

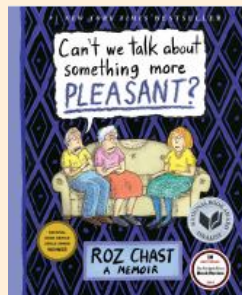
**Title:**  
*Being Black 'n Chicken, and Chips*

**Author:**  
Matt Okine

**Published:**  
September 2019

**Adult Fiction**

Based on his award-winning stand-up show, and the loss of his own mother, Matt Okine's coming-of-age novel, is a funny, heart-warming, and sometimes surreal look at how young people deal with grief, the loss of loved ones, and becoming an adult - all whilst desperately trying to fit in with the other kids.



**Title:**  
*Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*

**Author:**  
Roz Chast

**Published:**  
2014

**Graphic Novel**

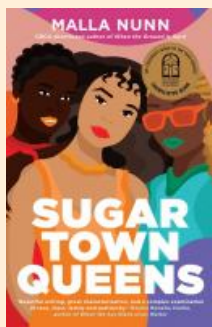
The book is about Chast's parents in their final years. Her father, George, died at the age of 95 and her mother, Elizabeth, died at the age of 97. The author derived the book's title from her parents' refusal to discuss their advancing years and infirmities.

# FAMILY STORIES

## 2022 Reading List



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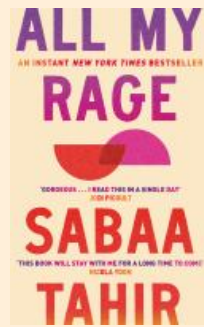
**Title:**  
*Sugar Town Queens*

**Author:**  
Malla Nunn

**Published:**  
2021

**Young Adult Fiction**

*Sugar Town Queens* is a South African young adult contemporary story about family, friendship, race, secrets and love. A stellar YA book about race, wealth, family, friendship, love, all wrapped up in Ubuntu.



**Title:**  
*All My Rage*

**Author:**  
Sabaa Tahir

**Published:**  
1 March 2022

**Young Adult Fiction**

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Sabaa Tahir comes a brilliant, unforgettable, and heart-wrenching contemporary YA novel about family and forgiveness, love and loss, in a sweeping story that crosses generations and continents.



**Title:**  
*Growing Up In Flames*

**Author:**  
Zach Jones

**Published:**  
1 March 2022

**Young Adult Fiction**

A suspenseful and thought-provoking page turner. The weaving of the story across two generations provides an insight into how trauma is carried from one generation to the next. The characters are flawed, complex and instantly believable.



**Title:**  
*All Mixed Up*

**Author:**  
Jason Om

**Published:**  
30 March 2022

**Adult Non-Fiction**

A candid and heartfelt memoir about authenticity, difference, resilience, hope and love by an exciting new Australian voice.



**Title:**  
*Beneath The Fig Leaves*

**Author:**  
Olympia Panagiotopoulos

**Published:**  
31 March 2020

**Adult Non-Fiction**

An evocative exploration of the ties that bind, *Beneath The Fig Leaves* weaves an irresistible tapestry of family, food and history to stir the heart and senses.



**Title:**  
*Booth*

**Author:**  
Karen Joy Fowler

**Published:**  
5 September 2022

**Adult Fiction**

Booth is a startling portrait of a country in the throes of change and a vivid exploration of the ties that make, and break, a family.



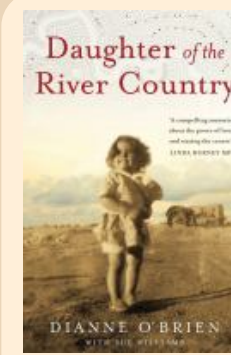
**Title:**  
*Come To This Court And Cry: How The Holocaust Ends*

**Author:**  
Linda Kinstler

**Published:**  
30 August 2022

**Adult Non-Fiction**

Part detective story, part family history, part probing inquiry into how best to reckon with the horrors of a previous century, *Come to This Court and Cry* is bracingly original, beautifully written and haunting.



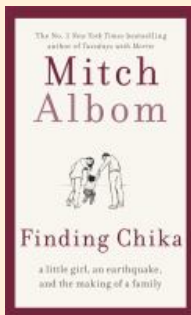
**Title:**  
*Daughter of the River Country*

**Author:**  
Dianne O'Brien

**Published:**  
2 July 2021

**Adult Non-Fiction**

From a victim of the 'stolen generations' comes a remarkable memoir of abuse, survival - and ultimately hope.



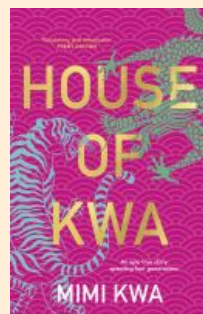
**Title:**  
*Finding Chika*

**Author:**  
Mitch Albom

**Published:**  
5 November 2019

**Adult Non-Fiction**

Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. *Finding Chika* is a celebration of a girl, her adoptive guardians, and the incredible bond they formed—a devastatingly beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.



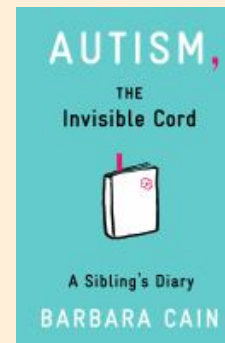
**Title:**  
*House of Kwa*

**Author:**  
Mimi Kwa

**Published:**  
16 June 2021

**Adult Non-Fiction**

Riveting, colourful and often darkly humorous, *House of Kwa* is an epic family drama spanning four generations, and an unforgettable story about how one woman finds the courage to stand up for her freedom and independence, squaring off against the ghosts of the past and finally putting them to rest.



**Title:**  
*Autism, The Invisible Cord*

**Author:**  
Barbara Cain

**Published:**  
1 August 2012

**Teen Fiction**

14-year-old Jenny describes her day-to-day life with her younger autistic brother, Ezra. Ezra can be both her best friend as well as her biggest obstacle to living a "normal life". Through taking care of Ezra and a very special school project, Jenny ends up learning about her own character and strengths, and a way to shine despite everything else.



**Title:**  
*The Vanderbeekers and The Hidden Garden*

**Author:**  
Katrina Yan Glaser

**Published:**  
25 September 2018

**Junior Fiction**

When catastrophe strikes their beloved upstairs neighbours, the Vanderbeeker children set out to build the best, most magical healing garden in Harlem. experience the warmth of a family and their community as they work together to bring a little more beauty and kindness to the world, one thwarted plan at a time.