

Feel-Good Stories



Looking for books that are uplifting and enjoyable to read around Thanksgiving time? Let's be grateful for authors like Maeve Binchy, Fannie Flagg, and Alexander McCall Smith!

Garden Spells by **Sarah Addison Allen** Two sisters use their unusual gifts in the ways of gardening and magical herbs in a small North Carolina town.

A Man Called Ove by **Fredrik Backman** Once you get past this widower's gruff exterior, you'll find a heart of gold. Swedish bestseller!

Chestnut Street by **Maeve Binchy** Heartwarming tales of the people who live in a single Chestnut Street neighborhood in a small town in Ireland.

Elm Creek Quilts series by **Jennifer Chiaverini** Family and friendship are stitched together in this series about a group of quilters. A mix of contemporary and historical.

Standing in the Rainbow by **Fannie Flagg** Try any book by popular author Fannie Flagg for an uplifting story, usually set in a small town with quirky characters.

#1 Ladies' Detective Agency series by **Alexander McCall Smith** Prolific author Alexander McCall Smith writes several warm-hearted series in addition to this one.

Breakfast with Buddha by **Roland Merullo** A Type-A guy goes on a road trip with a laid-back Buddhist monk. Followed by *Lunch with Buddha* and *Dinner with Buddha*.

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat by **Edward Kelsey Moore** Lifelong friends (known in high school as "the Supremes") meet up regularly at a small-town diner.

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by **Phaedra Patrick** A perfect choice for fans of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

Eat Cake by **Jeanne Ray** Baking is the way that Ruth escapes the everyday stresses of family drama in this lighthearted story of food and family.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by **Mary Ann Shaffer** A story told in letters about residents' WWII resistance efforts on their tiny, remote English island.

The Rosie Project by **Graeme Simsion** A college professor with undiagnosed Asperger's pursues romance scientifically and hilariously. Followed by *The Rosie Effect*.

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by **Gabrielle Zevin** The love of books and reading are at the heart of this bittersweet story set on the island of Nantucket.

