

# Personalized Reading Recommendations

From the Ridgefield Library Staff

Looking for a Good Book? Let Us Recommend Some .....

Fill in as much of the reading interest survey form as you wish. The more information you provide, the more likely it is that we can suggest books you will like. Returns forms to the Fiction Desk on the second floor of the Ridgefield Library. You will receive a response with a personalized list of reading recommendations within TWO WEEKS.

## Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Demographic Information (optional)

(include any information you wish us to factor into recommendations)

Sex: M F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Mode of Contact for Suggestions

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone call and paper pickup at library \_\_\_\_\_ Face-to-face Discussion \_\_\_\_\_

## Genres and Formats

**Circle** any **genre or format** in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any genre or format that you would NOT read. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Popular Fiction	Action/Adventure	Horror
Literary Fiction	Fantasy	Westerns
Classics	Science Fiction	Biography' Memoir
Historical Fiction	Romance	Travel
Mysteries	Chick Lit	Non-Fiction (choose areas of interest from content list on next page)
Thrillers	Romantic Suspense	
Fantasy		Other:

Content **Circle** any topics that are of interest to you.

Men's Lives	Sports	History	Science & Technology
Women's Lives	Food	Military/War	Medicine & Health
Childhood	Gardens	Politics	Computers
Coming of Age	Humor	Crime	Current Events
Older Adults	Art	Travel	Disasters
Families	Music	Holidays	Other Cultures
Romantic Relationships	Animals	Religion	Outdoor Activities

### Reading History

Please list at least 5 of your favorite books and/or authors.

List up to 5 books or authors who you have read and not enjoyed.

### Book Length

**Circle** the approximate length of book you would prefer to read at this time. **Cross out** any length you would not consider reading. Do not mark this section if you have no preference.

Less than 250 pages

250-500 pages

Over 500 pages

## Tone, Style, Mood, and Language

**Circle your preference** on the following scales. If a scale doesn't matter to you, no need to mark it.

Happy, Light, Uplifting 1	2	3	4	5	Dark, Ironic 6
Easy Read 1	2	3	4	5	Demanding Read 6
One Plot Line 1	2	3	4	5	Many Plot Lines 6
Old-Fashioned, Traditional 1	2	3	4	5	Modern, Contemporary 6
Straightforward Language 1	2	3	4	5	Lush, Poetic Language 6
Predictable, Relaxing 1	2	3	4	5	Suspenseful, Tense 6
Funny 1	2	3	4	5	Serious 6
Sentimental 1	2	3	4	5	Stark, Realistic 6
Resolved Ending 1	2	3	4	5	Unresolved Ending 6

How do you like books to be focused? **Circle** how important each emphasis is to you as a reader.

Focus on Characters:	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Action and Events:	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Issues and Ideas:	High	Medium	Low
Focus on Language and Style:	High	Medium	Low

## Settings

**Circle** settings that you would **like** to read about. Specify locations if desired. **Cross out** settings you would **not like** to read about. Do not mark a setting if you have no preference.

United States (specify places):

World (specify regions, countries, or cities)

Historical Settings (specify eras and places):

Workplace Settings (specify work fields):

Cities                  Suburbs                  Small Towns                  Farms or Ranches                  Wild Places

## Characters

Mark any preferences for main characters. **Circle** character traits **you want** to read about. Do not mark when you have no preference.

**Age:** Under 12      Teens      20 to 35      35 to 50      50 to 65      over 65

**Gender:**      Female      Male

**Relationships** Introspection/Interior Life      Singles/Looking for Love      Married Life/Commitment  
Divorce/Widowhood      Parenting/Family Life      Group Dynamics/Social Scenes  
Gay/Lesbian      Friendship      Odd Couples  
Professional Relationships

## Specify Any Occupational Fields or Areas of Interest:

### Peeves and Pleasures

Content of a certain nature may be annoying or upsetting to some readers, while others enjoy these same elements. In the list below, **CROSS OUT** elements you would **NOT** like to read about. Do not mark elements about which you are neutral.

Sexual Themes	Explicit Sexual Content	Rough or Obscene Language
War	Violence	Death
Disease	Crime Portrayed Sympathetically	
Dark or Cynical Humor	Right Wing Politics	Left Wing Politics
Addiction	Anti-Religion	Pro-Religion

## Emphasis: Which Sections of This Form Should We Consider Most?

**Circle up to three sections** of this form where your answers best reflect your current reading mood:

Genres and Formats	Content	Reading History	Book Length
Tones/Styles	Settings	Characters	Peeves and Pleasures

## Anything Else We Should Factor into Our Suggestions?

Thanks to the Staff of Virginia's Williamsburg Regional Library for the Content of this Form!