

Desperate housewives



Beautés désespérées



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Adely, Emmanuel

Mon amour: roman

Deux êtres, de sexe différent ou de même sexe, sont-ils faits pour vivre ensemble durablement ? Et ne vaut-il pas mieux tout arrêter quand l'amour s'est éclipsé ?

Ali, Monica

Brick Lane

Carrying into her adult years a sense of fatalism instilled during her hardscrabble birth, Nazneen is married off to a man twice her age and moves to London.

Atkinson, Kate

Dans les coulisses du Musée

Un récit narratif mettant en scène Ruby Lennox, femme désenchantée.

* also available in English under the title *Behind the scenes at the museum*

Atwood, Margaret

Lady Oracle

Joan Foster, a housewife with secrets, watches her web of deceit unwind.

Baldwin, Shauna Singh

English lessons and other stories

Passionate stories dramatise the lives of modern Indian women.

Bonner, Cindy

The Passion of Dellie O'Barr

Dellie, married at 18, falls in love with a political organizer in the 1880s and commits a crime for which she pays heavily.

Chopin, Kate

The Awakening

A seminal novel from 1899 features a businessman's wife who yearns for freedom and personal fulfillment.

Cunningham, Michael

The hours

Virginia Woolf is brought back to life in an intertwining of her story with those of contemporary women.

*aussi disponible en français

Flaubert, Gustave

Madame Bovary

Un roman de l'adultère et la condition de la femme au milieu du 19e siècle.

*also available in English

French, Marilyn

The women's room

Mira, a suburban housewife, divorces her husband and returns to Harvard, where she meets others in her predicament.

Gallant, Mavis

Across the bridge: stories

Gallant writes about the illusions that individuals create and destroy in their lives.

Goldsmith, Olivia

First Wives' Club

Three faithful, middle-age wives, who have been abandoned for "trophy wives" by their successful husbands, decide to get even and seek revenge.

Gravel, François

Adieu, Betty Crocker: roman

Arlette, c'est la tante emblématique de nos enfances, celle qui préparait des carrés aux Rice Crispies et qui savait écouter. Après le décès de sa tante, Benoît mène une enquête discrète sur cette spécialiste du ménage et découvre quelques secrets....

Greene, Graham

The end of the affair

After a man is almost killed in a bombing raid, the married woman with whom he has been having an affair breaks away from him.

Haigh, Jennifer

Mrs. Kimble

Twenty-five years in the life of Ken Kimble as seen through the eyes of his three wives.

Hurston, Zora Neale

Their eyes were watching God

The story of Janie Crawford, an articulate African-American woman in the 1930s.

King, Stephen

Dolores Claiborne

Dolores describes how her decaying marriage caused her heart to turn murderous.

Lahiri, Jhumpa

The Interpreter of maladies

Navigating between traditions and the modern world, Lahiri's characters seek love beyond barriers of culture and race.

Landvik, Lorna

Angry housewives eating bon bons

Over 30 years, the women of The Freesia Court Book Club share the triumphs and tragedies of their lives.

Lawrence, D. H.

Lady Chatterley's lover

A lonely woman trapped in a sterile marriage struggles with her growing love for the gamekeeper on her husband's estate.

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McMillan, Terry

The interruption of everything

Marilyn Grimes struggles to recall some of her own postponed dreams and reinvent her marriage and herself.

Mailhot, Michèle

La mort de l'araignée : roman

Roman narratif relatant l'histoire d'une femme en fuite de sa famille.

Munro, Alice
Runaway
A collection of short fiction captures the lives of women of all ages and circumstances, as they deal with passion, unfulfilled dreams, motherhood, betrayal, and the bonds of love.

Pelletier, Chantal
Troubles fêtes
Recueil de quatorze nouvelles ténébreuses, crapuleuses, délirantes.

Piercy, Marge
Small changes
The story of Miriam, who trades her doctorate for marriage, and Beth, who is running from the life Miriam seeks.

Pym, Barbara
Jane and Prudence
Recounts the friendship between a clergyman's middle-aged wife and a romantic young working woman.

Shields, Carol
The box garden
A trip home to Toronto for her mother's unexpected wedding gives Charleen the opportunity to muse on her life.

Simmonds, Posy
Gemma Bovary
A graphic novel about Gemma Bovary, a bored, adulterous housewife who is a bad credit risk and also just happens to have a name quite similar to that of Flaubert's notorious heroine....

Tolstoy, Leo
Anna Karenina
A young woman is destroyed when she attempts to live outside the moral law of her society.
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Tyler, Anne
Ladder of Years
Forty-year-old Delia Grinstead impulsively walks away from her marriage to begin an entirely new life.

Wolf, Christa
Medea: a modern retelling
Wolf explodes the myth of Medea, revealing a fiercely independent woman ensnared in a brutal political battle.

Woolf, Virginia
Mrs. Dalloway
A poignant portrayal of the thoughts and events that comprise one day in one woman's life.
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Aristophanes
Lysistrata
The women of Thebes refuse sex with their husbands until a peace treaty ending the Peloponnesian War has been signed.
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*aussi disponible en français

Baillargeon, Denyse
Making do: women, family and home in Montreal during the Great Depression
How did families survive the Great Depression? Baillargeon uncovers the alternative strategies housewives used to counter poverty.
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Beauvoir, Simone de
La femme rompue [enregistrement sonore]
Dernière œuvre de fiction de Simone de Beauvoir, ce recueil de trois nouvelles aborde la question des femmes en crise.

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*available in English as *The woman destroyed*

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Forever, Erma: best-loved writing from America's favorite humorist
Bombeck had an eye for the common experiences of women; we laughed (and still laugh) because we see ourselves in her work.
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Cress, Ruby
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The daily life of a small-town Ontario housewife.
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Euripides
Medea
A classic Greek tragedy of a woman scorned.
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Biting the dust: the joys of housework
In this witty look at our obsession with cleaning, Margaret Horsfield confronts her own dirt demons and examines the social, historical, literary and psychological aspects of household chores.
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Kingston, Anne
The meaning of wife
"One part *The Beauty Myth* . . . and one part *Backlash*"--a provocative exploration of who and what a wife really is.
306.81 K55

Levinson, Daniel J.
The seasons of a woman's life
Levinson' study of women aged 18 to 45 speaks to the dreams, crises, conflicts, and upheavals of each woman's life.
155.633 L665

Robertson, Una A.
An illustrated history of the housewife, 1650-1950
This highly illustrated account looks at the changing role of the housewife over three hundred years. It is an entertaining guide to the changes which have made life easier for the housewife and have also altered our perceptions of the role itself.
305.43 R652

Shakespeare, William
The taming of the shrew
* aussi disponible en français sous le titre *La mégère apprivoisée*, 822.33Of
822.33H L218

Yalom, Marilyn
A history of the wife
Yalom charts the evolution of marriage through the centuries, shedding new light on an institution that may be experiencing its most convulsive upheaval since the Reformation.
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