

Recommendations for The Path of Comfort and Curiosity:



The fire is lit, the tea is steeping, and a gentle mystery calls. Follow the warm glow of found family, magic, and heartwarming tales.

Read a book featuring a close-knit group of friends or chosen family

1. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton (1967)

- 2. Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café by Fannie Flagg (1987)
 - 3. The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (2001)
 - 4. A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman (2012)
 - 5. The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune (2020)

Read a story set in a small town or quaint village

- 1. Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson (1919)
- 2. Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons (1932)
- 3. The Last Picture Show by Larry McMurtry (1966)
 - 4. Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout (2008)
- 5. The Tourist Attraction by Sarah Morgenthaler (2020)

Read a book with an amateur sleuth or unlikely detective

- 1. The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins (1860)
- 2. The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith (1998)
 - 3. Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz (2006)
 - 4. The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman (2020)
 - 5. Finlay Donovan Is Killing It by Elle Cosimano (2021)

Read a story where a character's parentage or heritage is unknown

1. Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens (1838)

- 2. Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson (1886)
- 3. Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (1908)
 - 4. The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey (2011)
 - 5. Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline (2013)

Read a book set in a whimsical or imaginary world

1. The Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum (1900)

- 2. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis (1950)
 - 3. Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones (1986)
 - 4. The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern (2011)
 - 5. Uprooted by Naomi Novik (2015)



Recommendations for The Path of Shadows and Secrets:



Enter a world of storm-swept cliffs, crumbling manors, and whispers in the dark. The road is treacherous—but mystery awaits.

Read a book with a gothic atmosphere or eerie tone

- 1. The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (1890)
 - 2. Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier (1938)
 - 3. The Woman In Black By Susan Hill (1983)
- 4. Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (2020)
- 5. House of Cotton by Monica Brashears (2023)

Read a story of forbidden love or dangerous obsession

- 1. The Monk by Matthew Lewis (1796)
- 2. The Collector by John Fowles (1963)
- 3. Flowers in the Attic by V.C. Andrews (1979)
 - 4. Fingersmith by Sarah Waters (2002)
- 5. My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russell (2020)

Read a book involving madness, an asylum, or psychological unraveling

- 1. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë (1847)
- 2. Notes from Underground by Fyodor Dostoevsky (1864)
 - 3. The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath (1963)
 - 4. Shutter Island by Dennis Lehane (2003)
 - 5. The Asylum by John Harwood (2013)

Read a story featuring a governess, tutor, or isolated caretaker

- 1. Agnes Grey by Anne Brontë (1847)
- 2. Turn of the Screw by Henry James (1898)
 - 3. Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton (1911)
 - 4. Misery by Stephen King (1987)
- 5. Victorian Psycho by Virginia Feito (2025)

Read a book set in a harsh environment

- 1. The Castle of Otranto by Horace Walpole (1764)
- 2. The Fall of the House of Usher by Edgar Allen Poe (1839)
 - 3. The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson (1959)
 - 4. Ice by Anna Kavan (1967)
 - 5. The Sanatorium by Sarah Pearse (2021)