakable self-confidence, a journal to record her thoughts, and, of course, a sturdy umbrella.

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(science fiction)

*By Douglas Adams*

It's an ordinary Thursday morning for Arthur Dent . . . until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly after to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. After that, things get much, much worse.

## [The Idiot](#) (classic)

*By Elif Batuman*

The year is 1995, and email is new. Selin, the daughter of Turkish immigrants, arrives for her freshman year at Harvard. She signs up for classes in subjects she has never heard of, befriends her charismatic and worldly Serbian classmate, Svetlana, and, almost by accident, begins corresponding with Ivan, an older mathematics student from Hungary.

## [A Man Called Ove](#) (literary fiction)

*By Fredrik Backman*

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon--the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." Behind the cranky exterior there is a story.

## [A Noble Masquerade](#) (regency)

*By Kristi Ann Hunter*

Miranda Hawthorne acts every inch the lady, but inside she longs to be bold and carefree. Entering her fourth Season and approaching spinsterhood in the eyes of society, she pours her innermost feelings out not in a diary but in letters to her brother's old school friend with no intention of ever sending these private thoughts...

## [The Rosie Project](#) (romance)

*By Graeme C. Simsion*

Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially challenged professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. And so, in the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers. Rosie Jarman is all these things.

## [The Wee Free Men](#) (fantasy)

*By Terry Pratchett*

Armed with only a frying pan and her common sense, young witch-to-be Tiffany Aching must defend her home against the monsters of Fairyland. Luckily she has some very unusual help: the local Nac Mac Feegle-- aka the Wee Free Men--a clan of fierce, sheep-stealing, sword-wielding, six-inch-high blue men.

## [White Teeth](#) (domestic fiction)

*By Zadie Smith*

At the center of this invigorating novel are two unlikely friends, Archie Jones and Samad Iqbal. Hapless veterans of World War II, Archie and Samad and their families become agents of England's irrevocable transformation.

## [Bridget Jones's Diary](#) (romance) digital

*By Helen Fielding*

A 30-something single professional, Bridget Jones prefers a diary to a day planner for tracking her life. Each entry is an honest and hilarious step in her endless quest for self-improvement.

## [The Wangs vs. the World](#) (literary fiction)

*By Jade Chang*

*The Wangs vs. the World* is an outrageously funny tale about a wealthy Chinese-American family that "loses it all, then takes a healing, uproarious road trip across the United States.

## [The Eyre Affair](#) (science fiction)

*By Jasper Fforde*

When someone begins kidnapping characters from works of literature and plucks Jane Eyre from the pages of Brontë's novel, Thursday is faced with the challenge of her career.