




## Feel Good 2024 Reading List

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**Title:** *How To Age Disgracefully*  
**Author:** Clare Pooley  
**Published:** 2024  
**Adult Fiction**

When Lydia takes a job running the Senior Citizens' Social Club three afternoons a week, she assumes she'll be spending her time drinking tea and playing gentle games of cards.

The members of the Social Club, however, are not at all what Lydia was expecting.

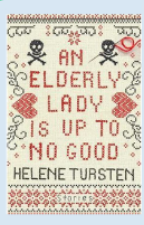
From Art, a failed actor turned kleptomaniac to Daphne, Ruby, a Banksy-style knitter who gets revenge in yarn. When the city council threatens to sell the doomed community center building, the members of the Social Club join forces with their tiny friends in the daycare next door.



**Title:** *It Sounded Better In My Head*  
**Author:** Nina Kenwood  
**Published:** 2019  
**Adult Fiction**

When her parents announce their impending separation, Natalie can't understand why no one is fighting or at least mildly upset. Then Zach and Lucy, her two best friends, hook up, leaving her feeling slightly miffed and decidedly awkward. She'd always imagined she would end up with Zach one day – in the version of her life that played out like a TV show.

Now everything has changed and nothing is quite making sense. Until an unexpected romance comes along and shakes things up even further.



**Title:** *An Elderly Lady Is Up To No Good*  
**Author:** Helene Tursten  
**Published:** 2018  
**Adult Fiction**

Ever since her darling father's untimely death when she was only eighteen, Maud has lived in the family's spacious apartment in downtown Gothenburg rent-free, thanks to a minor clause in a hastily negotiated contract. That was how Maud learned that good things can come from tragedy. Now in her late eighties, Maud contents herself with traveling the world and surfing the net from the comfort of her father's ancient armchair. It's a solitary existence, and she likes it that way.



**Title:** *Confessions Of a Forty-Something f##k Up*  
**Author:** Alexandra Potter  
**Published:** 2022  
**Ebook/Audio book**

Meet Nell.  
Her life is a mess.

In a world of perfect Instagram lives, she feels like a f\*\*k up. But when she starts a secret podcast and forms an unlikely friendship with Cricket, an eighty-something widow, things begin to change. Because Nell is determined. This time next year things will be very different. But first, she has a confession . . .



**Title:** *Somewhere Beyond The Sea*  
**Author:** TJ Klune  
**Published:** 2024  
**Adult Fiction**

Arthur Parnassus has built a good life on the ashes of a bad one. He's headmaster at an orphanage for magical children, on a peculiar island, assisted by love-of-his-life Linus Baker. And together, they'll do anything to protect their extraordinary and powerful charges. However, when Arthur is forced to make a public statement about his dark past, he finds himself fighting for those under his care. Challenged from within and without, their volatile family might grow stronger. Or everything Arthur loves could fall apart.



**Title:** *Margo's Got Money Troubles*  
**Author:** Rufi Thorpe  
**Published:** 2024  
**Adult Fiction**

As the child of a Hooters waitress and an ex-pro wrestler, Margo Millet's always known she'd have to make it on her own. So she enrolls at her local junior college, even though she can't imagine how she'll ever make a living. She never planned to have an affair with her English professor—and while the affair is brief, it isn't brief enough to keep her from getting pregnant. Now, at twenty, Margo is alone with an infant, unemployed, and on the verge of eviction. She needs a cash infusion—fast.



**Title:** *The Good Part*  
**Author:** Sophie Cousens  
**Published:** 2023  
**Adult Fiction**


At twenty-six, Lucy Young is tired. Tired of fetching coffees for senior TV producers, tired of going on disastrous dates, and definitely tired of living in a damp flat share. She could quit her job for a better living, but she's not ready to give up on her dreams. Not just yet. After another diabolical date lands her in a sudden storm and no money for bus fare, Lucy finds herself seeking shelter in a tiny shop, where she stumbles upon a curious wishing machine. Pushing her last coin into the slot, Lucy closes her eyes and wishes with everything she's got: Please, let me skip to the good part of my life.



**Title:** *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*  
**Author:** Hiro Arikawa  
**Published:** 2019  
**Adult Fiction**

It's not the journey that counts, but who's at your side.

Nana is on a road trip, but he is not sure where he is going. All that matters is that he can sit beside his beloved owner Satoru in the front seat of his silver van. Satoru is keen to visit three old friends from his youth, though Nana doesn't know why and Satoru won't say.



**Title:** *Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop*  
**Author:** Hwang Bo-Reum, Shanna Tan  
**Published:** 2023  
**Adult Fiction**

Yeongju is burned out. With her high-flying career, demanding marriage, and busy life in Seoul, she knows she should feel successful, but all she feels is drained. Yet an abandoned dream nags at her, and in a leap of faith, she leaves her old life behind. After quitting her job and divorcing her husband, Yeongju moves to a small residential neighborhood outside the city, where she opens the Hyunam-dong Bookshop.



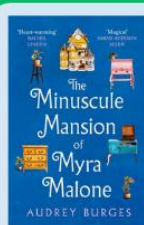
**Title:** *Dial A For Aunties*  
**Author:** Jesse Q. Sutanto  
**Published:** 2021  
**Adult Fiction**

When Meddelin Chan ends up accidentally killing her blind date, her meddling mother calls for her even more meddling aunts to help get rid of the body. Unfortunately, a dead body proves to be a lot more challenging to dispose of than one might anticipate, especially when it is inadvertently shipped in a cake cooler to the over-the-top billionaire wedding Meddy, her Ma, and aunts are working, at an island resort on the California coastline.




**Title:** *The Gungle Abroad*  
**Author:** Steven Rowley  
**Published:** 2024  
**Adult Fiction**

It's been five years since his summer as his niece Maisie and nephew Grant's caretaker after their mother's passing. The kids are back in Connecticut with their dad, and Patrick has relocated to New York to remain close by and relaunch his dormant acting career. When Patrick's brother, Greg, announces he's getting remarried in Italy, Maisie and Grant are not thrilled. Patrick feels drawn to take the two back under his wing. As they travel through Europe on their way to the wedding, Patrick tries his best to help them understand love, much as he once helped them comprehend grief.




**Title:** *The Minuscule Mansion of Myra Malone*  
**Author:** Audrey Burges  
**Published:** 2023  
**Ebook**

A charming and magical debut novel, with a love story at its heart. Thirty-four year-old Myra Malone blogs about a dolls' house online. Across the country, Alex Rakes, heir of a furniture business, encounters two Mansion fans trying to recreate a room from Myra's stories. To his disbelief, Alex soon recognizes that it's his own bedroom being recreated, in minute scale. Searching for answers, Alex begins corresponding with Myra. Together, the two unwind the lonely paths of their twin worlds.



**Title:** *Mrs Porter Calling*  
**Author:** A.J. Pearce  
**Published:** 2023  
**Adult Fiction**

Emmy Lake is the much-loved agony aunt at Woman's Friend magazine, relied upon by readers across the country as they face the challenges of life on the Home Front. With the problem page thriving and a team of fantastic women behind her, Emmy finally feels she is doing her bit. But when a glamorous new owner arrives, everything changes. With happiness quickly turning to heartbreak and war still raging in Europe, will Emmy and her friends find the inner strength they need to keep keeping on – and save the magazine they love?



**Title:** *This Time Tomorrow*  
**Author:** Emma Straub  
**Published:** 2022  
**Adult Fiction**

On the eve of her 40th birthday, Alice's life isn't terrible. She likes her job, she's happy with her apartment, her romantic status, her independence, and she adores her lifelong best friend. But her father is ailing, and it feels to her as if something is missing. When she wakes up the next morning she finds herself back in 1996, reliving her 16th birthday. But it isn't just her adolescent body that shocks her, or seeing her high school crush, it's her dad: the vital, charming, 40-something version of her father with whom she is reunited.