

# Sure Bet List

## Literary Fiction

Margaret Atwood  
Julian Barnes  
Michael Chabon  
Don DeLillo  
Julia Glass  
A.M. Homes  
Barbara Kingsolver  
Vladimir Nabokov  
Annie Proulx  
Philip Roth  
Graham Swift

John Banville  
Truman Capote  
J.M. Coetzee  
Ian McEwan  
Jane Hamilton  
John Irving  
Toni Morrison  
Joyce Carol Oates  
Marianne Robinson  
Richard Russo  
Tom Wolff

## Mysteries

Susan Wittig Albert  
M.C. Beaton  
Rhys Bowen  
Rita Mae Brown  
Harlan Coben  
Robert Crais  
Janet Evanovich  
Sue Grafton  
Reginald Hill  
P.D. James  
Robin Paige  
Robert Parker  
Elizabeth Peters  
Peter Robinson

Nevada Barr  
Carrie Bebris  
Lilian Jackson Braun  
Agatha Christie  
Patricia Cornwell  
Diane Mott Davidson  
Elizabeth George  
Martha Grimes  
Tony Hillerman  
Stuart Kaminsky  
Sara Paretsky  
Anne Perry  
Ruth Rendell

## Horror

Clive Barker  
Stephen King  
Douglas Preston

John Farris  
Dean Koontz  
Anne Rice

## Fantasy and Science Fiction

Richard Adams  
Robert Asprin  
Terry Brooks  
Arthur C. Clarke  
John Darnton  
Philip K. Dick  
Dave Eddings  
Jasper Fforde  
Neil Gaiman  
David Gemmell  
Robert Heinlein  
Robert Jordan  
Nancy Kress  
Ursula LeGuin  
Gregory Maguire  
L. E. Modesitt, Jr.  
Christopher Paolini  
Anne Rice  
J. K. Rowling  
Neal Stephenson  
J. R. R. Tolkien  
T. H. White  
Connie Willis

Isaac Asimov  
Frank Baum  
Orson Scott Card  
Michael Crichton  
L. Sprague de Camp  
Stephen Donaldson  
Jose Farmer  
C. S. Friedman  
Diane Gabaldon  
Terry Goodkind  
Tracy Hickman  
Mindy Klasky  
Mercedes Lackey  
Anne McCaffrey  
George R. R. Martin  
Andre Norton  
Terry Pratchett  
Kim Stanley Robinson  
R. A. Salvatore  
Judith Tarr  
H.G. Wells  
Tad Williams  
Roger Zelazny

## Historical Fiction

Robert Alexander  
Tracy Chevalier  
Anita Diamant  
Sarah Dunant  
Michael Faber  
Charles Frasier  
Arthur Golden  
Patrick O'Brian  
Gail Tsukiyama

Geraldine Brooks  
DeBernieres, Louis  
E.L. Doctorow  
Dorothy Dunnett  
Ken Follett  
W. Michael and K. Gear  
Philippa Gregory  
Edward Rutherford

## Romance

Sarah Bird  
Sandra Brown  
Catherine Coulter  
Kristin Hannah  
Johanna Lindsey  
Carly Phillips  
Eugenia Price  
Julia Quinn  
Nora Roberts  
Nicholas Sparks  
Danielle Steel

Judy Blume  
Catherine Cookson  
Jude Deveraux  
Diane Johnson  
Fern Michaels  
Susan Elizabeth Phillips  
Amanda Quick  
Luanne Rice  
Barbara Rogan  
LaVyrle Spencer

## Women' Lives and Relationships

Alice Adams  
Maeve Binchy  
Barbara Taylor Bradford  
Gail Godwin  
Lorna Landvik  
Sue Miller  
Jacquelyn Mitchard  
Jodi Picoult  
Belva Plain  
Barbara Samuel  
Anne Rivers Siddons  
Johanna Trollope  
Rebecca Wells

Elizabeth Berg  
Chris Bohjalian  
Sandra Dallas  
Sue Monk Kidd  
Elinor Lipman  
Susan Minot  
Whitney Otto  
Rosamunde Pilcher  
Anna Quindlen  
Sandi Shelton  
Nancy Thayer  
Anne Tyler

## Chick Lit

Mary Kay Andrews  
Jennifer Crusie  
Jane Green  
Sophie Kinsella  
Emma McLaughlin  
Jeanne Ray  
Plum Sykes  
Lauren Weisberger

Laura Caldwell  
Helen Fielding  
Marian Keyes  
Anna Maxted  
Allison Pearson  
Barbara Samuel  
Jennifer Weiner  
Laura Zigman

### **Gentle Reads**

Jennifer Chiaverini  
Philip Gulley  
Debbie Macomber  
Alexander McCall Smith

Fannie Flagg  
Jan Karon  
Ann B. Ross  
Adriana Trigiani

### **Foreign Culture**

Monica Ali  
Chitra Divakaruni  
Ha Jin  
Arundhati Roy  
Alexander McCall Smith  
Gail Tsukayama

Pearl Buck  
Khaled Hosseini  
Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
Salman Rushdie  
Amy Tan

### **Westerns**

Ivan Doig  
Zane Gray  
Louis L'Amour

Loren D. Estleman  
Elmer Kelton

### **Suspense**

Mary Higgins Clark  
Robin Cook  
Michael Crichton  
Joy Fielding  
Carol Goodman  
James Patterson  
John Sandford

Harlan Coben  
Thomas H. Cook  
Jeffrey Deaver  
Frances Fyfield  
Val McDermid  
Ruth Rendell  
Sydney Sheldon

### **Romantic Suspense**

Suzanne Brockmann  
Catherine Coulter  
Fern Michaels

Sandra Brown  
Julie Garwood  
Nora Roberts/J.D. Robb

### **Thrillers and Adventure**

Dan Brown  
Linda Fairstein  
Carl Hiaasen  
Lisa Scottoline  
Wilbur Smith

Clive Cussler  
W.E.B. Griffin  
Matthew Reilly  
Daniel Silva

### **Humor**

Dave Barry  
Helen Fielding  
Carl Hiaasen  
Elinor Lipman  
Tom Robinson

Bill Bryson  
Fannie Flagg  
Garrison Keillor  
Terry Pratchett  
Sandi Shelton

### **Contemporary Action/Military Fiction**

Larry Bond  
Tom Clancy  
Bernard Cornwell  
Clive Cussler  
P. T. Deutermann  
W. E. B. Griffin  
Jack Higgins  
Robert Littell  
John D. MacDonald  
Patrick O'Brian  
Douglas Preston  
John Weisman

Dale Brown  
Stephen Coonts  
Harold Coyle  
Michael DiMercurio  
Michael Farmer  
David Hagberg  
David Ignatius  
Robert Ludlum  
Richard Marcinko  
David Poyer  
Patrick Robinson

### **Authors for Armchair Sailors**

Joseph Conrad  
R. H. Dana  
James N. Hall  
Alexander Kent  
Frederick Marryat  
Dudley Pope  
Arthur D. Howden Smith  
H. M. Tomlinson

James F. Cooper  
C. S. Forester  
W. W. Jacobs  
William McFee  
Patrick O'Brian  
Joshua Slocum  
Tobias Smollett

## Classics

Louisa May Alcott  
Charlotte Bronte  
Willa Cather  
Geoffrey Chaucer  
James Fenimore Cooper  
Charles Dickens  
Arthur Conan Doyle  
Daphne DuMaurier  
Gustav Flaubert  
Thomas Hardy  
Herman Hesse  
Washington Irving  
James Joyce  
Jack London  
Margaret Mitchell  
Walter Scott  
Upton Sinclair  
John Steinbeck  
William Makepeace Thackeray  
Leo Tolstoy  
Jules Verne  
Oscar Wilde

Jane Austen  
Emily Bronte  
Miguel de Cervantes  
Joseph Conrad  
Daniel Defoe  
Feodor Dostoevsky  
Alexandre Dumas  
George Eliot  
E. M. Forster  
Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Victor Hugo  
Henry James  
D. H. Lawrence  
Herman Melville  
George Orwell  
Mary Shelley  
Betty Smith  
Harriet Beecher Stowe  
Anthony Trollope  
Mark Twain  
Edith Wharton