

Conversation & Cocktails

Books and Binges 2023

Fiction Recommendations

Published in 2023 with Goodreads Ratings over 4.0

TITLE	AUTHOR	RATING
Don't Forget to Write	Sara Goodman Confino	4.55
The Last Devil to Die: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery	Richard Osman	4.55
Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt	Harry Whittaker and Lucinda Riley	4.52
The Covenant of Water	Abraham Verghese	4.50
Only the Beautiful	Susan Meissner	4.47
Trial	Richard North Patterson	4.42
The Postcard	Anne Berest	4.41
Looking for Jane	Heather Marshall	4.39
Identity	Nora Roberts	4.38
Lady Tan's Circle of Women	Lisa See	4.38
The River We Remember	William Kent Krueger	4.38
The Bird Hotel	Joyce Maynard	4.33
The Paris Daughter	Kristin Harmel	4.30
The Seven Year Slip	Ashley Poston	4.30
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store	James McBride	4.27
Iona Iverson's Rule for Commuting	Clare Pooley	4.21
The Wishing Game	Meg Shaffer	4.21
Hello Beautiful	Ann Napolitano	4.20
I Will Find You	Harlan Coben	4.19
None of This is True	Lisa Jewell	4.19
Tear Me Apart	J.T. Ellison	4.16
The Glass Chateau	Stephen P. Kiernan	4.13
The Five-Star Weekend	Elin Hilderbrand	4.12
The Spectacular	Fiona Davis	4.12
Homecoming	Kate Morton	4.11
Mrs. Nash's Ashes	Sarah Adler	4.10
The Music of Bees	Eileen Garvin	4.10
Charm City Rocks: A Love Story	Matthew Norman	4.06
The First Ladies	Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray	4.05
The Art of Hearing Heartbeats	Jan-Philipp Sendker	4.02

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Additional Fiction Recommendations

I couldn't resist including these few as well, although published prior to 2023

TITLE	AUTHOR	YEAR	RATING
All the Broken Places	John Boyne	2022	4.50
Code Name Helene	Ariel Lawhon	2020	4.42
The Attic Child	Lola Jaye	2022	4.37
Midnight at the Blackbird Café	Heather Webber	2019	4.06
The Measure	Nikki Erlick	2022	4.01

Recommended TV Binge Watches with IMDb Ratings over 7.0

TITLE	PLATFORM	RATING
The Crown	Netflix	8.6
Foyle's War	Amazon	8.6
Bad Sisters	Apple TV	8.3
Lessons in Chemistry	Apple TV	8.2
The Diplomat	Netflix	8.0
The Gilded Age	Max	8.0
Lincoln Lawyer	Netflix	7.7
The Whale	Showtime	7.7
All the Light We Cannot See	Netflix	7.6
NYAD	Netflix	7.1
Made You Look	Netflix	7.0
Pepsi Where's My Jet?	Netflix	7.0

Podcasts

TITLE	GENRE
Swindled	True Crime
Third Degree with Elie Honig	Law and Politics
Business Movers	Business Biography