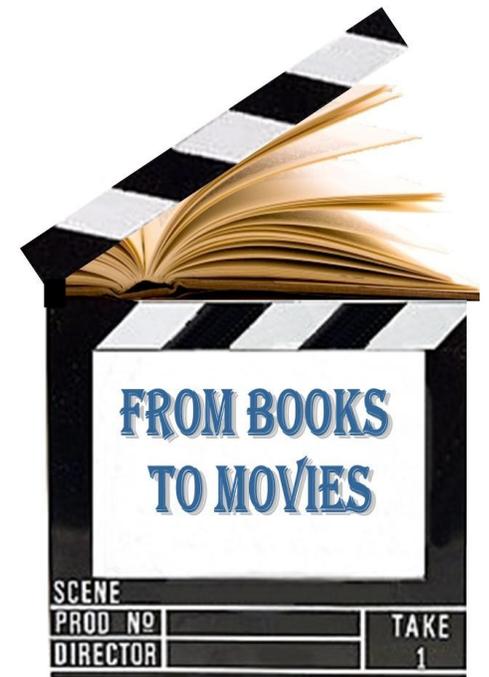


Read It, Then See It



Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

It's Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary when Amy mysteriously disappears. Nick is oddly evasive and evidence is slowly going against him, but did he really kill his wife? Gillian Flynn's novel is packed with suspense, twists, and plenty of emotions. Readers are pretty split on their feelings about the end, but the entire book is definitely thrilling.

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

This true story follows Louis Zamperini, a track star from the '30s and a participant in the Berlin Olympics. Zamperini became an airman in WWII and in May of 1943, his plane went down, leaving him adrift in the Pacific Ocean with nothing but a raft. Facing starvation, dangerous waters, and a situation in which he is taken prisoner by Japanese forces, this fascinating account is both vivid and powerful.

Wild by Cheryl Strayed

Twentysomething Cheryl Strayed lost her mother and her marriage all in a short amount of time. Four years later, with nothing to lose, Strayed took a 1,100-mile solo hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in order to deal with her catastrophic past. This honest memoir is filled with suspense and humor, a journey worth the read.

Serena by Ron Rash

The book is a thrilling story that follows newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton on their journey to create a timber empire and ruthlessly kill all who fall out of favor. George fathered an illegitimate child, and when Serena discovers that she cannot bear children, she sets out to kill the son George fathered without her.

The Wolf of Wall Street by Jordan Belfort

A man makes a stupid amount of money, wasting it on drugs and partying, until it all comes crashing down.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

A gifted child is sent to a rigorous military school to prepare for a future alien invasion.

Reconstructing Amelia by Kimberly McCreight

Why you should read it: A workaholic single mother discovers her only child has committed suicide, but deep down inside, Kate doesn't believe her daughter would ever do such a thing. She sifts through Amelia's text messages, emails, and Facebook posts to uncover the shocking truth of her daughter's last days. It's a quick, easy read,

Horns by Joe Hill

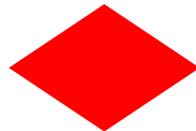
Ig Perrish's girlfriend was raped and murdered, and he was originally accused of this heinous crime. One day he mysteriously wakes up with HORNS and uses his new paranormal powers to hunt down his girlfriend's killer.

If I Stay by Gayle Forman

It's an intriguing story about a 17-year-old girl who slips in a coma after a bad accident. She has an out-of-body experience, watching as friends and family visit, and needs to choose to live a difficult life or die peacefully.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

During WWII, a young girl named Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. Under the stairs in her home, a Jewish refugee is being sheltered by her adoptive parents. The book is narrated by Death,



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Labor Day by Joyce Maynard

Over the course of a Labor Day weekend in the late '80s, 13-year-old Henry and his depressed mother Adele's lives change when they harbor fugitive Frank Chambers at home. Frank fills a fatherless void for Henry and brings out life in Adele, all while the police are on the hunt for the escaped murderer. It's a deeply moving read with unpredictable twists.

The Monuments Men

by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter

Based on a true WWII story, museum curators, art historians, and others, collectively called the Monuments Men, risked their lives to save pieces of art that the Nazis planned to destroy. This book is a fascinating story about a rare WWII topic and shows how important it is to cherish artwork.

Vampire Academy

by Richelle Mead

St. Vladimir's Academy is a school for dhampirs, vampire-human hybrids who serve as guardians, and Moroi, "good" vampires with an ability to use magic from one of the four elements (water, fire, air, and earth). Vampire princess Lissa Dragomir and dhampir Rose Hathaway are best friends, connected through a special bond that they can't quite explain. After escaping school for two years, the girls are brought back to the academy and are faced with Lissa's mystery element (or lack thereof?) and the danger it brings. The series is six books long, but definitely worth it.

Winter's Tale by Mark Helprin

Orphan and mechanic Peter Lake attempts to rob a Manhattan mansion only to find Beverly Penn, the daughter who resides in the home Peter believed to be empty. Thus begins the love affair between a middle-aged Irishman and a fatally ill young woman in a magical New York City. If you're looking for a novel laced with fantasy and romance, this is a good place to start.

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A Long Way Down by Nick Hornby

Four people come together on New Year's Eve on the roof of Topper's House, a London destination known as the last stop for those who are ready to end their lives. The story is told from four distinct points of view, filled with second chances and regrets. Despite its somber topic, the book balances the provocative and the hilarious, and mixes in intense and moving moments.

Divergent by Veronica Roth

In a dystopian Chicago, society is split into five factions based on personality type (Dauntless, Amity, Erudite, Abnegation, and Candor). When Tris Prior finds out she doesn't quite fit into any one faction, she's declared Divergent, a dangerous revelation she must keep secret in order to survive. Once the Choosing Ceremony begins, Tris must decide to either join her family or follow her own path. The book is completely captivating and will keep you up at all hours of the night until you finish.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

A tumor-shrinking medical miracle bought Hazel a few years of time, but she's a terminal time bomb, suffering from stage IV cancer. At a support group for her illness, she meets fellow cancer survivor Augustus Waters, a boy who pretends to smoke cigarettes and has a prosthetic leg. With a shared obsession for the novel *An Imperial Affliction* and a similar sense of sarcasm, the two fall in love, despite their inevitable fate. John Green's story is honest and hilarious, exposing the fear, anger, and sadness that accompanies a terminal illness. It's an emotional read.

The Hundred-Foot Journey

by Richard C. Morais

When tragedy pushes Hassan and his family out of India, they eat their way around the world, settling in Lumière, a small town in the French Alps. The family opens an Indian restaurant that becomes wildly popular among the residents, infuriating their French rival Madame Mallory. After she wages a culinary war with the family, Mallory finally agrees to mentor Hassan, leading him to Paris and the launch of his own restaurant. The novel is endearing, cultural, and a downright delicious read.

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Everything is perfect; diseases have been eradicated, everyone is equal, and society is under control. Each person is assigned a position by the Community, and 12-year-old Jonas has been picked as the "Receiver of Memories." Only "The Giver" knows the truth of the past, and he must now pass that information down to Jonas. This book has often been described as the first YA dystopian novel (in correlation with the current trend) and it shows that a utopian society has its downsides, e.g., a lack of personal freedom.

Dark Places by Gillian Flynn

Libby Day was 7 when her mother and two sisters were brutally murdered in an event known as "The Satan Sacrifice of Kinnakee, Kansas." She testified that the person responsible for the cruel acts was in fact her 15-year-old brother, Ben. Fast-forward about 25 years and Libby is approached by the Kill Club, a group of people obsessed with solving notorious crimes. They believe Ben was wrongly accused, and she is eventually sucked into the investigation to uncover the twisted truth.

This is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper

Judd Foxman's father just died, and on top of that, his wife Jen had an affair with his boss, which recently became painfully public. Judd is forced to sit Shiva and spend seven days and nights with the dysfunctional Foxman clan, facing confrontation and dealing with old grudges. The book is hilarious!

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he remembers is his name. His memory is blank, and he's surrounded by a group of boys in a place called the Glade, a large space entrapped by tall, stone walls. Every 30 days another boy is delivered, but when a girl named Teresa appears in the lift the next morning, her presence is almost as unexpected as the message she delivers. The language is a little tough to get through in the beginning, but once you catch on to the lingo, you'll be racing to find out what happens.