



10 BOOKS GUARANTEED TO JUMP START YOUR READING

1. **Harry Potter** by J.K. Rowling. I always recommend Harry Potter for those looking to get into the reading habit. Rowling is an excellent story teller with the ability to keep you turning the pages and her character creation is outstanding. If you haven't read them, start at the beginning. If you have, reread your favorite.
2. **A Life in Parts** by Bryan Cranston; Memoir, 274 pages. Cranston's zigzagging journey from abandoned son to award winning actor by recalling the many odd parts he's played in his life. It's an excellent meshing of personal and profession moments.
3. **Half Broke Horses** by Jeannette Walls; Historical Fiction, 272 pages. A true-life novel about the author's grandmother. Think of it as Little House on the Prairie for grown-ups.
4. **Sex on the Moon: The Amazing Story Behind the Most Audacious Heist in History** by Ben Mezrich; True Crime, 320 pages. A young man in a prestigious NASA program had a romantic and crazy idea. He wanted to give his girlfriend the moon. Literally.
5. **Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers** by Mary Roach; Nonfiction, 320 pages. Mary Roach examines what happens to bodies after death: autopsies, body donation, body farm, and the history of human dissection. It's a surprising wholesome and funny take on a serious topic.
6. **The Lovely Bones** by Alice Sebold; Mystery/Fantasy, 328 pages, "The Lovely Bones is the story of a family devastated by a gruesome murder -- a murder recounted by the teenage victim." Just reading that again gave me chills. This book is so, so good!
7. **Pretty Girls** by Karin Slaughter; Thriller, 396 pages. "Two estranged sisters must come together to find truth about two harrowing tragedies, twenty years apart, that devastate their lives."
8. **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn; Mystery, 415 pages. The book raises the question: what really happened to Amy Dunne?
9. **She's Come Undone** by Wally Lamb; Fiction, 465 pages. The coming-of-age story of Dolores Price
10. **Gone with The Wind** by Margaret Mitchell; Classic Lit, 1037 pages. It is considered The Great American Novel. It vividly depicts the drama of the Civil War and Reconstruction from the eyes of Scarlet O'Hara." I highly recommend the audio version of this book.

Borrow from your local library, or buy them online, but either way **GET READING!!**

If you need more recommendations, check out my full reading list on my blog!!
Surly's Reading List!

Cheers!

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