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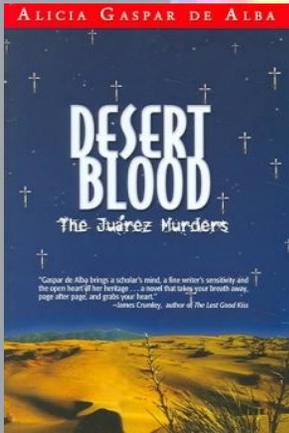
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Fiction

Desert Blood

Alicia Gaspar de Alba

M GASPAR-DE ALBA

Ivon Villa, a women's studies professor who travels to Mexico to arrange for an adoption of a baby for herself and her female lover, discovers the pregnant mother has been murdered, an apparent victim of a serial killer, and vows to find the person responsible for the killings.

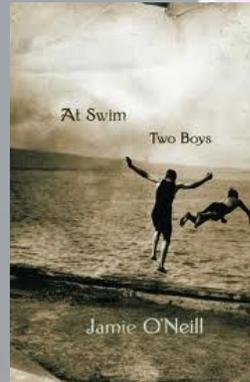


At Swim Two Boys

Jaime O'Neill

FIC O'NEILL

Jim Mack is a naive young scholar and the son of a foolish, aspiring shopkeeper. Doyler Doyle is the revolutionary and blasphemous son of Mr. Mack's old army pal. Out at the Forty Foot, a great jut of rock where gentlemen bathe in the nude, the two boys make a pact: Doyler will teach Jim to swim, and in a year, on Easter of 1916, they will swim to the distant beacon of Muglins Rock and claim that island for themselves. All the while Mr. Mack, who has grand plans for a corner shop empire, remains unaware of the depth of the boys' burgeoning friendship and of the changing landscape of a nation.



Freak Show

James St. James

YA JAMES

Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, Christianity expressed as persecution, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

JAMES ST. JAMES

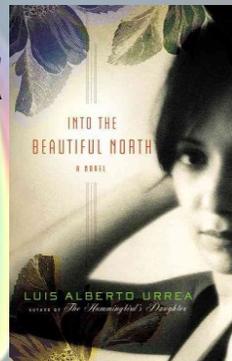


Into The Beautiful North

Luis Alberto Urrea

FIC URREA

Nineteen-year-old Nayeli works at a taco shop in her Mexican village and dreams about her father, who journeyed to the U.S. to find work. Recently, it has dawned on her that he isn't the only man who has left town. In fact, there are almost no men in the village—they've all gone north. While watching The Magnificent Seven, Nayeli decides to go north herself and recruit seven men- her own "Siete Magnificos"- to repopulate her hometown and protect it from the bandidos who plan on taking it over.

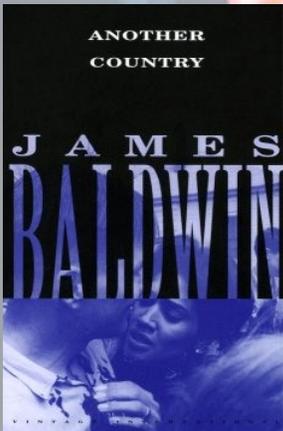


Another Country

James Baldwin

FIC BALDWIN

Rufus Scott, a black jazz musician, commits suicide, impelling his friends to search for the meaning of his death and, consequently, for a deeper understanding of their own identities. Employing a loose, episodic structure, this work traces the affairs- heterosexual and homosexual as well as interracial- among Scott's friends.

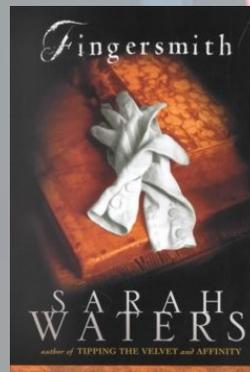


Fingersmith

Sarah Waters

FIC WATERS

Sue Trinder is an orphan, left as an infant in the care of Mrs. Sucksby, a "baby farmer," who raised her with unusual tenderness. Mrs. Sucksby's household, where fussy babies are calmed with gin, also hosts a transient family of petty thieves- fingersmiths. With the arrival of beloved thief, Gentleman- a somewhat elegant con man, comes an enticing proposition for Sue: If she becomes the maid to naïve, wealthy Maud Lilly, and aids Gentleman in seducing her, then they will all share in Maud's vast inheritance. Once the inheritance is secured, Maud will be left in a mental hospital. Wishing to pay back the kindness of her adopted family, Sue agrees to the plan. However, Sue begins to care for Maud Lilly in unexpected ways.

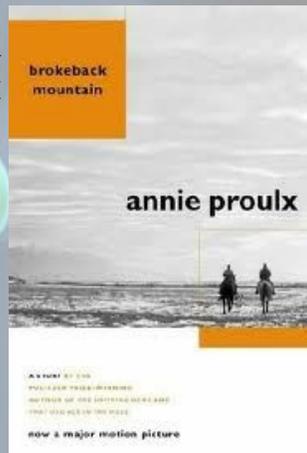


Brokeback Mountain

Annie Proulx

W PROULX

The story of Ennis del Mar and Jack Twist, two cowboys who share a small tent while working as herders and camp tenders during a summer spent on a range far above the tree line. They fall into a relationship that at first seems solely sexual but then reveals itself to be something more. Both men marry and have families, but over the course of many years and frequent separations they find their relationship becomes the most important thing in both their lives, and they do anything they can to maintain it.

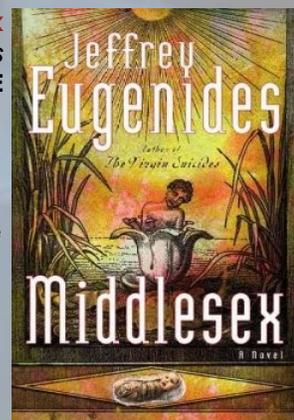


Middlesex

Jeffrey Eugenides

FIC EUGENIDES

In the spring of 1974, Calliope Stephanides, a student at a girls' school in Grosse Pointe, finds herself drawn to a chain-smoking, strawberry blond classmate with a gift for acting. The passion that furtively develops between them- along with Callie's failure to develop- leads Callie to suspect that she is not like other girls. In fact, she is not really a girl at all. The explanation for this shocking state of affairs takes us out of suburbia- back before the Detroit race riots of 1967, before the rise of the Motor City and Prohibition, to 1922, when the Turks sacked Smyrna and Callie's grandparents fled for their lives. Back to a tiny village in Asia Minor where two lovers, and one rare genetic mutation, set in motion the metamorphosis that will turn Callie into a being both mythical and perfectly real: a hermaphrodite.





Landing

Emma Donoghue

FIC DONOGHUE

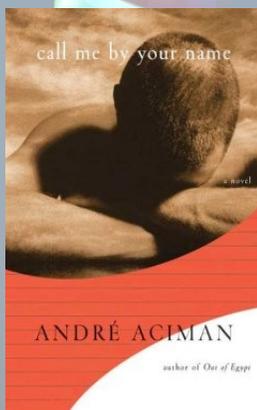
Sile is a stylish citizen of the new Dublin, a veteran flight attendant who's traveled the world. Jude is a twenty-five-year-old archivist, stubbornly attached to the tiny town of Ireland, Ontario, in which she was born and raised. On her first plane trip, Jude's and Sile's worlds touch and snag at Heathrow Airport. In the course of the next year, their lives, and those of their friends and families, will be drawn into a new, shaky orbit. This sparkling, lively story explores age-old questions: Does where you live matter more than who you live with? What would you give up for love, and would you be a fool to do so?

Call Me By Your Name

Andre Aciman

FIC ACIMAN

The story of a sudden and powerful romance that blossoms between an adolescent boy and a summer guest at his parents' cliff-side mansion on the Italian Riviera. Unprepared for the consequences of their attraction, at first each feigns indifference. But during the restless summer weeks that follow, unrelenting buried currents of obsession and fear, fascination and desire, intensify their passion as they test the charged ground between them. What grows from the depths of their spirits is a romance of scarcely six weeks' duration and an experience that marks them for a lifetime.

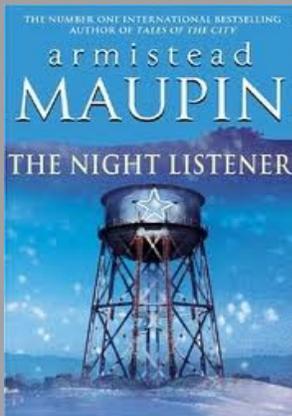


The Night Listener

Armistead Maupin

FIC MAUPIN

"I'm a fabulist by trade," warns Gabriel Noone, a late-night radio storyteller, as he begins to untangle the skeins of his tumultuous life: his crumbling 10-year love affair, his disaffection from his Southern father, his longtime weakness for ignoring reality. Gabriel's most sympathetic listener is Pete Lomax, a 13-year-old fan in Wisconsin whose own horrific past has left him wise and generous beyond his years. But when this virtual father-son relationship is rocked by doubt, a desperate search for the truth ensues. Welcome to the complex, vertiginous world of The Night Listener.

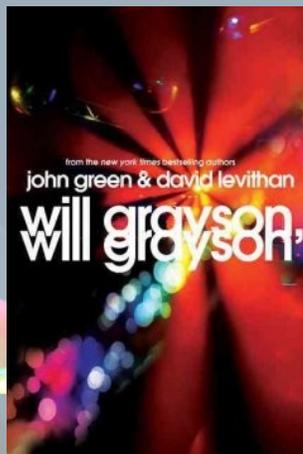


Will Grayson, Will Grayson

John Green & David Levithan

YA GREEN

One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name. Their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.



King Of The Screwups

K.L. Going

YA GOING

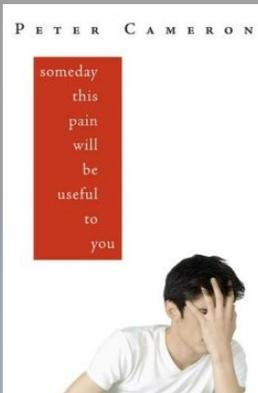
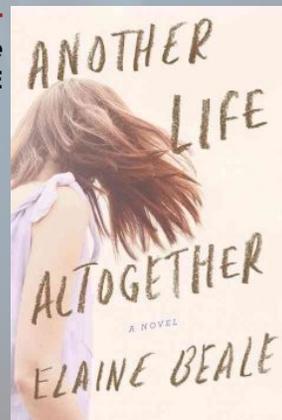
Liam Geller is Mr. Popularity. Everybody loves him. He excels at sports; he knows exactly what clothes to wear; he always ends up with the most beautiful girls in school. But he's got an uncanny ability to screw up in the very ways that tick off his father the most. When Liam finally gets kicked out of the house, his father's brother takes him in. What could a teenage chick magnet possibly have in common with his gay, glam rocker, DJ uncle who lives in a trailer in upstate New York? A lot more than you'd think. And when Liam attempts to make himself over as a nerd in a desperate attempt to impress his father, it's his "aunt" Pete and the guys in his band who convince Liam there's much more to him than his father will ever see.

Another Life Altogether

Elaine Beale

FIC BEALE

After years of living in the shadow of her mother's mental illness, Jesse Bennett is given a fresh chance at happiness when her family moves to a village in northern England. But just as it seems that she might be able to build a perfect life for herself after befriending two of her new school's most popular girls, her mother's worsening mental state and Jesse's intensely secret attraction to girls threaten to destroy her fragile stability. Caught in the storm of her mother's moods, her father's desperation, and her classmates' strict adherence to cruel social hierarchies, Jesse is forced to choose between doing what's right and preserving her long-held hope for a normal life.



Someday This Pain Will Be Useful To You

Peter Cameron

YA CAMERON

It's time for James Sveck to begin his freshman year at Brown. Instead, he's surfing the real estate listings, searching for a sanctuary—a nice farmhouse in Kansas, perhaps. James lives in 21st century Manhattan, but he's more at home in the faraway worlds of his favorite writer, the obscure and tragic Denton Welch. James's sense of dislocation is exacerbated by his self-absorbed parents, a disdainful sister, his cryptic shrink, and a D-list celebrity grandmother. Compounding matters is James's growing infatuation with a handsome male colleague at the art gallery his mother owns.

Blue

Abigail Padgett

M PADGETT

When a San Diego tremor disables the timer in a public freezer, the 5 year-old corpse stored inside barely has time to thaw before the police have a confession from Beatrice "Muffin" Crandall, 61. She claims she bashed the unknown lowlife on the head when he broke in, then tied the body into a neat bundle, drove it to the Ice and Food Storage, and waited to die of cancer. Muffin's brother Dan is sure that prickly, opinionated psychologist Blue McCarron— who's lived alone in a desert motel ever since her lover Misha left 2 years ago— can find enough flaws to get the confession thrown out and Muffin out of jail. And sure enough, Blue's convinced that Muffin, a passionate activist who raised Dan after their parents died, is no killer. Before she can confront her, Muffin is dead— not of cancer, but of a poisoned Dr. Pepper.

