

FANTASTIC LESBIANS

THE BOOKS COLLECTION

A visual guide to the books shared, discussed and critiqued by the Fantastic Lesbians community.

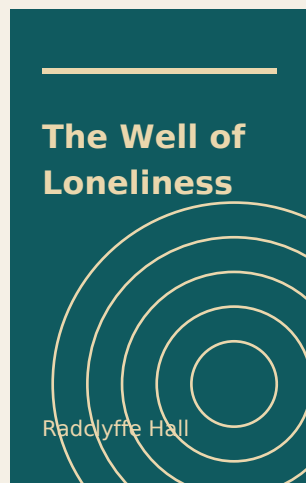


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Selected works from the community reading list



The Well of Loneliness

Radclyffe Hall

A landmark early novel about Stephen Gordon, whose search for love and belonging confronts the constraints placed on lesbian lives.



Stone Butch Blues

Leslie Feinberg

A powerful novel exploring gender expression, working-class life, community and the struggle to live authentically.



The Gilda Stories

Jewelle Gomez

A genre-blending vampire novel following a Black lesbian heroine through centuries of identity, kinship and change.



The Safekeep

Yael van der Wouden

A tense, intimate post-war Dutch novel in which an unexpected relationship unsettles long-held assumptions and hidden histories.

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The Passion

Jeanette Winterson

A lyrical historical novel intertwining love, obsession and gender-fluid storytelling against the backdrop of Napoleonic Europe.



Patience and Sarah

Isabel Miller

A tender historical love story about two women who imagine making a life together in nineteenth-century America.



10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World

Elif Shafak

A moving story of memory, friendship and marginalised lives, unfolding through the final recollections of a woman in Istanbul.



Hamnet

Maggie O'Farrell

An evocative reimagining of Shakespeare's family, centred on grief, motherhood and the enduring force of love.

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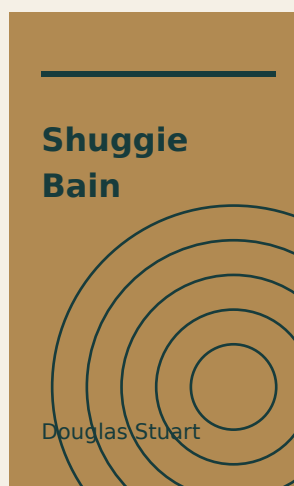
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Milkman

Anna Burns

An inventive novel about surveillance, rumour and coercion in a community shaped by political conflict.



Shuggie Bain

Douglas Stuart

A portrait of a Glasgow childhood, family devotion and hardship, told through the bond between a boy and his mother.



Invisible Women

Caroline Criado Perez

An investigation of how data gaps and male-centred assumptions affect women in everyday life and public policy.



H Is for Hawk

Helen Macdonald

A memoir of grief, nature and recovery through the demanding experience of training a goshawk.

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