

**READERS ADVISORY TOOLS FOR ADULT READERS: A FIVE-YEAR
RETROSPECTIVE SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY, WITH A FEW
EARLIER EXCEPTIONS**

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GENERAL SOURCES

Adult Reading Round Table www.arrtreads.org.

Self-help RA training group of librarians in the Chicago suburbs.

***ALA's Guide to Best Reading**. ALA, Annual.

AllReaders.com

Features detailed book reviews from all genres as well as featured authors, latest book reviews, reader-entered book reviews and a unique one-click plot search capability by genre.

Amazon.com

Huge online bookstore with reviews and full text searching available.

AuthorYellowPages.com

Online author directory of websites and newsletters.

AuthorsontheWeb.com

News about authors—current, upcoming and past books, biographies, and more.

BookLetters. Provides a fast, easy, affordable e-newsletter and web page creation service that lets patrons receive book and library news on their computers and immediately connect into the library's web site, e-resources and catalog. www.BookLetters.com

Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason by Nancy Pearl. Sasquatch Books, 2003.

BookBrowse.com

A literary smorgasbord of the best current books recently published in the USA, with an extensive excerpt of each for your reading pleasure. Includes a new search tool that categorizes titles at www.bookbrowse.com/2cat/.

BookForum. “A smart, vital, edgy magazine about the living art of writing.”
www.bookforum.com/

Booklist Online. Complementing and expanding on the print journal Booklist, Booklist Online delivers highly searchable and creatively linked reviews, columns, and features—all designed to help users find exactly the right book. ALA. www.BooklistOnline.com

Bookmarks Magazine. www.bookmarksmagazine.com

BookPage.com

Popular review source of new books for readers.

BookReporter.com

News about authors and their books; lots of bibliographies and thematic features.

Books and Authors. www.gale.com

Based on Gale’s **What Do I Read Next** plus other content with direct information to author information from the book pages.

BookSense.com

A website of suggestions from independent bookstores.

BookSpot.com

A compendium of books news, lists, and information about books and the people behind them.

BookTour.com

A service that tells you which authors are appearing where in your vicinity.
www.booktour.com

Bookwire

Bowker Company’s information on the book publishing industry.
www.bookwire.com/

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Includes a chapter on the RA interview.

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FictionDB.com

Claims to be the world's largest fiction database. Includes bibliographies, upcoming releases, synopses, spin-offs, reviews, series, author websites, etc.

***Fiction_L** www.webrary.org/rs/FImenu.html

Listserv for librarians who do fiction RA work.

FreshFiction.com

Site with free email subscription option that highlights all books being discussed on any nationally broadcast television or radio show

***Genreflecting: A Guide to Reading Interests in Genre Fiction** by Diana Tixier Herald. 6th ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2005. www.genrefluent.com

I Need a Book!: Readers' Advisory for Adults. Video (VHS or DVD). Library Video Network, 2006. www.lvn.org. A summary how-to-do-it video on RA work in which librarians discuss the RA interview/conversation, reader appeal factors for both fiction and nonfiction, and other techniques for interacting with users and self-training.

Librarian's Book Revoogle and Librarian's Booklist Search. Finds librarian book reviews and lists using an adaptation of Google.
<http://ricklibrarian.googlepages.com/bookrevoogle>

***Morton Grove Public Library Webrary Reader Services.** Home of Fiction_L listserv and member-compiled lists, as well as an example of how a very good RA services website might be organized. www.webrary.org/rs/rsmenu.html

NextReads. A subscription email service developed by the creators of NoveList.
www.nextreads.com

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An online index to fiction created to help readers advisors. Maintained and distributed by

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Now Read This II: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction, 1990-2001 by Nancy Pearl. Libraries Unlimited, 2002.

100 Most Popular Genre Fiction Authors: Biographical Sketches and Bibliographies by Bernard A. Drew. Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

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Overbooked.org

A website for ravenous readers specializing in literary and genre fiction information.

Pages: The Magazine for People Who Love Books. www.ireadpages.com/index.html

Popular Contemporary Writers. 11 vols. Michael D. Sharp, ed. Marshall Cavendish, 205.

RANews

An electronic newsletter for readers advisors from Libraries Unlimited intended to inform Readers' Advisors and RA educators of events, trends, issues, and products pertinent to successfully teaching and practicing readers' advisory. Subscribe at renews@lu.com.

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3275 Oakdell Lane, Studio City, CA 91604.

ReadersRead.com

Features news about the hottest books and authors in all genres, bestseller lists and links to the best sites for literature and books. Of special interest is the section of book excerpts.

Reader's Robot www.tnrplib.bc.ca/rr.html

Database of genres with reviews giving appeal factors.

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Undergraduate's Companion to Women Writers and Their Web Sites by Katharine Dean, Miriam Conteh-Morgan and James K. Bracken. Libraries Unlimited, 2003.

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What Should I Read Next? A UK site that generates read-alikes based on titles members have entered. www.whatshouldireadnext.com/search

***What's Next? A List of Books in Series.** Kent District, Kent District Library, 814 West River Center NE, Comstock Park, Michigan 49321, 2003. www.kdl.org

Whichbook.net

A British site on which readers can choose titles by mood appeal factors as well as by more traditional indexing access points.

ADVENTURE

Extreme Classics: The 100 Greatest Adventure Books of All Time. Annotated list compiled by editors, *Adventure* magazine. www.nationalgeographic.com

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Audio Diversions. A discussion list for all interested in audiobooks.

http://list.audiodiversions.com/mailman/listinfo/audiobooks_list.audiodiversions.com

Audio Publishers Association, 627 Aviation Way, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
www.audiopub.org

AudioFile: The Magazine For People Who Love Audiobooks, 37 Silver St., POB 109, Portland, ME 04112-0209. www.audiofilemagazine.com. Also publishes Audiopolis, an audio review source on audiobooks available from their website or from the iTunes website.

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Site for downloading hundreds of audiobooks, newspapers and magazines. Available through the iTunes website.

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www.readersread.com/awards/anthony.htm

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Booker Prize. Literary fiction. www.bookerprize.co.uk

Bram Stoker Awards. Horror www.horror.org/stokers.htm#winner

Christy Awards. Christian fiction. www.christyawards.com/

Edgar Awards. Mysteries. www.mysterywriters.org

Eisner Awards. Comic industry awards. www.comic-con.org/cci/cci_eisners_07win.shtml

Gaylactic Spectrum Award. Honors outstanding works of science fiction, fantasy and horror which include significant positive explorations of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered characters, themes, or issues. www.spectrumawards.org/whatis.htm

Gold Medallion Book Award. Inspirational. www.ecpa.org/

Gumshoe Awards. Crime fiction. www.mysteryinkonline.com/awards.html

International Horror Guild Awards. Horror. www.ihgonline.org./index.html

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National Book Awards www.literature-awards.com

National Jewish Book Awards. Jewish literature.
www.jewishbookcouncil.org/external_links/NJBA_2005_winners.pdf

Nebula Awards Science fiction and fantasy. www.sfgwa.org/awards/

Notable Books ALA/RUSA

www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/RUSA/Professional_Tools4/Notable_Books_for_Adults/Notable_Books_for_Adults.htm

Pulitzer Prize www.bookspring.com/pulitzer.htm

Reading List. Established in 2007 by the CODES section of RUSA, The Reading List Council seeks to highlight outstanding genre fiction that merits special attention by general adult readers and the librarians who work with them.

RITA Awards. Romances www.rwanational.org/awards.stm

Shamus Awards. Private eye fiction. www.thrillingdetective.com/

Spur Awards. Westerns www.westernwriters.org/spur_awards.htm

Tiptree Award. Science fiction or fantasy that expands or explores our understanding of gender. www.tiptree.org/

World Fantasy Convention Awards. Fantasy www.worldfantasy.org/awards/

BOOK CLUBS/ DISCUSSION/READING GROUPS

Association of Book Groups and Leaders, PO Box 885, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Book Clique Cafe. www.readinggroupsonline.com/ Home to many online reading groups.

Book Clubs Resource. <http://www.book-clubs-resource.com/> "...a complete guide to book clubs and reading groups with an outstanding collection of links and information for readers, including information about saving with discount book clubs."

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Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide: The Bimonthly Journal of GSBT Arts, Culture, and Politics Greview.com Intended to provide a forum for enlightened discussion of issues and ideas of importance to lesbians and gay men; to advance gay and lesbian culture by providing a quality vehicle for its best writers and thinkers; and to educate a broader public on gay and lesbian topics.

GLBT Fantasy Fiction Resources. <http://www.glbtfantasy.com/> Provides an opportunity for fantasy and science-fiction fans to express their thoughts regarding fantasy and sci-fi with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered protagonists through book reviews, essays, and reading lists in a non-commercial environment. In addition, we provide up-to-date news, interviews with authors, and links to relevant websites.

Lambda Literary Foundation www.lambdalit.org Publishes *Lambda Book Report* and sponsors annual *Lambda Literary Awards*.

Lambda Sci-Fi Recommended Reading List.

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category that you might be interested in reading. For librarians, this site provides tools to help in collection development, readers advisory, and program planning. This site has no other agenda than encouraging people to read, and supporting readers of the horror genre. <http://monsterlibrarian.com/monsterframe>.

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BiblioTravel <http://www.bibliotravel.com/> A free online resource for identifying stories that are set in distinct locales started by two librarians.

Book Blogs <http://bookblogs.ning.com/> "Our members read books, blog books, write books, and publicize books."

Book Crossing <http://www.bookcrossing.com> Where books take on a life of their own. BookCrossing is earth-friendly, and gives you a way to share your books, clear your shelves, and conserve precious resources at the same time. A book registered on BookCrossing is ready for adventure.

Book Glutton <http://www.bookglutton.com> Our intent: build an experience that is simultaneously a book group, a computer, and a book. Chat chapter by chapter, comment on each paragraph.

Book Jetty <http://www.bookjetty.com> BookJetty is a social utility that connects you with your friends' bookshelves and checks books' availability in the libraries.

Book Movement. <http://www.bookmovement.com/> "BookMovement.com was founded in 2001 to give book clubs a way to recommend books to each other on a national level."

Books I Read <http://apps.facebook.com/ireadit/> A Facebook application. Must register to use.

Books Well Read <http://www.bookswellread.com> The goal of BooksWellRead is to be the online destination of choice for people who want to 'digest' what they read by capturing their thoughts in writing. BooksWellRead has been designed to be simple, fast, and easy to use.

Crime Space <http://crimespace.ning.com/> A place for readers and writers of crime fiction

to meet.

eBooklists <http://www.eBooklists.pbwiki.com> RAWiki being constructed by librarians who were in graduate school together at Indiana University.

Goodreads www.goodreads.com Keeps track of what you've read and what your friends are reading. Also on Facebook.

I Read Wiki iread.pbwiki.com/ A collaborative website by Iowa librarians of reading suggestions.

Library Thing www.librarything.com Helps you create a library-quality catalog of your books and connects you with people who read the same things.

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Read Me. <http://mssv.net/wiki/index.php/ReadMe> User editable wiki of book suggestions and queries.

Revish <http://www.revish.com> Revish is a place where people share their reading experiences. You can use Revish to keep and share a list of books you're reading, write reviews of books, find recommendations from other readers, and a whole lot more.

Shelfari www.shelfari.com Allows you to share what is on your bookshelf with others and discover new books. Also on Facebook.

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What's On My Bookshelf <http://whatsonmybookshelf.com/> “WhatsOnMyBookshelf, a book trading community, allows members to exchange their books using a simple point system. Users maintain their own profile page with friends, book inventory, and wishlists. Our goal is to facilitate the trading of books in addition to connecting people with similar reading interests. Sharing a book is the creation of a common place for dialogue, friendships, and ideas.”

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