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## Romantic Fiction Book Discussion Group

The Romantic Fiction Book Discussion Group meets once a month at the Wayne Public Library at 461 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470

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### Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict

By *Rigler, Laurie Viera*

2007-08 - Dutton Books

9780525950400 [Check Our Catalog](#)

After nursing a broken engagement with Jane Austen novels and *Absolute*, Courtney Stone wakes up and finds herself not in her Los Angeles bedroom or even in her own body, but inside the bedchamber of a woman in Regency England. Who but an Austen addict like herself could concoct such a fantasy? ...More



### The Worst Thing I've Done

By *Hegi, Ursula*

2007-10 - Touchstone Books

9781416543756 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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From one of the most distinguished writers and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Stones from the River* comes this stunning, sexy novel of friendship and love--and of one horrible choice that changes everything. ...More





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## Searching for Paradise in Parker, PA

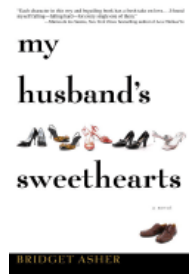
By *Radish, Kris*

2008-04 - Bantam

9780553805307 [Check Our Catalog](#)

### BookPage Notable Title

From the bestselling author of "The Sunday List of Dreams" comes a poignant, funny, and uplifting novel of a woman at midlife whose search for happiness within her marriage--and within herself--turns a whole town upside down. ...[More](#)



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## My Husband's Sweethearts

By *Asher, Bridget*

2008-08 - Delacorte Press

9780385341899 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this sophisticated romantic comedy already optioned for film, a woman calls up all the girlfriends in her cheating husband's little black book and invites them to take their turns by his deathbed--with hilarious and charming results. ...[More](#)



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## The Secret Hour

By *Rice, Luanne*

2004-02 - Bantam

9780553584011 [Check Our Catalog](#)

One of America's most mesmerizing storytellers, Luanne Rice entralls readers with her moving tales of ordinary people in crisis--and how they are transformed by the enduring power of love and family. Now the author of *Safe Harbor*, *True Blue*, and other "New York Times bestsellers" presents the gripping story of a man fighting for his family, a woman searching for her sister--and the promise of a new life where both least expected it...

### The Secret Hour

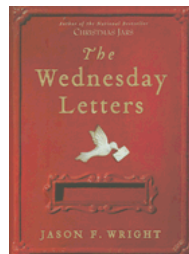
Beneath his careful and controlled demeanor, attorney John O'Rourke is a man whose life is in turmoil. Since the death of his wife, he has been juggling the rigors of a controversial capital murder case and the demands of raising two children. Eleven-year-old Maggie's crooked bangs and rumpled clothes eloquently reproach John's earnest but haphazard attempts at mothering. Teddy, John's stalwart fourteen-year-old, has quietly assumed responsibilities far too weighty for his young shoulders, as he longs for the way things used to be and tries to ignore the hostility that has swirled around his family since his father took on the defense of a killer whose crimes have rocked Connecticut.

A brick through the window one autumn morning signals a dangerous new level of hatred. But a quieter event also takes place that day. A woman arrives on the O'Rourke doorstep to find a household on the brink of chaos but brimming with love--and, she hopes, answers. Kate Harris is searching for the key

to her own mystery. Six months ago her younger sister fled far from their beloved home following a devastating confrontation. After mailing a single postcard from the New England shore, Willa Harris vanished. With only a postmark to go on, Kate takes a leave of absence from her job as a marine biologist to come to the seaside Willa adored--and discovers the one man who may be able to help her.

Compelling and evocative, at once suspenseful, heartbreaking, and triumphant, *The Secret Hour* is an unforgettable novel that explores the power of sisterly love, the gift of second chances--and the way magic can sometimes be the most real thing in the whole world.

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## The Wednesday Letters

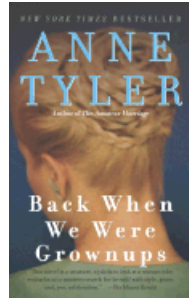
By *Wright, Jason F.*

2007-09 - Shadow Mountain

9781590388129 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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In his new novel, the national bestselling author of *The Christmas Jars* delivers a powerful message about forgiveness and quietly beckons readers to start writing their own Wednesday letters. ...[More](#)



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## Back When We Were Grownups

By *Tyler, Anne*

2004-10 - Ballantine Books

9780345477248 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Once upon a time, there was a woman who discovered that she had turned into the wrong person." So Anne Tyler opens this irresistible new novel.

The woman is Rebecca Davitch, a fifty-three-year-old grandmother. Is she an impostor in her own life? she asks herself. Is it indeed her own life? Or is it someone else's? On the surface, Beck, as she is known to the Davitch clan, is outgoing, joyous, a natural celebrator. Giving parties is, after all, her vocation--something she slipped into even before finishing college, when Joe Davitch spotted her at an engagement party in his family's crumbling nineteenth-century Baltimore row house, where giving parties was the family business. What caught his fancy was that she seemed to be having such a wonderful time. Soon this large-spirited older man, a divorcee with three little girls, swept her into his orbit, and before she knew it she was embracing his extended family plus a child of their own, and hosting endless parties in the ornate, high-ceilinged rooms of The Open Arms.

Now, some thirty years later, after presiding over a disastrous family picnic, Rebecca is caught un-awares by the question of who she really is. How she answers it--how she tries to recover

her girlhood self, that dignified grownup she had once been--is the story told in this beguiling, funny, and deeply moving novel. As always with Anne Tyler's novels, once we enter her world it is hard to leave. But in *Back When We Were Grownups* she so sharpens our perceptions and awakens so many untapped feelings that we come away not only refreshed and delighted, but also infinitely wiser.

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## Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

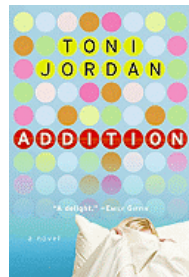
By *Ford, Jamie*

2009-01 - Ballantine Books

9780345505330 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Set in the ethnic neighborhoods of Seattle during World War II and Japanese American internment camps of the era, the times and places are brought [stirring] to life (Jim Tomlinson, author of "Things Kept, Things Left Behind"). ...[More](#)



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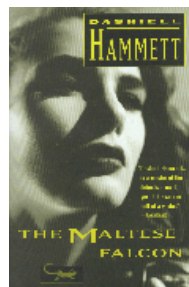
By *Jordan, Toni*

2009-02 - William Morrow & Company

9780061582578 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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As charming as "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," this wonderful debut novel is full of wit and intelligence. Jordan has created such a real character in Grace that [readers] are cheering her on--"Sydney Morning Herald." ...[More](#)



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## The Maltese Falcon

By *Hammett, Dashiell*

1989-07 - Vintage Books USA

9780679722649 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A treasure worth killing for. Sam Spade, a slightly shopworn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics. A perfumed grafter named Joel Cairo, a fat man name Gutman, and Brigid O'Shaughnessy, a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties shift at the drop of a dime. These are the ingredients of Dashiell Hammett's coolly glittering gem of detective fiction, a novel that has haunted three generations of readers. ...[More](#)