

# Gentle Reads

This is a list of authors write stories that are good clean fun. There is nothing that is going to cause stress or heartache, or offend your sensibilities. Enjoy!

**Jennifer Chiaverini** writes the Elm Creek Quilt Series that is about a quilting group and each person's personal struggles and triumphs.

**Sandra Dallas** writes mostly historical fiction but writes about many time eras from the Western expansion to the 1930s. A few of her novels have a mystery but mostly her books are about daily life. She also has penned a few non-fiction novels.

**Fannie Flagg** is perhaps best known for her book *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*, but has written many other books as well known for their humor, warmth and friendly characters.

**Philip Gulley** writes about small town life in his series Harmony. The series includes quirky characters, personal struggles, and as always the quaint feeling of a small town.

**Grace Livingston Hill** was born in 1865 and died in 1947. She wrote many wholesome novels about domestic issues, love, romance, and happiness with a little adventure and a heart-warming ending.

**Jan Karon** writes about small town life through the eyes of Father Tim, the rector in the small community.

**Debbie Macomber** writes many different series. But whatever you read you will find a uplifting ending, great characters, and a bit of romance.

**Rosamunde Pilcher** began writing her romance novels in the 1950s under the pen name Jane Fraser. She is perhaps most famous for her Shell Seeker series. Many of the themes she uses are focus on World War II.

**Ann B. Ross** writes the Miss Julia series. Julia is a wealthy Southern lady whose husband has just died. There are mystery elements to this series, like an occasional murder, but mostly it is just good clean fun.

**Alexander McCall Smith** is best known for his *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* series. Set in Africa, Precious Ramotswe runs a detective agency.

**Adriana Trigiani** writes about small town family life in her Big Stone Gap Series. She also writes stand alone historical novels set in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

