Read a Book of Short Stories

Amish Front Porch Stories: 18 Short Tales of Simple Faith and Wisdom by Wanda E. Brunstetter, Jean Brunstetter, Richelle Brunstetter

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Amish Country is known for an atmosphere of peace and quiet, perfect for front-porch sitting with a good book. Wanda E. Brunstetter, her daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, as they share 18 heartwarming stories from Amish Country. These fictional short stories include journeys we can all relate to as we seek how to live led by love, joy, peace, patience, and other Fruits of the Spirit.

American Housewife by Helen Ellis

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Meet the women of *American Housewife*. They wear lipstick, pearls, and sunscreen, even when it’s cloudy. They casserole. They pinwheel. And then they kill a party crasher, carefully stepping around the body to pull cookies from the oven. Taking us from a haunted pre-war Manhattan apartment building to the unique initiation ritual of a book club, these twelve delightfully demented stories are a refreshing and wicked answer to the question: “What do housewives do all day?”

The Collected Short Stories of Louis L'Amour, Volume 1 by Louis L'Amour

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With more than 120 titles still in print, Louis L'Amour is recognized the world over as one of the most prolific and popular American authors in history. Volume One, is a treasure-trove of 35 frontier tales for his millions of fans and for those who have yet to discover L'Amour’s thrilling prose—and his vital role in capturing the spirit of the Old West for generations to come.
Beasts and Beauty: Dangerous Tales by Soman Chainani

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You think you know these stories, don’t you? You are wrong. You don’t know them at all. Twelve tales, twelve dangerous tales of mystery, magic, and rebellious hearts. Each twists like a spindle to reveal truths full of warning and triumph, truths that free hearts long kept tame, truths that explore life . . . and death.

Florida by Lauren Groff

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A family retreat can be derailed by a prowling panther, or by a sexual secret. Among those navigating this place are a resourceful pair of abandoned sisters; a lonely boy, grown up; a restless, childless couple, a searching, homeless woman; and an unforgettable, recurring character—a steely and conflicted wife and mother. The stories in this collection span characters, towns, decades, even centuries, but Florida—its landscape, climate, history, and state of mind—becomes its gravitational center: an energy, a mood, as much as a place of residence.

Paris for One and Other Stories by Jojo Moyes

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Nell is twenty-six and has never been to Paris. She’s never even been on a romantic weekend away—to anywhere—before. Traveling abroad isn’t really her thing. But when Nell’s boyfriend fails to show up for their mini-vacation, she has the opportunity to prove everyone—including herself—wrong. Alone in Paris, Nell finds a version of herself she never knew existed: independent and intrepid. Could this turn out to be the most adventurous weekend of her life? Funny, charming, and irresistible, “Paris for One” is quintessential Jojo Moyes—as are the other stories that round out the collection.
Live Wire: Long-Winded Short Stories by Kelly Ripa

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In *Live Wire*, her first book, Kelly shows what really makes her tick. As a professional, as a wife, as a daughter and as a mother, she brings a hard-earned wisdom and an eye for the absurdity of life to every minute of every day. It is her relatability in all of these roles that has earned her fans worldwide and millions of followers on social media. Whether recounting how she and Mark really met, the level of chauvinism she experienced on set, how Jersey Pride follows her wherever she goes, and many, many moments of utter mortification (whence she proves that you cannot, in fact, die of embarrassment) Kelly always tells it like it is.

Today a Woman Went Mad in the Supermarket by Hilma Wolitzer

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In the title story, a bystander tries to soothe a woman who seems to have cracked under the pressures of her life. And in several linked stories throughout, the relationship between the narrator and her husband unfolds in telling and often hilarious vignettes. Of their time and yet timeless, Wolitzer's stories zero in on the domestic sphere with wit, candor, grace, and an acutely observant eye.

Stories to Keep You Alive Despite Vampires by Ben Acker

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Don't know any scary stories? Good thing you found this book! Every tale in this tome is true...more or less (more more than less). You get a little bit of everything in this monster from hitchhiking phantoms to women in white, a carnivore beast that loves a good vacation to a haunted mannequin with a bug problem, killer phones, concerned werewolves, you name it. Everything you need to keep those vampires on the edge of their seats—and well away from your neck. But beware...don't get too comfortable. Names have power, and if you whisper about too many things in the dark, they might just hear you.

The Hidden Girl and Other Stories by Ken Liu

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From stories about time-traveling assassins, to *Black Mirror*-esque tales of cryptocurrency and internet trolling, to heartbreaking narratives of parent-child relationships, *The Hidden Girl and Other Stories* is a far-reaching work that explores topical themes from the present and a visionary look at humanity's future. This collection includes a selection of Liu's speculative fiction stories over the past five years—seventeen of his best--plus a new novelette. In addition, it also features an excerpt from *The Veiled Throne*, the third book in Liu's epic fantasy series *The Dandelion Dynasty*. 