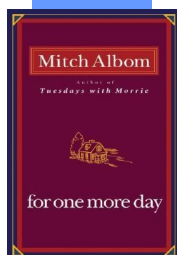


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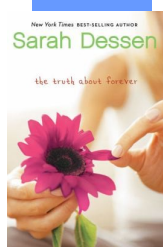


[For One More Day](#) by Mitch Albom

In an inspirational debut novel by the author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*, Charles "Chick" Benetto, grieving over the death of his mother, uses alcohol as a crutch to deal with his loneliness, isolation, and depression and the disintegration of his life, until an encounter with his mother's ghost brings him new awareness and leads him to attempt to put his life back together.

[The Lucky Ones](#) by Rachel Cusk

A young pregnant woman wrestles with changes in her life, while a new father tries to reconnect with his younger self, a daughter searches for a lost childhood, and a mother reaches out to the offspring she cannot understand.



[The Truth About Forever](#) by Sarah Dessen (Young Adult)

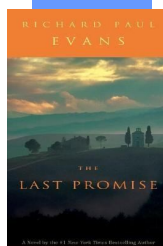
The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.

[The Loop](#) by Nicholas Evans

A wolf biologist is sent into the Montana countryside to ensure the safety of a pack of wolves, and encounters the hostility of nearby ranchers.

[The Last Promise](#) by Richard Paul Evans

Once called Ellen back in her small Utah town, Eliana is now the wife of Maurizio, the Italian who swept her off her feet to Tuscany - before becoming a philandering pig, and the mother of sweet, asthmatic Alessio. Her husband won't divorce her and she can't leave Italy with her son due to the sexist court system. But one day Eliana meets American art lover Ross Story and begins to reevaluate her life. Also try Evans' *Christmas Box Trilogy* and **[The Locket](#)**.



[Remembering Blue](#) by Connie May Fowler

Mattie Fiona Blue mourns the death of her husband, a fisherman, while she tells the story of her own chaotic, troubled life, and her relationship with her husband's colorful Greek-American family.

[Angel Falls](#) by Kristin Hannah

Liam will do anything to break his wife out of her coma, even locating the first love of her life--the man she married before him--and bringing him to her bedside.



[Friendship Cake](#) by Lynne Hinton

Five women, working together to create a church cookbook, share their passions, loves, and losses, including pastor Charlotte Stewart, who is suffering a crisis in faith; widow Margaret, the town confidante; and Jessie, the only African-American in an all-white church. Also try **[Garden of Faith](#)**.

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[Losing Julia](#) by Jonathan Hull

From the French battlefields of World War I to a present-day nursing home in California, Patrick De-laney describes his long-time love for Julia, the wife of his best friend, Daniel, as he meets her as a young widow at a memorial service at Verdun, France, through their brief time together, to their ultimate separation and its impact on his life.

[Pay It Forward](#) by Catherine Ryan Hyde

A life-affirming tale of the goodness implicit in everyone follows twelve-year-old Trevor, a boy from a troubled family, who develops a plan as part of a school project that starts people doing good things for each other.

[Terms of Endearment](#) by Larry McMurtry

Aurora is the kind of woman who makes the whole world orbit around her, including a string of devoted suitors. Widowed and overprotective of her daughter, Aurora adapts at her own pace until life sends two enormous challenges her way: Emma's hasty marriage and subsequent battle with cancer. This is the Oscar-winning story of a memorable mother and her feisty daughter and their struggle to find the courage and humor to live through life's hazards.

[Sam's Letters to Jennifer](#) by James Patterson

Returning to the village of her childhood, Jennifer discovers letters that reveal a relative's decades-long relationship with a secret love, a correspondence from which Jennifer draws wisdom when she falls in love herself.

[The Lighthouse Keeper](#) by James Michael Pratt

A young man, raised by his lighthouse keeper uncle, learns an important lesson in keeping love alive when he returns from World War II.

[The Last Time They Met](#) by Anita Shreve

At a literary festival, poet Linda Fallon meets, for the first time in years, fellow poet Thomas Janes. Thomas has arranged to be there hoping to reestablish contact with the woman he passionately pursued years earlier, in an affair that ended disastrously. As the story moves backward, it examines their love affair.

[Islands](#) by Anne River Siddons

Finding the family she has always longed for through her marriage, Anny vows with her new friends that they will live together in old age, a promise that is tested in the wake of painful challenges.

[The Stone Flower Garden](#) by Deborah Smith

Raised by her grandmother, Darleen is the heir to Hardigree Marble Company, which controls the small North Carolina town of Burnt Stand, and Eli is the boy genius destined to make something of himself when his family is forced to leave. But now, years later, long-buried secrets are about to be, literally, dug up. A story about destiny, and a great love affair, this is a rich, gothic, Southern story about the darker side of family myths.

[A Thousand Country Roads](#) by Robert James Waller

Robert Kincaid initially finds himself with little but memories, memories of a lonely existence lived mostly on the road and memories of Francesca Johnson, the woman whose passion he stirred so briefly and with such power. Kincaid takes to the road again in what becomes a journey of discovery and surprise. With his dog Highway beside him, Kincaid begins a long winding run back to Roseman Bridge in Madison County, Iowa, returning to the place of his great love affair.

[The Wednesday Letters](#) by Jason Wright

After the death of their parents, three siblings return home and find a box of letters written by their father to their mother that uncovers the shocking truth about the past.

