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.


**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](http://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/


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/Flmenu.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


*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

*NoveList: Your Guide to Fiction Epnet.com
An online index to fiction created to help readers advisors. Maintained and distributed by
EBSCO Publishing.


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


**Opening the book.** A reader development site in the UK directed by Rachel Van Riel, who uses a reader-centered approach that covers furniture, library design, training, reader services and reader networks. [http://openingthebook.com/default.aspx](http://openingthebook.com/default.aspx)

**Overbooked.org**

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


**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.


**Reader’s Advisor Online.** Integrates all the Genreflecting RA tools published in print into an interactive, searchable database. Libraries Unlimited. [www.readersadvisoronline.com](http://www.readersadvisoronline.com)


**Readers Exchange: ideas and Information for Readers.** Quarterly. Readers Exchange,
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.tnrllib.bc.ca/rr.html
Database of genres with reviews giving appeal factors.

Research-Based Reader’s Advisory by Jessica E. Moyer. ALA, 2008.


Storycode.com. British site that allows readers to enter books they have read and to code them so others might find them. www.storycode.com


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


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.nationalgeorgraphic.com
AUDIOBOOKS

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.

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

AudioBook Reference Guide.

Audio Book Stand www.audiobookstand.com


AUDIOVISUAL

Best DVDs You’ve Never Seen, Just Missed or Almost Forgotten. Peter M. Nichols, ed. St. Martin’s Press, 2005

AWARDS, PRIZES AND NOTABLE LISTS


Barry Awards. Mysteries. Deadly Pleasures Magazine deadlypleasures.com/Barry.htm

Best Books for Young Adults. ALA/YALSA www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya

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

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

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/


Jordan Christian Book of the Year Award. Inspirational. www.ecpa.org/


National Book Awards www.literature-awards.com


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

Notable Books ALA/RUSA www.alanet.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


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 Group List. An online list of books to read and discuss. books.rpmdp.com/


Book Muse. www.bookmuse.com An online subscription resource for book groups with “muse notes” for specific titles.

Book Savvy by Cynthia Lee Katona. Scarecrow, 2005. Aims to teach how to read and enjoy literature with a list of tried and true page turners.


Oprah’s Book Club. www2.oprah.com/index.jhtml

Reader’s Circle. www.thereaderscirclescircle.com Random House publisher site with reading group guides, more than 100 authors available for phone chats and a monthly e-newsletter with tips for reading groups.

Reader’s Club www.readersclub.org Guide to enjoyable books; includes online book club list and YA titles and authors, as well as Librarians’ Choice award winners.


ReadingGroupGuides.com An online community for reading groups with advice, contests, guides, etc.


BOOKS ON FILM

Based on the Book. Midcontinent Public Library.
http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/movies/

Encyclopedia of Westerns by Herb Fagen, Facts On File, 2003
(includes a section on films based on literary sources).


BOOKTALKING


CLASSICS

Accessing the Classics: Great Reads for Adults, Teens, and English Language Learners by LA Vergne Rosow. Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

GAY AND LESBIAN

Bella Books. Online bookstore specializing in lesbian romances.

Books to Watch Out For! www btwof com Monthly e-letters about gay and lesbian books.


Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide: The Bimonthly Journal of GSBT Arts, Culture, and Politics Gtreview.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 lambda lit org Publishes Lambda Book Report and sponsors annual Lambda Literary Awards.

Lambda Sci-Fi Recommended Reading List.
http://www.lambdasf.org/lsf/books/recommend.html

Out in the Library: Materials, Displays and Services for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community provides resources to help explain the importance of having inclusive collections and programs, and to provide assistance if complaints arise, and includes bibliographies. http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/iftoolkits/glbttoolkit/glbttoolkit.htm

Science Fiction for Lesbians. http://lesbiansciencefiction.com/ This is a list of science fiction books with lesbian characters or by lesbian authors.

GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COMICS

Comics Worth Reading Comic book reviews and recommendations by Johanna Draper Carlson, a comics reviewer and columnist http://www.comicsworthreading.com/.

Developing and Promoting Graphic Novel Collections by Steve Miller. Neal-Schuman, 2005


Graphic Novelists: Profiles of Cutting Edge Authors and Illustrators. 3 vols. Gale, 2006.


HISTORICAL FICTION


Ancient Greece in Fiction. Labor of love website by a British classics professor.
www.sun.rhbnc.ac.uk/Classics/NJL/novels.html


**Historical Novel Society** [www.historicalnovelsociety.org/](http://www.historicalnovelsociety.org/) For authors and readers of historical fiction; includes members’ website links, a definition of historical fiction, and publishes a review magazine on historical fiction.


**Soon's Historical Fiction Site** [www.histfiction.net/](http://www.histfiction.net/) Website maintained by Soon-Young Choi that includes an author database, a list of and links to historical fiction forums on Internet, HF sites on the web, and places to search for historical fiction books.


### HORROR


**Dark Echo** [www.darkecho.com/darkecho/index.html](http://www.darkecho.com/darkecho/index.html)

**Hellnotes Newsletter: Your Insider’s Guide to the Horror Field.** Winner of a 2004 Bram Stoker Award! *Hellnotes*, in its 9th year of publication, is a weekly electronic newsletter offering the latest information on the people, places, events, markets, books, and happenings in Horror! [www.hellnotes.com/](http://www.hellnotes.com/)


**Horror Writers of America/Horror Writers Association,** PO Box 50577, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Bram Stoker Awards, June. Publishes Dark Whispers, an email newsletter on the field and has a special section for librarians. [www.horror.org](http://www.horror.org).

**Monster Librarian** This site is dedicated to all the books that are creepy, scary, and give us the willies. It is meant to be a resource for readers and librarians. For readers of horror, this is designed to be a site where you can find other books that fall into the horror
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.


**INSPIRATIONAL**

**Christian Booksellers Association.** Includes Christian Marketplace Best-Seller Lists. www.cbaonline.org

**Christy Awards.** Recognizing excellence in Christian fiction written by contemporary authors and highlighting the breadth and diversity of Christian fiction. www.christyawards.com/


**Left Behind Series** www.leftbehind.com

**Tracy's Book Nook.** Site run by a pastor’s wife to encourage reading of Christian fiction and the love of God. Specializes in historical Christian fiction and includes books for kids. www.tracysbooknook.com


**Worth Reading** [http://librarybooklists.org/wordpress/](http://librarybooklists.org/wordpress/) The RA blog from Librarybooklists.org

**MULTICULTURAL**


Purports to be the only large circulation forum solely devoted to covering both fiction and nonfiction books written by black authors; includes celebrity author spotlights to analyzing trends in publishing, reviews that cover the spectrum of books: commercial and literary fiction; critical analysis; self-help and biographical nonfiction; poetry and children's literature; lengthy stories covering trends in publishing, the Internet and publishing, art and coffee-table books from world-renowned artists, inspirational, motivational and spirituality-based books from all regions.


Jewish Book Council. Mission is to promote the reading, writing and publishing of quality Jewish content books; serve as the continental center for information about the North American Jewish literary scene; and serve as the coordinating body of Jewish literary activity in North America. 520 8th Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018. www.jewishbookcouncil.org


Undergraduate’s Companion to African Writers and Their Websites by Miram. E.

**Undergraduate’s Companion to Arab Writers and Their Websites** by Donna S. Straley. Libraries Unlimited, 2004


**Urban Fiction/Street Lit/hip Hop Fiction Resources for Librarians.**

**Urban Soul Books.** http://www.urbanbooks.net/SOULhome.html

**MYSTERIES, CRIME, SUSPENSE, SPIES, THRILLERS**


**ClueLass Home Page: A Mystery Lover's Notebook** www.cluelass.com/

**CrimeCulture.com** An academic site for anyone teaching or studying crime fiction, film and graphic art. www.crimeculture.com

**Crimespree Magazine.** “We are mystery fans from all over the planet. We share a love of the mystery crime genre and it has drawn us together.” www.crimespreemag.com


**Deadly Pleasures.** America's premier fan-oriented mystery magazine. Gives Barry Awards annually. George Easter, 1718 S. Ridge Point Drive, Bountiful, UT 84010. deadlypleasures.com/


DorothyL. A discussion and idea list for the lovers of the mystery genre created by librarians. www.dorothyl.com/

Euro Crime. Website that focuses purely on British and other European crime writers that have been published in English. www.eurocrime.co.uk


Librarians’ Index to the Internet: Mysteries. lii.org/search/file/mysteries


Mostly Murder: Your Guide to Reading Mysteries. Mostly Book Reviews, PO Box 191207, Dallas, TX 75219.

Mystery Buff at Home. Mystery Buff, 304 Lover's Lane, Townsend, TN 37882.

Mystery Guide. Every book-review page is “automagically” linked to five other titles found to be most similar. www.mysteryguide.com


Mystery Reader. Mostly reviews organized by subgenre. www.themysteryreader.com/


Mystery Short Fiction Miscellany: An Index. Locus Press, PO Box 13305, Oakland, CA 94661. www.locusmag.com
Mystery Writers of America, 17 E. 47th St., 6th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Edgar Awards, April. www.mysterywriters.org


Palm Beach County Public Library Mystery Section. One of the best organized public library websites for mystery RA. www.pbclibrary.com/read-mysteries.htm

Private Eye Writers of America. Devoted to private-eye detective fiction, and are probably best known for their annual Shamus Awards. hometown.aol.com/rrandisi/myhomepage/writing.html


Readers Room. Reviews of books for mystery readers. www.readersroom.com


Sisters in Crime, PO Box 44224, Lawrence, KS 66044-8933. Authors, readers, publishers, agents, booksellers and librarians bound by affection for the mystery genre and support of women who write mysteries; founded by Sara Paretsky and a group of women at the 1986 Bouchercon in Baltimore. www.sistersincrime.org

Stop, You're Killing Me! A Site to Die for ... If you Love Mystery Books www.stopyourekillingme.com/default.htm


Thrilling Detective. Devoted to private eye fiction. www.thrillingdetective.com/


NONFICTION

Book-TV. A site devoted to C-Span2’s programs on nonfiction books that includes an annotation of the book, a biography of the author, a list of Pulitzer Prize winning
biographies since 1917, a list of book fairs and festivals, two months of program archives, downloadable programs to watch online, plus a notification service and schedule. www.booktv.org/


**PROGRAMS**


**ROMANCE**

**Affaire de Coeur.** Romance review magazine. Website has links to author sites. www.affairedecoeur.com

**Beau Monde Chapter of RWA** devoted to Regency romances. Website includes links to member authors and resources for readers and writers plus a subscription option to an email newsletter. www.thebeaumonde.com/

**Chick Lit.** Brainchild of a Canadian freelance writer. www.chicklit.com

**Harlequin.** The major publisher of romance has a nifty online site that identifies many paperback series and miniseries, allows signups for email notifications, and ordering, if desired. eHarlequin.com


**Paranormal Romance.** Official homepage for the ParaNormalRomance list, a book
discussion list designed specifically for lovers of the paranormal romance sub-genre.
www.writerspace.com/ParanormalRomance/


**Romance Reader**: Claims to be the only Internet site offering over 5,000 candid reviews of current romantic fiction. theromancereader.com

**Romance Readers Anonymous** www.toad.net/~dolma/


**Romantic Times Book Club**. 55 Bergen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. The major review/fan magazine of the genre. www.romantictimes.com/

**Time Travel Romance Writers**. http://timetravelromancewriters.com/

**SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY**
(see also some resources under GAY and LESBIAN)

**A to Z of Science Fiction Literature** by Brian Stapleford. Scarecrow, 2005.


**First Contact: A Reader's Selection of Science Fiction and Fantasy** by Bonnie Kunzel and Suzanne Manczuk. Scarecrow, 2001.

**Internet Speculative Fiction Database**: Includes a mixture of book reviews, opinion pieces, author interviews, fiction excerpts, author and publisher reading lists and a variety of other features, as well as a comprehensive list of links to author and fan tribute sites, SF conventions, SF TV and movies, magazines and e-zines, writer resources, publishers
and small press sites and many other SF resources. www.sfsite.com/home.htm.


Linköping Science Fiction & Fantasy Archive. Archive of Usenet postings containing reviews of science fiction and fantasy books, movies, clipart, art gallery images, links all around the Web. sf.www.lysator.liu.se/sf_archive/

Locus: The Newspaper of the Science Fiction Field. Locus Publications, P O Box 13305, Oakland, CA 94661 www.locusmag.com


Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, 532 LaGuardia Place, #632, New York, NY 10012-1428. www.sfwa.org Nebula Awards, May.

Science Fiction Fan. “We're all about helping readers discover new science fiction and fantasy books and authors. We update our database almost daily, with the ambition to make it a comprehensive and accurate resource for bibliographies and biographies in our favorite genres.” www.scifan.com/

SFF Net. “home to the most interesting authors, publishers, media pros, and consumers of genre fiction today.” www.sff.net

Science Fiction Weekly. www.scifi.com/sfw/


Uchronia’s Alternate History List. www.uchronia.net/intro.html

Ultimate Science Fiction Web Guide. Over 6000 links to SF resources.
SHORT STORIES


SOCIAL NETWORKING READER-SHARING/BOOK SITES

aNobii www.anobii.com List Books, Share Thoughts, Meet People. The name? From Anobium Punctatum, which is the proper name for bookworms.

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](http://www.eBooklists.pbwiki.com) RAwiki being constructed by librarians who were in graduate school together at Indiana University.

**Goodreads** [www.goodreads.com](http://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](http://iread.pbwiki.com/) A collaborative website by Iowa librarians of reading suggestions.

**Library Thing** [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com) Helps you create a library-quality catalog of your books and connects you with people who read the same things.

**Reader2Reader**. A UK network that allows readers to discover and suggest books to each other, chat and share reader experiences or do author/title searchers.
http://www.reader2reader.net/


**Revish** [http://www.revish.com](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](http://www.shelfari.com) Allows you to share what is on your bookshelf with others and discover new books. Also on Facebook.

**weRead** [http://weread.com/](http://weread.com/) “weRead is a community for book lovers. Whether you love classics or popular fiction; whether you love Dickens or Dan Brown; is a place where you can find others who share your reading tastes and through them discover new books that you will love.”

**What Should I Read Next?** [http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/search](http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/search) Searchable database of real readers’ favourite books (over 47,000 and growing) to suggest what you could read next.

**What’s On My Bookshelf** [http://whatsonmybookshelf.com/](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.”
WESTERNS


**Roundup Magazine.** WWA Roundup Magazine, James Crutchfield, Dept. BB, 1012 Fair St., Franklin, TN 37064-2718.


**Western Writers of America,** 1012 Fair St., Franklin, TN 37064. Spur Awards, June. www.westernwriters.org

**What Western Do I Read Next?** Gale, 1999.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS, SPECIALTY, INTERNATIONAL OR ETHNIC


World Hum. Website and blog devoted to literary travel books. www.worldhum.com/

Writers Write Books. Part of writerswrite.com which purports to be a one-stop site for information about books, writing and publishing. www.writerswrite.com/books/