



Online Anytime Book Club: November 2018—Cozy Reads

*Books to curl up with when the
weather gets cold*

COZY MYSTERIES

- *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley: A precocious 11-year-old with a passion for poisons must work to clear her father's name of murder **[FIC MYS/ DETECTIVE Bradley, Alan]**
- *Father Brown: The Essential Tales* by G.K. Chesterton: An empathetic and kindly priest uses his detection skills to solve a variety of crimes **[FIC MYS/DETECTIVE Chesterton, G.K.]**
- *Aunt Lee's Delights* by Ovidia Yu: In this fun, food-filled mystery, a Singaporean aunty and restaurant owner takes up another mantle as a detective when one of her dinner guests winds up dead **[FIC MYS/DETECTIVE Yu, Ovidia]**
- *James the Connoisseur Cat* by Harriet Hahn: James is not your average detective—for one thing, he's a master of all things sophisticated, and for another, he walks on four legs and meows **[FIC Hahn, Harriet]**

HEARTWARMING HISTORIES

- *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer: In this sweet story told through letters, a young writer finds herself drawn to the remote island of Guernsey by an unconventional book club that was created there during the war **[FIC Shaffer, Mary Ann]**
- *84, Charing Cross Road* by Helene Hanff: A writer in New York and a bookseller in London become pen pals in a decades-long friendship **[NONFIC 816.H238e]**
- *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson: Bryson's comedic memoir about his childhood in 1950s Iowa **[B B9168.L]**
- *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzie Lee: A rakish young lord in 1700's England finds himself on an unconventional road trip with his best friend (who he's secretly in love with) and his sister after he accidentally messes up their travel plans and gets involved with pirates, highwaymen, and the French monarchy **[YA FIC Lee, Mackenzi]**

WARM ROMANCES

- *How to Find Love in a Bookshop* by Veronica Henry: A cozy Oxford bookshop connects the love stories of the town's residents in a romance novel to warm any book lover's heart **[FIC Henry, Veronica]**
- *Cotillion* by Georgette Heyer: After her uncle tells her the only way to inherit his fortune is by marrying one of his many nephews, a young & naïve heiress devises a cunning plan to fake marry her equally naïve cousin—with hilarious & unexpected results for everyone involved **[FIC Heyer, Georgette]**
- *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown: Three estranged sisters are reunited when their mother is diagnosed with cancer **[FIC Brown, Eleanor]**
- *The House at the End of Hope Street* by Menna van Praag: This novel's titular house is a magical residence that helps women who have hit rock bottom turn their lives around **[FIC Praag, Menna van]**

FUN SCI-FI & FANTASIES

- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams: After the Earth gets demolished to make way for an intergalactic bypass, a group of unlikely travelers—including an Earthling, a depressed robot, and the president of the galaxy—embark on a hilarious intergalactic adventure **[BOOK ON CD SCI-FI Adams, Douglas]**
- *Every Heart a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire: Children who have been transported from their ordinary lives into fantastical worlds find shelter at Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children **[FIC McGuire, Seanan]**
- *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman: After promising to retrieve a fallen star for the girl he likes, a young man sets out on an adventure that will change his life forever **[FIC Gaiman, Neil]**
- *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde: What if the worlds inside books were real, and policed by a cross-literature agency known as Jurisdiction, dedicated to ensuring the safety and preservation of stories? **[FIC MYS/ DETECTIVE Fforde, Jasper]**

LIGHTHEARTED ROMPS

- *Mrs. Queen Takes the Train* by William Kuhn: The Queen of England decides to take a much-needed day off from royal life—without telling any of her staff **[FIC Kuhn, William]**
- *Carry on, Jeeves* by P.G. Wodehouse: Collection of short stories about the courteous & ever-helpful butler Jeeves and his hapless master Bertie Wooster **[ADULT CLASSIC FIC Wodehouse, P.G.]**
- *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan: When she accompanies her boyfriend to his best friend's wedding in Singapore, an American professor is shocked to find out that he actually is a member of one of the richest families in Asia **[FIC Kwan, Kevin]**
- *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin: A grumpy bookseller finds his whole life turned upside down when a baby is abandoned in his bookstore **[FIC Zevin, Gabrielle]**

COZY CLASSICS

- *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame: In this classic tale, a rat, a mole, a badger, and an automobile obsessed toad have lots of adventures in the woods **[CHILDREN'S GOLDEN OLDIE Grahame, Kenneth]**
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott: The tale of four sisters and their lives and loves, from childhood to adulthood **[ADULT CLASSIC FIC Alcott, Louisa May]**
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett: After the death of both her parents, a young girl is sent to live with her mysterious uncle on the English moors **[CHILDREN'S GOLDEN OLDIE Burnett, Frances Hodgson]**
- *Among Friends* by M.F.K. Fisher: Known more for her food essays, in this touching memoir Fisher shares her experiences growing up as part of the only non-Quaker family in the heart of Quaker country **[B F535.a]**

