Calista

*Clan of the Cave Bear*

Jean M. Auel

It’s the end of the Ice Age and a young girl is rescued after a terrible earthquake kills her entire family. Ayla is adopted into the Clan of the Cave Bear, even though she looks very different from them. In time, most grudgingly come to accept her, though her new ideas aren’t willingly received, making every day a challenge. Can Ayla find her place and happiness amongst the Clan or will she have to seek it elsewhere?

Eileen

*All Creatures Great and Small*

James Herriott

I can’t tell you how many times I’ve gone back to the memoirs of a 1930s Yorkshire veterinarian for comfort and quiet. This last time was inspired by the second season of the new PBS show, and the familiar stories were just as gently funny and heartwarming as I remembered.

Emily

*The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

[V.E. Schwab.](https://belmontnh.booksys.net/libs/belmont/AddEditItem?view=holdings&Action=&hint=26870&position=&total=&pageName=AddEditHoldingsRec.html&itemid=23825&ES=&Fields=&Filter=&FilterFilename=&Sort=&SortDescend=&reportview=)

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue will take you on an exciting and enchanting journey through time. This is one of those books that leaves you slightly melancholy for days after as you try to pull yourself out of the world it created. In 1714, Addie is desperately trying to find a way out of the marriage that has been arranged for her. Addie makes a deal with magic older than time. She is given the gift of eternal life, but in return, she is destined to be forgotten by everyone she encounters the moment she’s out of their sight. Addie is dazzling and heartbreaking while she tries to find her way and make a mark on a world that can’t remember her. After 300 years of living this way, she meets someone that changes it all: he remembers her name.

Kelly

*The Four Winds*

Kristin Hannah

My very first Kristin Hannah read combines triumph over unbelievable struggle and history in this page turner. The Great Depression putting millions out of work and drought and dust bowl in the Great Plains is the scene. Elsa, the main character, struggles to keep her family together and alive during the troubling 1930's.

Hannah did a wonderful job of taking us inside the personal story of this family. Even though it was heartbreaking at times, I did find the details of these fictional characters' lives and the history behind this troubling time very interesting.

Linda

*The Little French Bistro*

Nina George

If you are in the mood for a light-hearted romance that takes place in France, read on!

Marianne is desperate to extricate herself from a loveless marriage. Desperate people do desperate things. Fortunately for Marianne, her plans do not work out as she intended. Her once seemingly “Fifty Shades of Grey” life takes on all the colors of the rainbow. Due to fate and her own actions, Marianne becomes part of a community of artists and other independent thinkers.

The author creates just the right amount of tension and readers will be engaged until the last page. The story takes place mainly in Brittany and Paris. The author lives in Brittany and her knowledge and familiarity of that region make for authentic writing which contributes to the enjoyment of reading this story.