

**NANCY'S LIST 8/ 11/ 01**

- ***WE WERE THE MULVANEYS*** by Joyce Carol Oates  
*I loved this book! A little slow-moving at times but I was impressed by the author's ability to show the slow destruction of a family that seemingly had everything, but was shattered by one devastating event. I have long been a fan of Oates style and this is one of the better stories.*
- ***BOOTLEGGERS DAUGHTER*** by Margaret Maron  
*An enjoyable "southern mystery", always a favorite genre of mine!*
- ***KILLING ME SOFTLY*** by Nicci French  
*Read this book if you enjoy stories of passion and obsession. The story of a lovely bright and independent woman becoming totally obsessed with a man entirely different from anyone she has ever known is fascinating.*
- ***BENEATH THE SKIN*** by Nicci French  
*Very good thriller by a new favorite author of mine!*
- ***FEEDING CHRISTINE*** by Barbara Chepaitis  
*If you enjoyed "Like Water for Chocolate" you will probably like this book. Not one of my favorites, but then we all have different tastes.*
- ***OUT OF THE BLUE*** by Sally Mandel  
*Really neat love story that asks the question, "Can an MS victim find true love and live happily ever after?" Humorous and tender- a real feel-good story!*
- ***TICKET HOME*** by James Michael Pratt  
*Touching, tender and clean- a story of twin men in love with the same woman set in World War – read this book!!!*

- ***TOUCHED*** by Carolyn Haines

*This is not a new book but someone suggested this author to me and I was pleasantly surprised. It is the story of a young woman of the south who is sold to an abusive husband, and the free-spirited woman that befriends her. I adored this book.*

- ***SHIPPING NEWS*** by E. Annie Proulx

*A national best-seller but way too hum-drum for my taste. I try to read anything that wins an award but to be truthful sometimes I am disappointed! This was one of those times.*

- ***ANTHOLOGY*** by Dan Rhodes

*This little gem can be read in no time at all. It is an assortment of thoughts on modern relationships and it is, to say the least, different. I found it to be refreshing and funny.*

- ***THE WARMEST DECEMBER*** by Bernice L. McFadden

*This book left me speechless ( and for something to leave me speechless is amazing!!) The subject matter is pretty grim- a grown daughter watching her alcoholic abusive father dying and trying to come to terms with her emotions. So powerful I felt like I had been kicked in the stomach. I will watch this author!*

- ***THE SUMMERHOUSE*** by Jude Deveraux

*If you could go back in time , where would you go, and would you do things differently? Three friends are offered this possibility. This is a very pleasant “girl book”- good vacation read.*

- ***LYNELLE BY THE SEA*** by Laurie Lico Albanese

*Debut book by a very promising author. A young mother grieving for her dead infant, steals a baby. Story deals with both mother’s feelings and reactions- read this book!*

- ***MARY AND O’NEIL*** by Justin Cronin

*Touching love story exploring segments in the lives of the couple that make them the people they are, and bring them to each other. The relationship between O’Neil and his sister is particularly poignant.*

- ***THE DEATH OF SWEET MISTER*** by Daniel Woodrell  
*Sad, sinister story of poverty and hopelessness among petty criminals in the Ozarks, and a 13 year old boy caught in the middle. Very gripping and the ending is a shocker.*
- ***A STUDENT OF WEATHER*** by Elizabeth Hay  
*Story concerning two sisters raised during the depression and their love for the same man. Pretty good but is a little slow.*
- ***THURSDAYS AT EIGHT*** by Debbie Macomber  
*Another good book dealing with women's friendship and the strength they share with each other. Four women of different ages and from different paths meet once a week for coffee. Anyone who knows the pricelessness of good friends will enjoy this book.*

*That's it for now! I hope this list will be of help to someone in search of THE BOOK! Until next time- Happy Reading!*

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