

If you like...

Scandinavian crime fiction

Beyond Mankell, Larsson and Nesbo

Bleak landscapes, bizarre, often gory murders and dysfunctional detectives are dominant themes in Scandinavian crime fiction. These authors also deliver strong plotlines rich in social commentary:

- Jussi Adler-Olsen
- Arnaldur Indriðason
- Åke Edwardson
- Kjell Eriksson
- Karin Fossum
- Anne Holt
- Mari Jungstedt
- Lars Kepler
- Mons Kallentoft
- Camilla Läckberg
- Liza Marklund
- Håkan Nesser
- Johan Theorin
- Helene Tursten,
- Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

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Chick Lit

Beyond “Bridget Jones”
and Marion Keyes.

Fast paced and often funny, these authors bring
focus to modern women’s lives:

- Trisha Ashley
- Claudia Carroll
- Jenny Colgan
- Harriet Evans
- Ciara Geraghty
- Emily Giffin
- Jane Green
- Melissa Hill
- Christina Hopkinson
- Lisa Jewell
- Sarah-Kate Lynch
- Anna McPartlin
- Sinead Moriarty
- Freya North
- Adele Parks
- Jennifer Weiner

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LEE CHILD

Jack Reacher: drifter, loner and archetypal hero. Trouble invariably finds this tough, resourceful ex-military cop as he travels through a succession of US states. Authors who have created similar heroes include:

- Ace Atkins
- Tom Cain
- Harlan Coben
- Ben Coes
- Michael Connelly
- Robert Crais
- Nelson DeMille
- Peter T Deutermann
- Barry Eisler
- Vince Flynn
- Matt Hilton
- Stephen Hunter
- Greg Iles
- Simon Kernick
- Philip Kerr
- Zoë Sharp
- Tom Wood



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CONTEMPORARY WOMEN WRITERS

Books about women's lives, relationships and the world we live in, both now and in the recent past.

- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Kate Atkinson
- Margaret Atwood
- Jill Dawson
- Charlotte Grimshaw
- Lauren Groff
- Tessa Hadley
- Sarah Hall
- Sadie Jones
- Toni Jordan
- Barbara Kingsolver
- Jhumpa Lahiri
- Rebecca Makkai
- Claire Messud
- Joyce Carol Oates
- Catherine O'Flynn
- Zadie Smith
- Anne Tyler
- Sarah Waters
- Charlotte Wood
- Raffaella Barker

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CONTEMPORARY MALE WRITERS

Books about men's lives, relationships and the world we live in. These are not action tales but rather stories that everyday men – and women – can relate to:

- Justin Cartwright
- Jonathan Coe
- Michael Dahlie
- Jonathan Dee
- Dave Eggers
- Joshua Ferris
- Richard Ford
- Carl Nixon
- Alex Preston
- Richard Russo
- Duncan Sarkies
- D.J. Taylor
- William Trevor
- Jess Walter
- Tim Winton
- Jonathan Tropper

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SCI FI

Beyond Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov

Science fiction puts a new spin on our world, gazes into the future or looks sideways at the present. With fantastic technology, travel through time and space, and richly imagined worlds, this genre can be dark, funny, or often both.

- Kevin J. Anderson
- Kage Baker
- Iain M. Banks
- Elizabeth Bear
- Lois McMaster Bujold
- C. J. Cherryh
- Hugh Howey
- Ursula Le Guin
- Ken MacLeod
- China Mieville
- Elizabeth Moon
- Terry Pratchett
- John Scalzi
- Neal Stephenson
- Charles Stross
- Connie Willis

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FANTASY

**Beyond Tolkien, Eddings
and George R.R. Martin**

Travel with these authors to new lands,
with intricate plots and the deftly imagined
characters that roam the high fantasy genre.

- Daniel Abraham
- Elizabeth Bear
- Marie Brennan
- Lois McMaster Bujold
- Kate Elliott
- N.K. Jemison
- Robert Jordan
- Guy Gavriel Kay
- Patricia A. McKillip
- Elizabeth Moon
- Terry Pratchett
- Melanie Rawn
- Patrick Rothfuss
- Brandon Sanderson
- Sharon Shinn
- Catherynne M. Valente

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christian fiction

Christian fiction deals with Christian themes and biblical values where good battles evil and triumphs. It is ideal for readers looking for titles with no profanity, explicit scenes or violence:

- Terri Blackstock
- Richard Paul Evans
- Philip Gulley
- Jan Karon
- Karen Kingsbury
- Tim LaHaye
- Beverly Lewis
- Linda Nichols
- Janette Oke
- Frank Peretti
- Tracie Peterson
- Francine Rivers
- Marilynne Robinson
- James Rubart
- Bodie Thoene

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NEW ZEALAND FICTION

A taste of New Zealand writing – from the light to the dark, the short to the long, the funny to the sad:

- Barbara Anderson
- Eleanor Catton
- Paul Cleave
- Alan Duff
- Fiona Farrell
- Stevan Eldred-Grigg
- Charlotte Grimshaw
- Keri Hulme
- Stephanie Johnson
- Fiona Kidman
- Elizabeth Knox
- Sarah-Kate Lynch
- Owen Marshall
- Emily Perkins
- Sarah Quigley
- Charlotte Randall
- Maurice Shadbolt
- Paul Thomas
- C.K. Stead
- Damien Wilkins

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NICE READS

Whether they are general fiction, mystery or romance, these books evoke quiet lives with charm and humour. Entertaining and encouraging with no graphic violence, explicit scenes or strong language.

- Judy Astley
- M.C. Beaton
- Lillian Beckwith
- Elizabeth Berg
- Elizabeth Buchan
- Mary De Laszlo
- Kate Jacobs
- Debbie Macomber
- Katie Fforde
- Beth Richardson Gutcheon
- Angela Huth
- Ann Purser
- Barbara Pym
- Miss Read
- Rebecca Shaw
- Alexander McCall Smith
- Nicholas Sparks
- Susan Wiggs

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FICTION FOR HIPSTERS

Want to establish some cultural cachet? Gain hipster credentials by being seen to read some of the painfully cool authors below:

- Ned Beaman
- Michael Chabon
- Teju Cole
- Lydia Davis
- Junot Diaz
- Joe Dunthorne
- Dave Eggers
- Jonathan Safran Foer
- Sheila Heti
- Tao Lin
- Sam Lipsyte
- Joe Meno
- Haruki Murakami
- Chuck Palahnuik
- Karen Russell
- Gary Shteyngart
- David Foster Wallace

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ADULT READS FOR TEENAGERS

A broad selection of authors for teens ready to break out of the Young Adult section of the library and into books written for adults.

- Ben Aaronovitch
- Aimee Bender
- Cory Doctorow
- Lev Grossman
- Sara Gruen
- Matt Haig
- Khaled Hosseini
- Hugh Howey
- Sue Monk Kidd
- Christopher Moore
- Helen Oyeyemi
- Jodi Picoult
- Terry Pratchett
- Mary Roach
- Pat Rothfuss
- Rainbow Rowell
- Nicholas Sparks
- Jo Walton

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RECREATIONAL NON-FICTION

Writers of true stories, from
adventure to crime, travel to
the environment, history to
art, science to memoirs:

- Bill Bryson
- Marcus Chown
- William Dalrymple
- Alain de Botton
- Jared Diamond
- Malcolm Gladwell
- Sebastian Junger
- Michio Kaku
- Ross King
- Jon Krakauer
- Mark Kurlansky
- Susan Orlean
- Mary Roach
- Simon Schama
- Dava Sobel
- Paul Theroux
- Simon Winchester

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PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLERS

Written with pace, tension and lots of twists, these dark, shifting tales are gripping and suspenseful:

- Alex Barclay
- Belinda Bauer
- S.J. Bolton
- Chelsea Cain
- Gillian Flynn
- Tana French
- Sophie Hannah
- Mo Hayder
- Elizabeth Haynes
- Erin Kelly
- Michael Robotham
- Lisa Unger
- Barbara Vine
- Minette Walters
- S.J. Watson



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