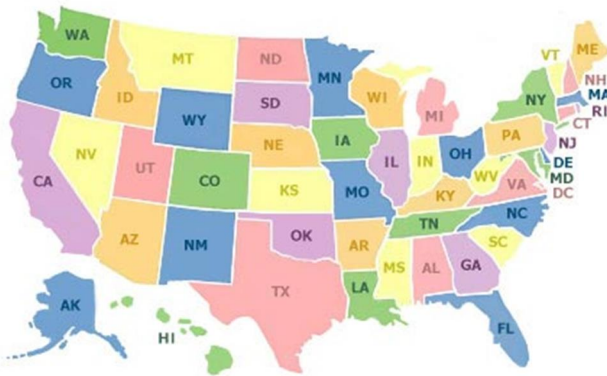


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# Reading Across the United States



Selected fiction with a ~~u~~Strong Sense of Place for all 50 states

Books with a time and location so ~~real~~ you might feel you are actually there! Take a readers tour of the fifty states without leaving home.

*All of these books can be borrowed from the Burlington Public Library*

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## Alabama

1. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
2. *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Café* by Fannie Flagg
3. *Southern Sisters* mysteries by Anne George

## Alaska

1. *The Boy in the Snow*, by M.J. McGrath
2. *Northern Lights*, by Nora Roberts
3. *Kate Shugak* mysteries by Dana Stabenow

## Arizona

1. *The Bean Trees*, by Barbara Kingsolver
2. *Joanna Brady* series by J.A. Jance
3. *Joe Leaphorn/Jim Chee* series by Tony Hillerman

## Arkansas

1. *A Painted House*, by John Grisham
2. *Arly Hanks* series by Joan Hess
3. *Fallen Angels*, by Patricia Hickman

## California

1. *Virgin River* series by Robyn Carr
2. *Harry Bosch* series by Michael Connolly
3. *Easy Rawlins* series by Walter Mosley

## Colorado

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1. Plainsong, by Kent Haruf
2. *Alan Gregory* series by Stephen White
3. Diary of Mattie Spenser, by Sandra Dallas

## Connecticut

1. *Berger & Autry* series by David Handler
2. *Dirty Business* mysteries by Rosemary Harris
3. Summerø Child, by Luanne Rice

## Delaware

1. Saint of Lost Things, by Christopher Castellani
2. Hawkeø Harbor, by S.E. Hinton
3. Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls, by Julie Schumacher

## Florida

1. *Serge Storm* series by Tim Dorsey
2. Almost anything by Carl Hiaasen
3. The Watson Trilogy, by Peter Matthiessen

## Georgia

1. Cold Sassy Tree, by Olive Ann Burns
2. Deliverance, by James Dickey
3. Gone With the Wind, by Margaret Mitchell

## Hawaii

1. Molokai, by Alan Brennert
2. The Aloha Quilt, by Jennifer Chiaverini
3. Song of the Exile, by Kiana Davenport

## Idaho

1. A Country Called Home, by Kim Barnes
2. Huckleberry Murders, by Patrick McManus
3. *Walt Fleming* series by Ridley Pearson

## Illinois

1. Dandelion Wine, by Ray Bradbury
2. *Father Dowling* mysteries by Ralph McInerney
3. *V.I. Warshawski* series by Sarah Paretsky

## Indiana

1. The Inner Circle, by T.C. Boyle
2. Signs and Wonders, by Philip Gulley
3. She Got Up Off the Couch, by Haven Kimmel

## Iowa

1. *Sheriff Carl Houseman* series by Donald Harstad
2. A Thousand Acres, by Jane Smiley
3. Bridges of Madison County, by Robert James Waller

## Kansas

1. Dark Places, by Gillian Flynn
2. Virgin of Small Plains, by Nancy Picard
3. *Susan Wren* series by Charlene Weir

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### **Kentucky**

1. Hazard, by Gardiner Harris
2. Feather Crowns, by Bobbie Ann Mason
3. Kentucky Sunrise, by Fern Michaels

### **Louisiana**

1. *Dave Robicheaux* series by James Lee Burke
2. *Skip Langdon* series by Julie Smith
3. All the King's Men, by Robert Penn Warren

### **Maine**

1. Slipknot, by Linda Greenlaw
2. Many books by Stephen King
3. Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout

### **Maryland**

1. *Tess Monaghan* mysteries by Laura Lippman
2. Many titles by Anne Tyler
3. *Chesapeake* series by Sherryl Woods

### **Massachusetts**

1. *Spencer* series by Robert B. Parker
2. *Martha's Vineyard* series by Philip Craig
3. Prep, by Curtis Sittenfeld

### **Michigan**

1. What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day, by Pearl Cleage
2. *Amos Walker* novels, by Loren Estleman
3. *Starvation Lake* mysteries by Bryan Gruley

### **Minnesota**

1. *Jonathan Stride* series by Brian Freeman
2. Rookery Blues, by Jon Hassler
3. *Cork O'Connor* mysteries by William Kreuger

### **Mississippi**

1. Father and Son, by Larry Brown
2. Mudbound, by Hillary Jordan
3. The Help, by Kathryn Stockett

### **Missouri**

1. The River Wife, by James Agee
2. Small Town Girl, by LaVyrle Spencer
3. Winter's Bone, by Daniel Woodrell

### **Montana**

1. The *Calder* series, by Janet Dailey
2. The Horse Whisperer, by Nicholas Evans
3. White Crosses, by Lawrence Watson

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**Nebraska**

1. *A Lantern in Her Hand*, by Bess Aldrich
2. *Pioneers* by Willa Cather
3. *In the Land of Second Chances*, by George Shaffner

**Nevada**

1. *Mags & Baxter* series by Rita Mae Brown
2. *Last Chance Café*, by Linda Lael Miller
3. *Waterborne*, by Bruce Murkoff

**New Hampshire**

1. *Lewis Cole* mysteries by Brendan Dubois
2. *Hotel New Hampshire*, by John Irving
3. *A Separate Peace*, by John Knowles

**New Jersey**

1. *The Woods*, by Harlan Coben
2. *Stephanie Plum* series by Janet Evanovich
3. *The Lay of the Land*, by Richard Ford

**New Mexico**

1. *Bless Me Altima*, by Rudolfo Anaya
2. *The Chili Queen*, by Sandra Dallas
3. *Joe Leaphorn & Jim Chee* mysteries by Tony Hillerman

**New York**

1. *Matthew Scudder* mysteries by Lawrence Sanders
2. *Amagansett*, by Mark Mills
3. *Clare Ferguson* series by Julia Spencer-Fleming

**North Carolina**

1. *Walking Across Egypt*, by Clyde Edgerton
2. *Cold Mountain*, by Charles Frazier
3. *Deborah Knott* series by Margaret Maron

**North Dakota**

1. Many books by Louise Erdrich
2. *Oh My Stars*, by Lorna Landvik
3. *Let Him Go*, by Larry Watson

**Ohio**

1. *Winesburg, Ohio*, by Sherwood Anderson
2. *Broken English* (and other titles in his Ohio Amish series) by P.L. Gaus
3. *Milan Jacovich* series by Les Roberts

**Oklahoma**

1. *A Place Called Rainwater*, by Dorothy Garlock
2. *The Hot Kid*, by Elmore Leonard
3. *Where the Heart Is*, by Billie Letts

**Oregon**

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1. *Thunder Bay* series by Robyn Carr
2. *Sometimes a Great Notion*, by Ken Kesey
3. *Barbara Holloway* series by Kate Wilhelm

## Pennsylvania

1. *Stella Crown* series by Judy Clemens
2. Pennsylvania Dutch mystery series by Tamar Meyers
3. *Rosato & Assoc.* series by Lisa Scottoline

## Rhode Island

1. *Villa Mirabella*, by Peter Pezzelli
2. *Edge of Winter*, by Luanne Rice
3. *The Witches of Eastwick*, by John Updike

## South Carolina

1. *The Prince of Tides*, by Pat Conroy
2. *Almost anything* by Dorothea Benton Frank
3. *Death on Demand* mysteries by Carolyn Hart

## South Dakota

1. *Ride a Painted Pony*, by Kathleen Eagle
2. *Twisted Tree*, by Ken Meyers
3. *Legacy*, by Danielle Steel

## Tennessee

1. *Flight Behavior*, by Barbara Kingsolver
2. *The Garden Trilogy* by Nora Roberts
3. *Salt River*, by James Sallis

## Texas

1. *Hackberry Holland* series by James Lee Burke
2. *Blue-eyed Devil* by Lisa Kleypas
3. *The Last Picture Show*, by Larry McMurtry

## Utah

1. *The 19<sup>th</sup> Wife*, by David Ebershoff
2. *City of Saints*, by Andrew Hung
3. *Cage of Stars*, by Jacquelyn Mitchell

## Vermont

1. *Midwives*, by Chris Bohjalian
2. *Joe Gunther* mysteries by Archer Mayor
3. *Northern Borders*, by Howard Frank Mosher

## Virginia

1. *Mrs. Murphy* mysteries by Rita Mae Brown
2. *Kay Scarpetta* series by Patricia Cornwell
3. *Jacob's Ladder*, by Donald McCaig

## Washington (State)

1. *Reservation Blues*, by Sherman Alexie
2. *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson

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3. *J.P. Beaumont* mysteries by J.A. Jance

**Washington D.C.**

1. *The Lincoln Letter*, by William Martin
2. *The Night Gardener*, by George Pelecanos
3. *Capital Crimes* mystery series

**West Virginia**

1. *The Lord of Misrule*, by Jaimy Gordon
2. *A Killing in the Hills*, by Julia Keller
3. *Shiloh*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**Wisconsin**

1. *Maggie Thorsen* coffeehouse mysteries
2. *Laura Ryder's Masterpiece*, by Jane Hamilton
3. *Driftless*, by David Rhodes

**Wyoming**

1. *Joe Pickett* series by C.J. Box
2. *Close Range: Wyoming Stories*, by Annie Proulx
3. *An Unfinished Life*, by Mark Spragg