



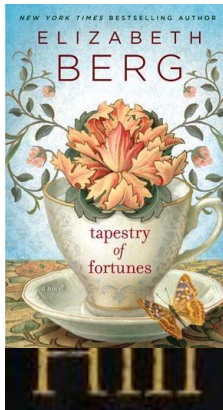
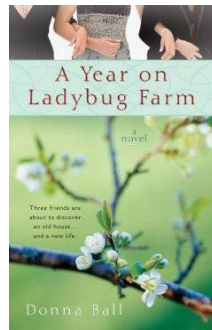
**Fiction Allen – *First Frost***

Autumn has finally arrived in the small town of Bascom, North Carolina, heralded by a strange old man appearing with a beat-up suitcase. He has stories to tell, stories that could change the lives of the Waverley women forever. But the Waverleys have enough trouble on their hands. Quiet Claire Waverley has started a successful new venture, Waverley's Candies, but it's nothing like she thought it would be, and it's slowly

taking over her life. Claire's wild sister Sydney, still trying to leave her past behind, is about to combust with her desire for another new beginning. And Sydney's fifteen-year-old daughter Bay has given her heart away to the wrong boy and can't get it back.

**Fiction Ball – *A Year on Ladybug Farm***

Tired of always dreaming and never doing, Cici, Lindsay, and Bridget buy a run-down mansion, nestled in the picturesque Shenandoah Valley. Over the course of a year, they ultimately learn that sometimes the best things can happen when everything goes wrong.



**Fiction Berg – *Tapestry of Fortunes***

Cecilia Ross is looking for a change. She has decided to take time off from her job as a successful motivational speaker and sell her home. She moves in to a beautiful old house in St. Paul, Minnesota, complete with a big front porch, a wild garden, a chef's kitchen and three roommates. The four women are different ages, but all are feeling restless, and want to take a roadtrip to find again the people and things they miss.

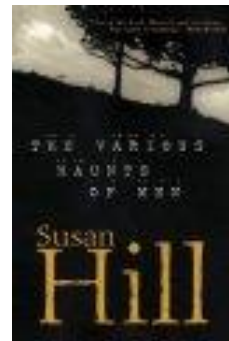
**Fiction Flagg – *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion***

Sookie Poole of Point Clear, Alabama has married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to relaxing and perhaps traveling. One day, by accident, she discovers a secret about her mother's past that calls into question everything she ever thought she knew about herself.



**Fiction Hill – *The Various Haunts of Men***

Chief Inspector Simon Serrailer is a police detective working out of the fictional English cathedral town of Lafferton. The series traces both his professional development and his relationships with family: his sister Cat and her husband, both physicians, his disabled institutionalized sister, and his father, Richard.



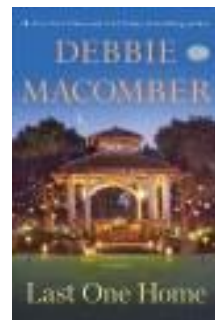
**Fiction Karon – *Come Rain or Come Shine***

Graduating from vet school and opening an animal clinic, Dooley Kavanagh, Father Tim Kavanaugh's adopted son, plans what he hopes will be a simple, affordable wedding with soulmate Lace Harper.



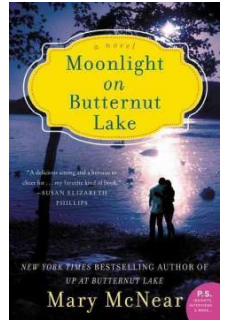
**Fiction Macomber – *Last One Home***

Meet the Palmer sisters: rock-steady eldest Karen, who followed up perfect grades with a perfect spouse and children; wild middle sister Cassie, who got pregnant right out of high school; and free-spirited Nicole, the baby of the family. They're hardly speaking, but their mother's untimely death brings them together.



**Fiction McNear – *Moonlight on Butternut Lake***

Butternut Lake, a small town hundreds of miles north of Minneapolis, is the scene of a romantic series. Each novel concentrates on a different woman, but some characters wander from one book to another. **(Butternut Lake Trilogy)**



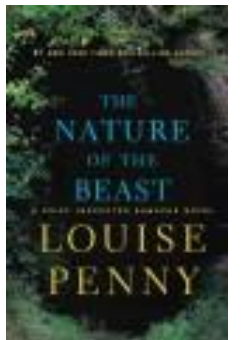
**Fiction Morton – *The Forgotten Garden***

In 1913, a little girl arrives in Brisbane, Australia, and is taken in by a dockmaster and his wife. She doesn't know her name, and the only clue to her identity is a book of fairy tales tucked inside a white suitcase. When the girl, called Nell, grows up, she starts to piece together bits of her story, but just as she's on the verge of going to England to trace the mystery to its source, her granddaughter, Cassandra, is left in her care.



**Fiction Penny – *The Nature of the Beast***

Set in and around the Quebec village of Three Pines this series features Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec, a large, quiet man in his mid-fifties, who likes nothing more than walking through Parc Mont Royal with his beloved wife Reine-Marie and his dog. Gamache's loyal deputy is rakish young Jean Guy Beauvoir. Penny writes classic British mysteries, complete with red herrings, a large cast of suspects, and a dramatic final revelation.





**Fiction Simonson – *The Summer Before the War* (2016)**

East Sussex, 1914. It is the end of England's brief Edwardian summer, and everyone agrees that the weather has never been so beautiful. Hugh Grange, down from his medical studies, is visiting his Aunt Agatha, who lives with her husband in the small, idyllic coastal town of Rye. Agatha's husband works in the Foreign Office, and she is certain he will ensure that the recent

saber rattling over the Balkans won't come to anything. And Agatha has more immediate concerns; she has just risked her carefully built reputation by pushing for the appointment of a woman to replace the Latin master.

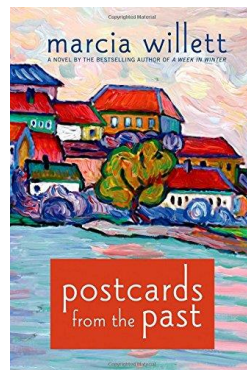


**Fiction Smith – *I Capture the Castle***

Seventeen-year-old Cassandra Mortmain lives with her older sister, blocked-writer father and bohemian stepmother in a crumbling English castle. Then, a well-to-do American family buys the castle, becoming the Mortmains' landlords. Cassandra uses a diary to record the tumultuous months that follow.

**Fiction Willett – *Postcards from the Past***

Siblings Billa and Ed share their beautiful, grand old childhood home in rural Cornwall. With family and friends nearby, and their living arrangements free and easy, they seem as contented as they can be. But when postcards start arriving from a sinister figure they thought belonged well and truly in their pasts, old memories are stirred.



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