

## Book Chains choices for 2022 – 2023

1. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig (Brit); between life and death there is a library like no other, a library that offers a choice of alternative lives...
  2. *One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin (Brit F); tender, poignant, funny, well written and observant
  3. *The Windsor Knot* by S. J. Bennett (Brit F); features the late Queen as the sleuth who investigates a murder at Windsor Castle aided by Rosie, her delightful Nigerian assistant
  4. *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good (Can indigenous F); multiple award-winner; “epic story weaving”; “elegant and poignant”; “compassionate, devastating...”
  5. *Extraordinary Canadians* by Peter Mansbridge (Can NF); meet some remarkable people who have changed Canada for the better
  6. *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner (Can F); in the aftermath of WWII Britain an unlikely group of Jane Austen fans comes together to ensure the survival of her legacy
  7. *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell (Irish F); multiple award-winner; brilliant writing; the death of Shakespeare’s beloved 10-year old son and the mother who mourns him; a rewarding read
  8. *Eagle and Crane* by Suzanne Rindell (US F); two daredevil friends, barn-storming pilots in the thirties, a love triangle, and how the Japanese internment during WWII US impacts them all
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1. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus (US F); funny but with a serious message; the story of a woman scientist fiercely determined to make her mark
2. *Still Life* by Sarah Winman (Brit F); a fascinating novel set in Italy and the UK in the mid-twentieth century featuring some unforgettable characters, “the family we choose”
3. *All Her Little Secrets* by Wanda M. Morris (US F); well-written debut novel handling race relations in present-day Atlanta and a modern mystery
4. *The Maid* by Nita Prose (Can F); unusual, best-selling ‘mystery of sorts’ set in Toronto, with a unique heroine, naïve but kind and with more friends than she realises...
5. *Off the Record* by Peter Mansbridge (Can NF); autobiographical musings by the well-known broadcaster
6. *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson (Can F); well-written, believable, a good story with deeper resonances, set in Northern Ontario
7. *A Good Neighbourhood* by Therese Anne Fowler (US F); a believable modern story about race relations and its sometimes tragic repercussions
8. *The Last Year of the War* by Susan Meissner (US F); German-Americans and Japanese-Americans were both interned during WWII; a story of two young girlfriends and their families