

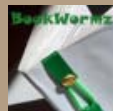


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Anyone love contemporary literature?

Posted by [Rachel Hare](#) on February 28, 2009 at 9:40am
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I am looking for a few blogs to follow that mainly feature contemporary authors. Authors I stalk include: Wally Lamb, John Irving, Jodi Picoult, Stephen King. Books I love include: "The Time Travelers Wife", "Like Water for Elephants", "Pillars of the Earth"... Those sorts of books. Anyone? Thanks much,

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Reply by [Padfoot](#) on February 28, 2009 at 2:55pm

My best friend and I have a blog called Padfoot and Prongs; we review all time-periods of literature (right now we are on a classic reading binge, however we most definitely still do modern lit). We also talk about anything and everything related to books, so stop on by!

<http://goodbooksinc.blogspot.com>

I have never read a Stephen King book...I am going to attempt Different Seasons here soon, do you have any other suggestions for a first-timer?

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Reply by [Rachel Hare](#) on March 1, 2009 at 8:37pm

That's a really tough one. I love almost all of his books, but if I were you I'd start with the classics. Pet Sematary, Cujo, Carrie, Christine, It... Start with those. But read them all!

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Reply by [Amber Stults](#) on February 28, 2009 at 11:23pm

My blog may be one that you'll visit once a month to see what's there. :) John Irving and Margaret Atwood are two of my favorite authors and I really liked "The Time Travelers Wife". "Like Water for Elephants" is in my TBR pile. You may like Claire Messud as an author too. I blog about almost every book I read so mine is a mixture of contemporary, fantasy, young adult, etc.

<http://www.amberstults.com>

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Reply by [Rachel Hare](#) on March 1, 2009 at 9:01pm

hey Amber! I tried to check out your blog, but the link wouldn't work... I'll try again tomorrow, though!

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Reply by [Meredith "Riot" Nudo](#) on March 1, 2009 at 1:57am

I focus on all types of literature on my blog, but toss in recommendations for contemporary writers and books all throughout. The address is <http://riotburnsleaves.wordpress.com> if you're interested. Most of the contemporary authors I enjoy are postmodernists, though. Not sure what your opinion of the movement is, but I can give you a list of writers you could check out if you're interested. Postmodernism and metafiction aren't everyone's cup of tea, but it's still an integral aspect of contemporary literature all the same.

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Reply by [Rachel Hare](#) on March 1, 2009 at 9:02pm

I studied postmodernism a bit in college - I'm looking forward to reading your blog! Thanks!

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Reply by [Meredith "Riot" Nudo](#) on March 1, 2009 at 9:43pm

Rock on! Postmodernism was my emphasis! I would suggest you pick up some works by Saul Bellow, Don DeLillo, Douglas Coupland, David Eggers, John Kennedy Toole, Junot Díaz, Ara 13, Kurt Vonnegut, Paul Auster, Tom Stoppard, Chuck Palahniuk, and Thomas Pynchon. And if you like science fiction and/or fantasy, Douglas Adams, Neil Gaiman, Warren Ellis, and Terry Pratchett are all grand choices as well. I'm sure more will pop into my head later, but I stand behind all these authors! Even though Pynchon is a chore to get through sometimes.

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Reply by [Mary W Walters](#) on March 1, 2009 at 1:36pm

I haven't reviewed any of the authors you've listed, but the books I've reviewed on my blog are primarily contemporary so far (and tend to be "literary" types): Will Self, Paul Theroux, Salman Rushdie, Joseph O'Neill, others. I'm at [Mary W. Walters: On Books](#).

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Reply by [Rachel Hare](#) on March 1, 2009 at 9:02pm

perfect! Can't wait to read it! :)

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Reply by [Mary W Walters](#) on March 2, 2009 at 9:41am

I'll be checking out some of the blogs listed on this page as well. Have been looking for people with similar reading interests online for AGES. I am so happy to have found this website. (Thanks to Callista83 for telling me about it.)

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