

## Coastliners

Joanne Harris

On a tiny Breton island, life has remained almost unchanged for over a century. When Mado, a spirited local girl, returns after ten years, she finds her home threatened. But Mado's attempts to transform the dying community have unforeseen consequences. As Les Salants returns slowly to life, so do past tragedies, including the terrible secret that still haunts Mado's father.

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## Before the storm

Judith Lennox

A gripping multi-generational family drama set in London and Cornwall. Despite her best judgement and shameful secrets in her past, Isabel marries wealthy young Richard. They raise a family through the turbulent times of the World War I and the 1920s. As her children reach adulthood, Isabel is convinced her secret is safe - until an old acquaintance emerges from the shadows.

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## Past chances

Bernardine Kennedy

Abandoned by her mother and brought up in fear of her father, Eleanor's desperate to leave home and live like other girls in London in the 1970s. When a barman from work invites her to share a flat with him and two of his friends, it is her chance to break free. But when Eleanor confronts her father, the terrible tragedy that follows haunts her forever. And, despite the support of her new friends, Eleanor's life seems destined for further disappointment.

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## The mill house

Susan Lewis

A powerful tale of passion and betrayal and a woman's determination to find out the truth about her past and the father who walked out when she was sixteen.

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## Wild lavender

Belinda Alexandra

Simone Fleurier is wrenched from her home after the death of her father. Forced to become a maid at her aunt's boarding house in Marseilles, Simone's life is hard and impoverished. But one of her aunt's boarders (a star at the local music hall) gives Simone a dream - that one day she too will be a famous singer and dancer. Years later, Simone, now the toast of Paris society, watches the Nazi troops occupy the city. Suddenly, her world is turned upside down, and Simone must make new and dangerous choices.

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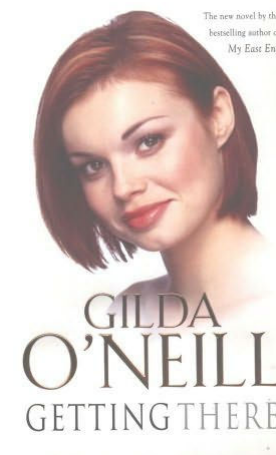
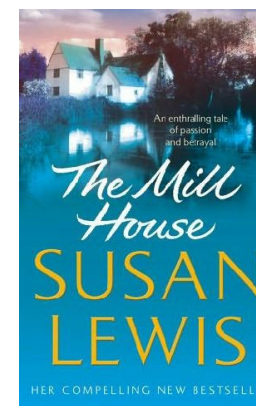
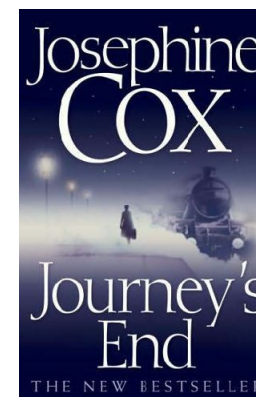
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# Lesley Pearse Readalikes



## **The landscape of love**

Sally Beauman

1967: at a decaying house in Suffolk: an artist paints a portrait of 13-year-old Maisie and her sisters. Maisie begins an account of her family and of her village friend Daniel, a young man she idolises. But is Maisie's description of a summer idyll all it seems? The sisters' lives irrevocably, and terribly, change. 1991: in London, the now-famous portrait of the sisters is on display. Daniel, haunted by the vanished England of his childhood, obsessed by the three sisters and newly determined to understand what happened that last summer, pursues the ghosts of his past.

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## **Goodnight lady**

Martina Cole

In the sixties the infamous Briony Cavanagh ran a string of notorious brothels in the East End of London. Patronised by peers and politicians, only she knew what went on behind those velvet curtains, and Briony never opened her mouth - unless she stood to benefit.

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## **Lessons in heartbreak**

Cathy Kelly

Izzie's life is good - until she breaks her own rules and falls for a married man. Back home in Ireland, Izzie's aunt Anneliese discovers the pain of infidelity for herself. Then Lily, the wise and compassionate family matriarch, is taken ill. Back in Ireland, Izzie discovers a past her grandmother has never spoken of, while Anneliese feels despair mount. The one person she could have turned to is starting to slip away. The lessons each of the women learns - both past and present - bring joy and heartbreak.

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## **Journey's end**

Josephine Cox

20 years ago, Vicky left England with her three children- leaving behind the husband she dearly loved, who had cruelly and inexplicably turned against them all- to begin a new life in America. Now nervous and apprehensive, with a fateful letter burning a hole in her pocket, Vicky has finally come home in search of the truth and the shattering secrets behind Barney's shocking betrayal-secrets only Vicky's old friend, Lucy, knows but swore never to reveal . . .

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## **The forgotten garden**

Kate Morton

On the eve of the First World War, a little girl is found abandoned on a ship to Australia. A mysterious woman called the Authoress had promised to look after her - but has disappeared without a trace. On her 21st birthday, Nell Andrews learns a life-changing secret. On Nell's death, her granddaughter, Cassandra, comes into an unexpected inheritance. Cliff Cottage and its forgotten garden are notorious amongst the Cornish locals for their secrets. It is here that Cassandra will finally uncover the truth about the family, and solve the century-old mystery of a little girl lost.

FIC / General MOR

## **Getting there**

Gilda O'Neill

A dramatic 1960s saga of a young girl's encounter with London's underworld. Lorna Wright is a nice girl, but Richie Clayton is bad news - a violent thug who will stop at nothing. When, after a terrible row with Lorna, he is found murdered, accusations fly in all directions.

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## **Perfect match**

Jodi Picoult

Nina is a successful district attorney with a handsome husband. They live in a picturesque town in Maine, and they have an adorable little 5-year-old boy named Nathaniel. Then one day he simply stops talking. It's obvious that he's been traumatised. When Nina finds out that he has been sexually abused, she won't rest until she finds out who did it. Having experienced the fallibility of the justice system, Nina takes justice into her own hands, only to discover how dangerous playing God can be and about the destructive, redemptive, terrifying power of love.

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## **Daughter of fortune**

Isabelle Allende

Set in Anglophile Chile and goldrush California during the nineteenth century, this magnificent romance tells the story of English foundling Eliza Sommers who grows up in bustling Valparaiso. Eliza is a spirited and ambitious romantic who becomes embroiled in a forbidden love affair with the charismatic but capricious Joaquin Andieta. When he disappears suddenly for California, and the promise of goldrush riches, she can but follow after him...

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## **The bronze horseman**

Paullina Simons

Set in Leningrad in 1941 against Hitler's invasion of Russia, this story tells of the impossible love between a Russian girl, Tatiana, and a young officer named Alexander. It is a love that could tear Tatiana's family apart and it carries a secret that could mean death for anyone who hears it.

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