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READS, MOVIES & MORE!

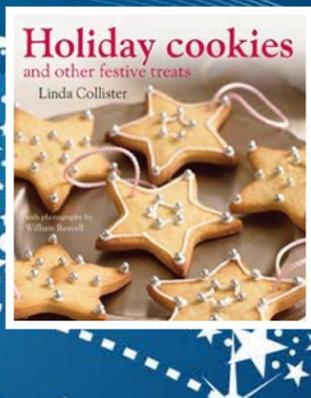
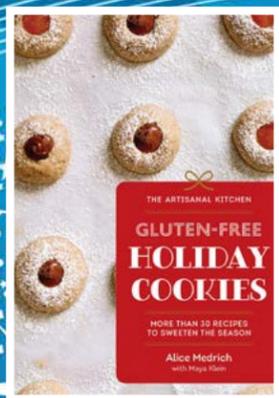
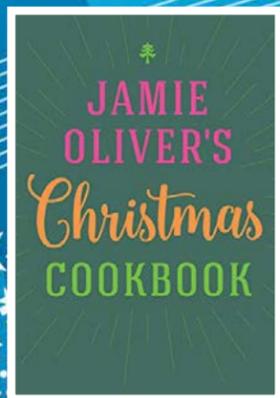
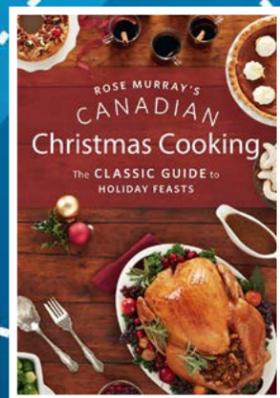
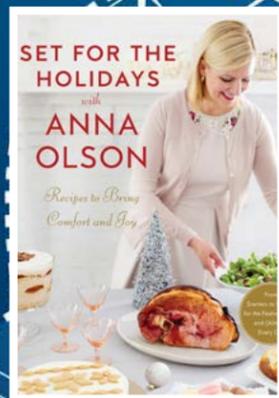
10 *Books for
Holiday
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PLUS OUR LISTS OF

cozy books for a
snowy day,
chilling mysteries,
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polar bear fiction
and MUCH
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10 Books for Holiday Entertaining

[Set for the Holidays With Anna Olson](#)

by Anna Olson

Whether you're planning a cozy family Christmas or a stylish soiree for New Year's Eve, you'll find delicious recipes, tips for make-ahead prep and advice for menu planning in this book from Food Network star Anna Olson.

[Christmas Cookies](#)

Try something new with this blend of classic and contemporary recipes from *Good Housekeeping*, perfect for cookie exchanges.

[Rose Murray's Canadian Christmas Cooking](#)

by Rose Murray

Filled with simple and affordable recipes, this classic Canadian cookbook has been a bestseller for over 20 years.

[Christmas Feasts and Treats](#)

by Donna Hay

Preparing a holiday feast for your family can be overwhelming. Author Donna Hay presents over 200 simple and reliable recipes with step-by-step photos to take the stress out of holiday cooking.

[Have Yourself A Very Vintage Christmas](#)

by Susan Waggoner

Explore the trends of Christmases past and make your own vintage-inspired decorations with this nostalgic look at crafts from the 1920s - 1960s.

[Let It Snow](#)

Make your holidays sweet with these comforting recipes for cookies, pastries, and biscuits your guests will love.

[Jamie Oliver's Christmas Cookbook](#)

by Jamie Oliver

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver serves up a wide selection of both traditional and modern holiday recipes, plus ideas to use up your leftovers.

[The Artisanal Kitchen: Gluten-free Holiday Cookies](#)

by Alice Medrich

Prepare delicious gluten-free cookies using alternative flours such as oat, almond, and coconut. With over 30 recipes, this book has something for everyone on your list.

[Martha Stewart's Handmade Holiday Crafts](#)

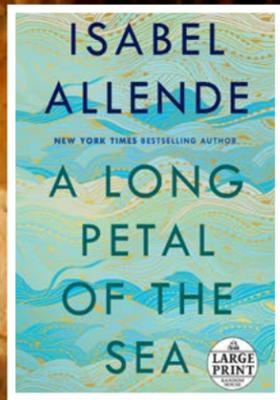
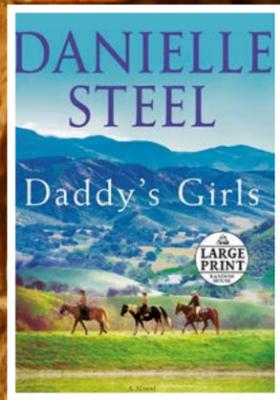
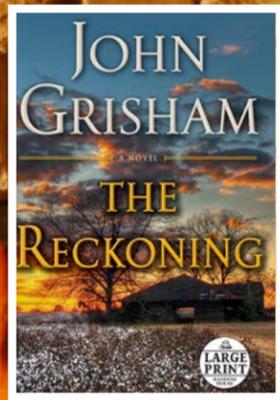
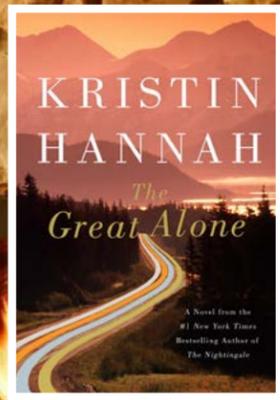
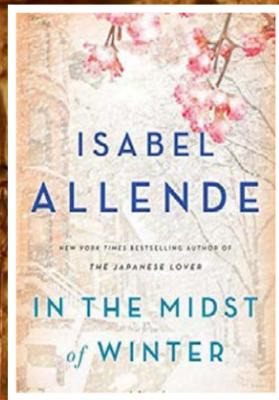
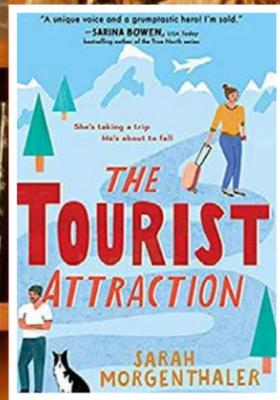
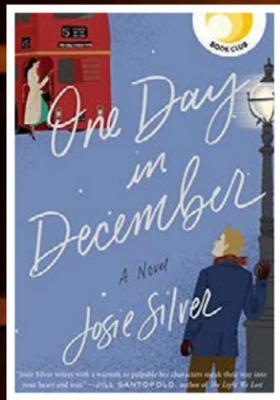
by Martha Stewart

This well-organized book is filled with year-round crafting ideas. From gorgeous handmade cards to beautiful gift wrap, this book is sure to make your holidays merry and bright.

[Holiday Cookies and Other Festive Treats](#)

by Linda Collister

This book includes everything from cookies and cakes to preserves and savoury snacks. Even beginner bakers will love these easy-to-follow recipes.



9 Cozy Books to Read on a Snowy Day

Little Women

by Louisa May Alcott

An emotional classic novel for readers of all generations. It revolves around four sisters, their distinct dreams and ambitions, and the choices that they have to make as they grow into adults. It is a story about the importance of strong family bonds, friendship, and love.

One Day in December

by Josie Silver

Do you believe in love at first sight? Laurie is not too sure about love at first sight until one snowy day in December when she sees a man outside her bus window and feels an instant connection. Then the bus drives away. Will life give them a second chance?

A Wedding in December

by Sarah Morgan

What could be more amazing than a wedding in the beautiful winter wonderland of Aspen? Enjoy this uplifting story full of charm, romance, and twists as family secrets are revealed.

The Tourist Attraction

by Sarah Morgenthaler

An Alaskan vacation is Zoey's dream come true. What she doesn't know is that the grumpy owner of the local diner is soon going to become part of her Alaskan adventures. A light storyline with lots of laughs and sarcastic dialogue.

In the Midst of Winter

by Isabel Allende

The story unfolds in the midst of a severe snowstorm that paralyzes Brooklyn. A minor traffic accident brings three different people together who reveal their past stories and share experiences. An enthralling story about survival, life challenges, and love.

The Great Alone

by Kristin Hannah

A thought-provoking story about the family of a former Vietnam POW who convinces his wife to move with their teenage daughter to wild Alaska for a better life. The isolation and the freezing climate are not the only challenges that the family will have to deal with in this remote area.

The Reckoning

by John Grisham

An intriguing story about a shocking crime and its impact on the people of Ford County. This is a great stand-alone historical fiction, with a mixture of suspense and family drama

Daddy's Girls

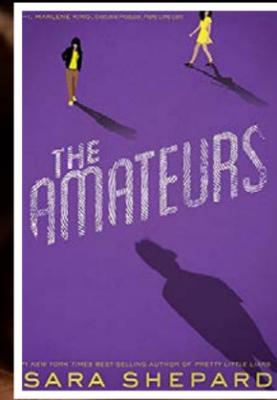
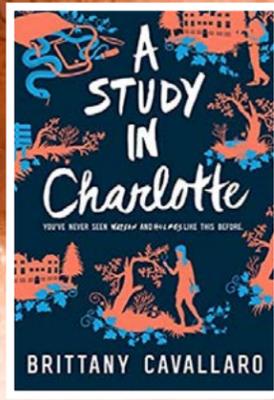
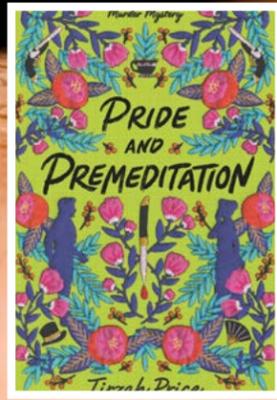
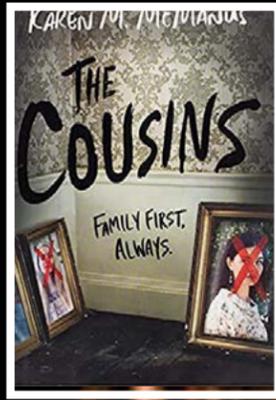
by Danielle Steel

If you are a big fan of stories with a ranch setting, then you will enjoy this easy-to-read novel. Three sisters, raised by their father, have to confront the terrible truth that was so carefully hidden from them.

A Long Petal of the Sea

by Isabel Allende

A historical novel portraying the period of the Spanish Civil War and the political events' impacts on the lives of people. This is a story about hope, freedom, resilience, and finding a place to call home.



8 Chilling Mysteries for Teens

[The Cousins](#)

by Karen M. McManus

The Story cousins receive a letter from a grandmother they've never met before, inviting them to spend the summer with her on the island. This will be their chance to learn about their family's mysterious past.

[Pride and Premeditation](#)

by Tirzah Price

Aspiring lawyer Lizzie Bennet is determined to solve a murder case and make sure that justice is served. A witty murder mystery with plenty of twists and unexpected turns.

[With Malice](#)

by Eileen Cook

Jill Charron wakes up in a hospital room, unable to remember her life in the past six weeks. She is terrified learning about the fatal accident in which she was involved while on her trip to Italy. Was the accident really an accident?

[A Study in Charlotte](#)

by Brittany Cavallaro

If you are a huge Sherlock Holmes fan, then you'll love this story revolving around the teen descendants of Sherlock Holmes and John Watson. When a student is found dead in their Connecticut boarding school, they team up to investigate the murder.

[Two Can Keep A Secret](#)

by Karen M. McManus

Ellery and her twin brother have to move to Echo Ridge to live with their grandmother. Scary things are happening in the town: disappearing people, murders, threats. Will Ellery be able to uncover all the secrets?

[The Amateurs](#)

by Sara Shepard

A group of teens who met on an Internet forum, Case Not Closed, are determined to unravel the case of high school student Helena Kelly. An intriguing storyline from the author of the Pretty Little Liars series.

[Lock and Mori](#)

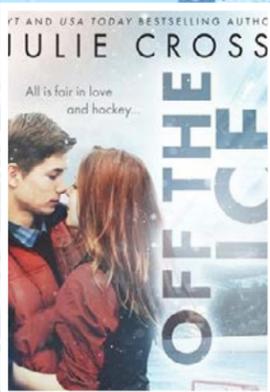
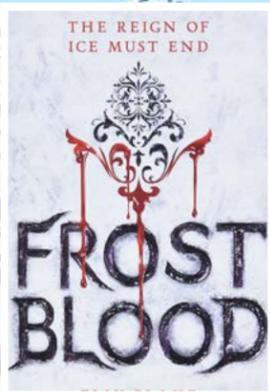
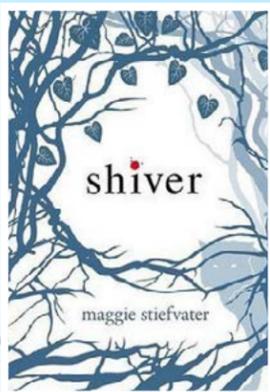
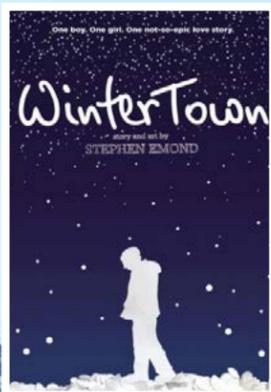
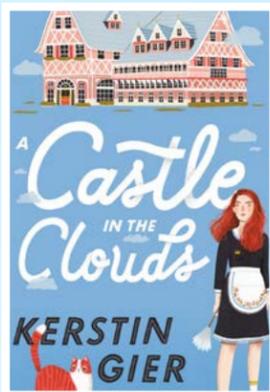
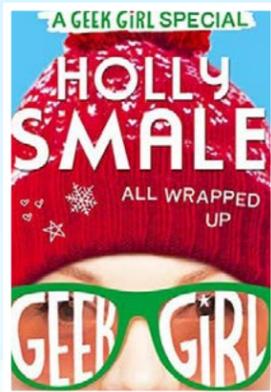
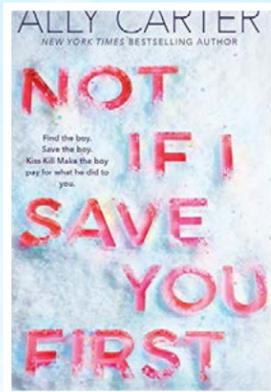
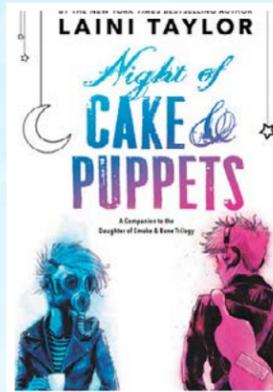
by Heather Petty

The story is set in modern-day London, featuring two high school students who are brought together to investigate a bizarre murder. A well-paced mystery with strong characters to keep you turning the pages.

[This Is Our Story](#)

by Ashley Elston

Five boys go on a hunting trip and only four of them come back. The boys won't say a word about who killed their friend, Grant. Kate Marino is determined to dig up the secrets and go to extreme lengths to reveal the murderer.



10 Wintery Teen Romances

Night of Cake and Puppets

by Laini Taylor

A stand-alone novel in the Daughter of Smoke & Bone series, Mik is sent on a treasure hunt throughout Prague as Zuzana's playful way of making the first move. This cute, illustrated book will melt hearts even in the dead of winter.

Not if I Save You First

by Ally Carter

Maddie and Logan are reunited in a remote outpost in Alaska a few years after Logan stopped communicating. There's no time to reconcile as an assassin is after Logan, kicking off a tense survival story as the pair sort out their feelings.

All Wrapped Up

by Holly Smale

A side novel in the Geek Girl series, All Wrapped Up follows Harriet a few days after her first-ever kiss. Christmas lovers in particular will enjoy this cute, geeky story.

The Winter Duke

by Claire Eliza Bartlett

Ekata inherits the title of Duke, a title she never wanted and one that comes with a whole host of problems, from the political to the romantic. Romance isn't the main genre but what's there is solid LGBTQ representation in this fantasy world.

A Castle in the Clouds

by Kerstin Gier

Romance and mystery abound for Sophie, an intern in a grand old hotel in the Swiss mountains on New Year's Eve. Translated from German, this hotel stay promises plenty of intrigue.

Winter Town

by Stephen Emond

Childhood friends Evan and Lucy have only seen each other during Christmas break for the last few years, but this year Lucy comes back to town as a very different person. A realistic romance with compelling characters and plenty of humour.

Shiver

by Maggie Stiefvater

Shiver is a paranormal romance between girl and werewolf, with all the drama and teenage angst one expects from (and loves about) the genre.

Frostblood

by Elly Blake

Ruby discovers that it's hard to avoid political machinations when you can control fire in a world ruled by a tyrant who controls ice. A slow-burn fantasy novel that picks up the pace about halfway through, both in action and romance.

Off the Ice

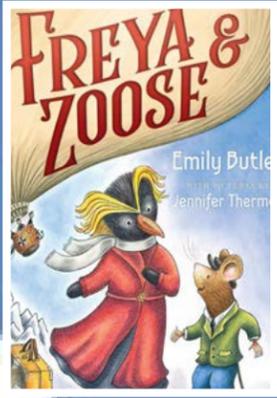
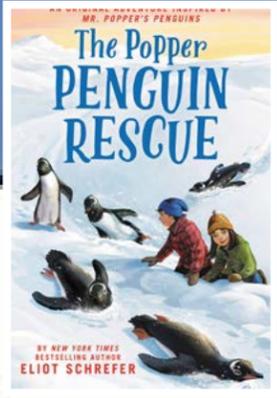
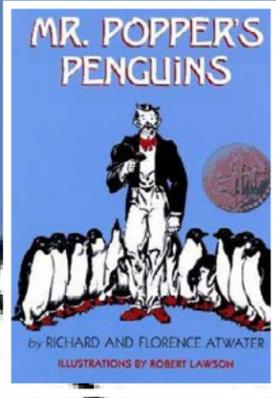
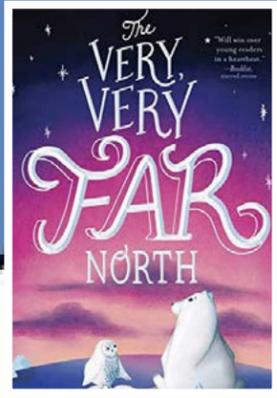
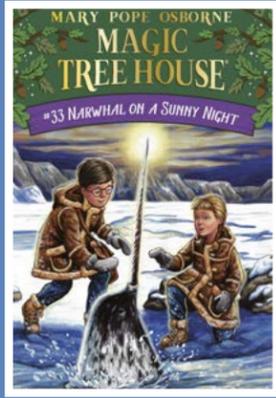
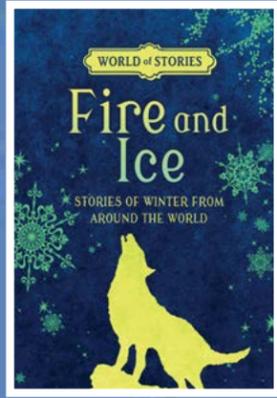
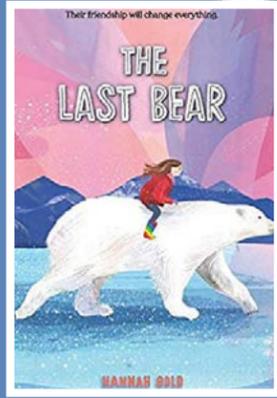
by Julie Cross

Claire swore she'd never do two things again: live in her hometown, and fall for a hockey player. Family financial troubles force the first, and the second plays out over the course of this sports romance.

Kiss Me in Paris

by Catherine Rider

When Lara ditches Serena on their pre-Christmas Paris trip, loud Serena is left to stay with haughty Jean-Luc. A classic opposites attract style romance with Parisian flare.



10 Kids Fiction Books Featuring Polar Animals

Case File: Little Claws

by Eliot Schrefer

A dashing fox and cranky old rooster team up to save a missing polar bear cub from humans in this comically illustrated novel. A humorous adventure for young readers.

The Last Bear

by Hanna Gold

An emotional tale about a young girl who finds a polar bear on Bear Island, where there shouldn't be any more bears. With strong overtones of environmentalism this book will stay with you long after you finish reading.

Fire And Ice

by Lari Don

This book of 15 short stories draws inspiration from myths and legends about winter from around the globe. With so many stories there's a little something for everyone to enjoy.

Narwhal on A Sunny Night

by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie are whisked away to Greenland when it was first being settled, where they meet a young explorer and help free a narwhal trapped in ice. Fans of the Magic Treehouse series or historical fiction in general will enjoy this one.

The Narwhal Problem

by Debbie Dadey

One lucky mermaid is going to have the chance to show a visiting narwhal around their city, but they have to win a code-breaking contest to do it. Drama abounds as friends compete for the prize.

Cold as Ice

by Sarah Mlynowski

Abby and Jonah need to escape from the fairy-tale world of The Snow Queen with the help of a talking reindeer. This one is for fans of modern takes on classic tales.

The Very, Very Far North

by Dan Bar-el

A beautifully illustrated book about a polar bear making new friends after moving to a new place. Has been favourably compared to Winnie the Pooh.

Mr. Popper's Penguins

by Richard Atwater

An illustrated classic about a house-painter, his waddle of penguins and their misadventures. Don't let its 1938 publishing date fool you, as this wholesomely humorous book is still worth reading today!

The Popper Penguin Rescue

by Eliot Schrefer

Set a few generations after Mr. Poppers Penguins, this family adventure sees his distant relatives journey to the North Pole, not the south, to add two new penguins to the original flock.

Freya & Zoose

by Emily Butler

An 1897 hot air balloon expedition to the north pole finds itself with a pair of animal stowaways. When the balloon goes down, the harsh arctic environment puts Freya and Zoose's survival skills and burgeoning friendship to the test.



8 Winter Books for Kids

[Are You Ready for Winter?](#)

by Sheila Anderson

Get ready for winter by observing the changes in nature. A simple and informative book for young readers.

[Winter](#)

by Clare Collinson

Through poetry and bright illustrations, children are encouraged to think about the signs of winter and relate them to their own life.

[How Figure Skating Works](#)

by Keltie Thomas

This fascinating book is full of fun facts about figure skating, including an illustrated breakdown of the six major jumps. Kids will also learn the history of the sport, rules for judging, and pro tips for improving performance.

[How Do You Know It's Winter?](#)

by Ruth Owen

This engaging book helps kids prepare for winter with science-based activities, such as tracking the temperature and what time it gets dark each night.

[Forest Club Winter](#)

by Kris Hirschmann

A visually stunning guide to getting outside and enjoying winter. Full of information, crafts, and activities, this book can be enjoyed by the whole family.

[Hockey Then to Wow!](#)

Perfect for hockey fans, this book explores the evolution of the game through stories, illustrations, and trivia.

[Best in Snow](#)

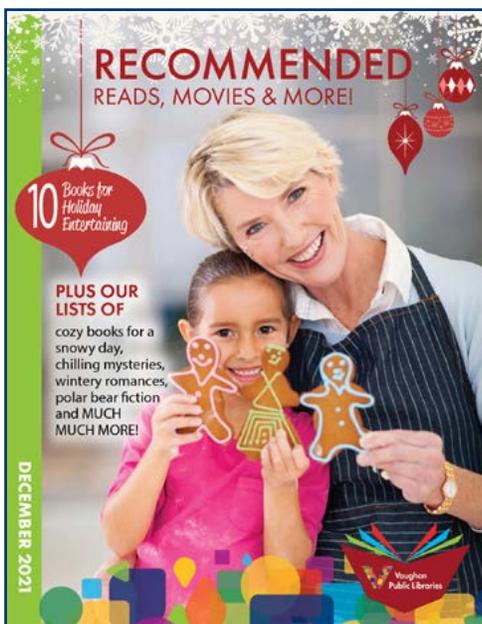
by April Pulley Sayre

Gorgeous illustrations and playful poetry make this book about snow a fun read for little ones.

[Extreme Snow and Ice Sports](#)

by Erin K. Butler

Snowboarding, skiing, and snowmobiling are just a few of the exciting extreme sports covered in this fact-filled book for kids who love adventure.



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