2016 Blind Date With a Book Blurbs

Adult Fiction
A (FIC Alexis)
Strange, literary, and inspirational. By the author of this year's Giller prize winner.

Alligator (FIC Moore)
Intricate characters, rich emotions, and lyrical storytelling – all set in Newfoundland

Bad Monkey (F-H)
A dark, hysterical, snappy thriller-comedy set in Florida.

Before I Go To Sleep (FIC Watson)
I'm the terrifying twin sister to “Groundhog Day.” If you like mind games and suspense, I’m the one for you.

Birdie (FIC Lindb)
Darkly comic and fascinating story about a Cree woman. On the Canada Reads long list for 2016.

Bone and Bread (FIC Nawaz)
Beautiful, tragic, sister relationships, Canadian

Dark Places (FIC Flynn)
A twisty, dark psychological thriller. For fans of Gone Girl.

Everything She Forgot (FIC Balla)
Brand new psychological thriller set in the UK.

Fortune Smiles (FIC Johns)
New, surreal, darkly humorous short stories.
Her (FIC Lane)
A powerful, haunting novel about female friendship

How To Start a Fire (FIC Lutz)
This witty, offbeat story about female friendship features standout characters.

Lost and Found (FIC Davis)
A heartfelt novel about age & happiness, featuring a child protagonist

Mermaid’s Child (FIC Baker)
Mermaids for grownups.

Nikolski
I’m a perfect match for anyone who loves quirky characters and is struggling with a case of wanderlust.

Our Tragic Universe (FIC Thoma)
If you like things a little out of the ordinary, this satirical fantasy is for you.

Pocket Kings (FIC Helle)
If you love poker and self-sabotage, this is the suspenseful book for you.

Rainey Royal (FIC Landi)
Fabulous & flawed in 1970’s Greenwich Village NYC

relationships, and creativity.

Slade House (FIC Mitch)
Beautifully written & horrifying new book by the author of Cloud Atlas

Song of Achilles (FIC Mille)
Greek mythology + deep emotion + beautiful language
Tales from the Farm (GN Lemire)
I'm an award-winning, endearing graphic novel about a young boy growing up in Ontario.

The Age of Miracles (FIC Walke)
I mix the charm and closeness of a family drama with the intrigue and closeness of a family drama.

The Bees (FIC Paull)
A dystopian bug's life for grown-ups.

The Circle (FIC Eggers)
a gripping social science fiction about the internet and idealism.

The Disappearance Boy (FIC Bartlett)
Deeply moving story for fans of The Night Circus.

The Flying Troutmans (FIC Toews)
Hilarious and heart-wrenching, road trips and psych wards.

The Light In the Ruins (FIC Bohj):
Somehow I combine love, morality, war, and mystery. I’m the whole package.

The Making Of (GN E)
I’m a poetic graphic novel and a stunning piece of art about crowds, adult relationships.

The Post Birthday World (FIC Shriver)
A playful love triangle story (told in parallel universe structure).

The Ten Year Nap (FIC Wolit)
A witty, sly, and completely entertaining book about motherhood.

The Tiny Wife (FIC Kaufm)
A small whimsical book with a big impact. Oh and it’s Canadian.
The Truth is a Cave in the Black Mountains (FIC Gaima)
Enchanting picture book for adults by one of today’s greatest fantasy writers.

The Uncoupling (FIC Woli)
a perceptive and funny tale about small town life ... with ancient Greek influences

Two years, eight months and twenty-eight nights (FIC Rushdie)
A dazzling epic by one of the most contemporary classic authors

Vampires in the Lemon Grove (FIC Russel)
An incredible collection of the weirdest, most imaginative short stories you’ll ever read

Vintage (FIC Baker)
A brand new comedy novel that foodies and travel lovers will fully appreciate

Welcome to Night Vale (FIC fink)
Wonderful & strange paranormal intensity.

What I Did (FIC Walki)
I’m deep, literary, and yet fun to read. A moving story about families.

When She Woke (FIC Jordan)
Beautiful and Intense – a modern dystopian twist on a literary classic

Where’d You Go Bernadette (Fic Semple)
Intelligent, surprising, and witty. For fans for Arrested Development

**Teen Fiction**

Audacious (YA Prend)
Beautiful high-school story written in verse
Beauty Queens (YA Bray)
Hilarious and poignant novel about the perception of beauty

I’ll Give You the Sun (YA Nelson)
Tragic, hilarious, artsy, and romantic.

Landry Park (YA Hagen) If you like romantic teen dystopias, you’ll love this new series.

Lola and the Boy Next Door (YA Perkins) Travel + quirky characters + hilarious situations = a great love story

Matched (YA Condie)
If you like a little romance with your dystopia then you’ll LOVE me.

OCD Love Story (YA Haydu)
I’m all about quirky love. If you are too, maybe we’ll make a good match!

Rootless (YA Howard)
I’m more than just your typical futuristic dystopia – I’m a haunting, speculative novel about the environment.

Rush (YA Silve)
I’m your next favourite dystopia trilogy! I’ve got a unique sci-fi twist, but all the intense chaos and drama that you already love.

Small Dreams (YA Kephart)
I’m a lovely realistic novel about making the best of your circumstances.

Ten Thousand Skies Above You (YA Gray)
Souls + alternate universes + lots of enemies = one sci-fi love story

The Beginning of Everything (YA Schneider)
An excellent choice for John Green fans.

The Bone Dragon (YA–Casa)
If magical, emotional stories about dreams, dragons, and healing are your thing…then I’m the book for you.
The Chaos (YA Hopki)
I’m a multicultural tale full of mythical creatures, identity issues, and Torontonians. A Canadian fantasy-dystopia hybrid.

This is What I Did (YA Ellis)
I’m a unique psychological drama that will make you think.

White Space (YA Bick) If spooky YA lit is your thing, check me out. I’m an intricate, beautiful horror story unlike anything you’ve ever read.

Children’s Novels

All the Wrong Questions Series (J FIC Snicket)
Sarcastic, Mysterious, Silly

Ballad (J FIC Blexbolex)
Beautiful, emotional, artistic

File Under: 13 Suspicious Incidents (J FIC Snicket)
Sneaky, clue-filled puzzles for mystery lovers

Flora & Ulysses (J FIC Dicamillo)
Squirrely, adorable, incredible

Framed (J FIC Korman)
Tricky mystery…with dogs

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible (J FIC Vernon)
Silly, adorable, princess story

Magic by the book (J FIC Bernstein)
Magical, clever, fun

Notes from a Totally Lame Vampire (J FIC Collins)
Dear hilarious supernatural diary...

Page (J FIC Pierce)
A medieval fantasy about a brave girl
Pinch Hit (J FIC Green)
Baseball and Big Dreams!

Remarkable (J FIC Foley)
Exciting, zany, Remarkable

Spin (J FIC Lisle)
Dark, intricate, fantasy

The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas (J FIC Almond)
FISHY, bold, amazing

The Capture (J Fic Lasky)
Epic animal adventure

The Expeditioners (J FIC Taylor)
Clever, futuristic, adventurous

The Last Wild (J FIC Torday)
Adventurous, Intense, Surprising!

The School for Good and Evil (J FIC Chainani)
Strange, wild, fantasy

Wildwood (J FIC Meloy)
Wonderful, unique, fantasy