
The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

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Bronte, Emily - *Wuthering Heights*

The passionate love story of stubborn Cathy and wild-as-the-wind Heathcliff has been a favorite since its original publication in 1848.

Byatt, A. S. - *Possession: A Romance*

First published in 1990 to wide critical acclaim, and winner of the Booker Prize, *Possession* is both a delicious literary detective story and a triumphant love story. Roland Mitchell is a research assistant obsessed with the Victorian poet, Randolph Henry Ash. When he discovers two of Randolph's letters written to an anonymous woman, he embarks on a detective mission that brings him to Maud Bailey, a fellow academic with literary obsessions of her own. The pair uncover letters, journals, and poems, and follow an exhilarating trail that threatens to unhinge everything they've ever thought about life and literature. What emerges is an extraordinary novel about the intersection of passion and ideas.

Docx, Edward - *The Calligrapher*

This fresh, original, altogether winning first novel is centered on a young London calligrapher named Jasper--an engaging, intelligent serial seducer and a breaker of hearts.

Esquivel, Laura - *Like Water for Chocolate: A Novel in Monthly Installments, with Recipes, Romances, and Home Remedies*

A #1 bestseller in Mexico in 1990, this charming, imaginative, and just plain fun novel of family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico includes unique recipes at the beginning of each chapter for a variety of traditional dishes. As the youngest daughter in a matriarchial turn-of-the century Mexican family, Tia relinquishes love in order to serve her mother and finds her passion in an ingredient in the food she prepares.

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Charles Dickinson - *A Shortcut in Time*

Euclid, Illinois, is linked by a web of irregular paths that provide shortcuts across the town. Jack Winkler discovers that one of those paths also transports him fifteen minutes back in time. Jack's feat provokes wonder in the town and prepares him to accept the story of a strange woman who appears in the town square claiming to be living in 1908. Jack's struggle to help her becomes entangled in his own personal tragedy and that of his brother, who is brain-damaged as the result of a childhood accident. An engaging meditation on grief, remorse, and the countless ways in which past and present are inescapably intertwined.

Ken Grimwood - *Replay*

What if you could do it all over again? Jeff Winston gets that chance, dying at age forty-three, only to awaken -- again and again -- in his college dorm room as an eighteen-year-old college student. Each



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time, he retains his memories intact, allowing him to correct mistakes and take missed opportunities. He shares his gift (or is it a curse?) with Pamela, a woman who dies just nine minutes after him and who shares each of his lives with him.

Alice Sebold - *The Lovely Bones*

A strange coming-of-age story whose protagonist is already dead. Fourteen-year-old Susie Salmon is raped and murdered on her way home from school one day; she watches from heaven as her family grieves and a detective with his own troubles investigates her case. In the end, Sebold's novel is about those left behind, about memory and grief, and the need to continue.

Kurt Vonnegut - *Slaughterhouse-Five*

High school students read Vonnegut's classic novel for its investigation of the horrors of the modern world, but its protagonist, Billy Pilgrim, is the original "chronologically displaced person." Billy comes "unstuck in time" and visits various moments in his life -- most famously the firebombing of Dresden during World War II -- repeatedly and out of order. Where Niffenegger's time travel story turns inward, examining the workings of the human heart, Vonnegut is interested in the workings of history, making for a book that is both wider ranging and more brutal in its perspective.

Mark Winegardner - *Crooked River Burning*

A classic tale of star-crossed lovers kept apart by social, economic, and emotional obstacles, and an engaging history of Winegardner's hometown, Cleveland. David Zielinsky is from a working-class ethnic neighborhood; Anne O'Connor's family is rich and powerful. Anne and David fall in love as adolescents, but it takes them twenty years to work around to marrying each other. In the interim, David marries someone else, raises children, and builds a career in local politics, while Anne becomes a rising star in journalism. Their full lives and enduring love become a prism through which Winegardner explores the secrets of the city he loves.