

Oprah Winfrey's Book Club picks

A New Earth by Eckhart Tolle
Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier
Night by Elie Wiesel
A Million Little Pieces by James Frey
Light in August by William Faulkner
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquelyn Mitchard
Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton
She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb
Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi
Rapture of Canaan by Sheri Reynolds
Heart of a Woman by Maya Angelou
Songs in Ordinary Time by Mary McGarry Morris
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines
Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons
A Virtuous Woman by Kaye Gibbons
Meanest Thing to Say by Bill Cosby
Treasure Hunt by Bill Cosby
Best Way to Play by Bill Cosby
Paradise by Toni Morrison
Here on Earth by Alice Hoffman
Black and Blue by Anna Quindlen
Breath, Eyes, Memory: a Novel by Edwidge Danticat
I Know This Much Is True by Wally Lamb
What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day by Pearl Cleage
Midwives by Christopher Bohjalian
Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts
Jewel by Bret Lott
Reader by Bernhard Schlink
Pilot's Wife by Anita Shreve
White Oleander by Janet Fitch
Mother of Pearl by Melinda Haynes
Tara Road by Maeve Binchy
River, Cross My Heart by Breena Clarke
Vinegar Hill by A. Manette Ansay
Map of the World by Jane Hamilton
Gap Creek by Robert Morgan
Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende
Back Roads by Tawni O'Dell
Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
While I Was Gone by Sue Miller
Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
Open House by Elizabeth Berg
Drowning Ruth by Christina Schwarz

If you like Jodi Picoult...

Jodi Picoult is well liked and well read in the genre of domestic fiction. These other authors are also well known for their family drama novels and rich character development. Make sure to check for additional titles by these authors. A list of Oprah book club selections is on the back page.

Berg, Elizabeth

Talk Before Sleep

Ann nurses her best friend Ruth into her final days of breast cancer. Berg emphasizes the importance and value of friendship. Her female characters are gracefully depicted with compassion and emotion.

Bohjalian, Chris

Midwives; Before You Know Kindness; Buffalo Soldier; Skeletons at the Feast

Bohjalian has written books on a wide variety of subjects, but what remains true throughout are unforgettable characters and page turning intensity.

Brown, Rita Mae

The Sand Castle

A story about life-changing lessons; about family and the pleasure and heartbreak that comes with it.

Chiaverini, Jennifer

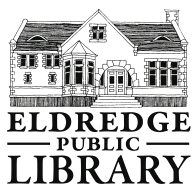
Cross-Country Quilters

Chiaverini has written a series of books that follow the Elm Creek Quilters – a group of five women. The series chronicles their enduring friendship and life challenges.

Gibbons, Kaye

A Cure for Dreams; Charms for the Easy Life; Divining Women; A Virtuous Woman

Gibbons has a fondness for family stories, quirky characters, usually women, and she deftly describes people and situations.



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Greer, Andrew Sean

The Story of a Marriage

A thought provoking novel about the liabilities of love and exploring the secrets hidden even in intimate relationships.

Hannah, Kristin

Summer Island

A wonderful mother/daughter story that gives hope to fractured relationships.

Hoffman, Alice

Blackbird House (history of a house and its occupants, set on Cape Cod); *Practical Magic* (The book is so much better and characters are more developed than the movie which was based on this book)

Hoffman's books focus on family and relationships, particularly among women.

Lipman, Elinor

Lipman's most popular book is *The Inn at Lake Devine*, but readers will enjoy her other novels, such as *The Pursuit of Alice Thrift* and the funny and fun to read, *My Latest Grievance*.

Miller, Sue

While I was Gone was an Oprah Book selection. Readers will also enjoy *The World Below*, *Lost in the Forest*, and her latest, *The Senator's Wife*.

Miller creates engaging characters and explores the paradoxes of family life in rich, emotional novels.

Mitchard, Jacquelyn

After *Deep End of the Ocean*, Mitchard continues her pursuit of family tragedies with *Still Summer* and *The Breakdown Lane*.

Mitchard, an astute observer of family dynamics, renders her characters flawlessly, endowing them with a humanity that is both accessible and astonishingly deep.

Oates, Joyce Carol

The Falls; *The Gravedigger's Daughter*

The prolific Oates is above all, a wonderful storyteller. Her novels address significant social issues while engaging the reader in amazing stories with fully developed characters.

Perrotta, Tom

Little Children

An absorbing portrait of three suburban couples with failed marriages. Perrotta skillfully evokes both sympathy for his characters and disdain for the paths they have chosen.

Quindlen, Anna

Blessings, the story of a wealthy older woman, her caretaker, and an abandoned baby; *One True Thing* is a fast-paced, drama-filled book that was an Oprah Book Selection. Quindlen is adept at weaving webs of complex, family relationships.

Rice, Luanne

What Matters Most; *Safe Harbor*; *Follow the Stars Home*; *Sandcastles*

Rice writes powerful tales of love and loss, and love regained.

Robinson, Marilynne

Gilead

A dying father writes a letter to his son, chronicling three previous generations and revealing family secrets.

Shreve, Anita

Weight of Water

Shreve's novels explore passion and betrayal as her characters are placed in extreme situations and forced to recover their lives. *The Pilot's Wife* was an Oprah book selection.

Smiley, Jane

A Thousand Acres (one of Smiley's earlier books, but a true gem)

This Midwesterner has a talent for capturing emotion and the complexity of family relationships.

Tyler, Anne

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant; *Breathing Lessons*

Tyler has a knack for portraying the common, domestic aspects of family life, infusing them with a bit of magic and revealing secrets that touch her readers.