

## Women's friendships in fiction



### **Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral**

A package arrives for Katherine Givens holding red tennis shoes filled with ashes and a request from her friend Annie Freeman: that her five best friends take her ashes on a "traveling funeral" to visit her most beloved places.

Fiction/ *Radish, Kris*

### **Changing Faces**

Three young friends in urban Chicago – two single, one married – deal with their relationship, career and health issues with each other's support.

Fiction/ *Roby, Kimberly Lawson*

### **A Good Yarn**

The story is set in a delightful little yarn store in downtown Seattle where four very different women meet at a knitting class and form some unlikely friendships. Knitting socks can change your life!

Fiction/ *Macomber, Debbie*

### **Grand Avenue**

Chris, Barbara, Susan and Vicki meet as young mothers and neighbors and become a supportive network for each other. The years pass and then an unexpected episode changes their lives forever.

Fiction/ *Fielding, Joy*

### **The Ladies Auxiliary**

The women of the orthodox Jewish enclave in Memphis, Tennessee are a close-knit community with shared history and values. Are they open enough to welcome a newcomer who challenges some of their ways?

Fiction/ *Mirvis, Tova*

### **The Last Girls**

In June 1965 a dozen girls, classmates at Blue Ridge women's college, took a trip down the Mississippi on a homemade raft. Thirty-five years later four of them reunite to travel the river again, this time on a luxury steamboat. We find out how life has treated them since that first carefree voyage.

Fiction/ *Smith, Lee*

### **The Persian Pickle Club**

The women's quilting group of Harveyville, Kansas, is a bright spot in the lives of its members, providing fun and companionship during the hard times of the Great Depression. When a colorful city girl comes to town and joins the group, her efforts to uncover a mystery unsettle this close-knit group.

Fiction/ *Dallas, Sandra*

### **The Same Sweet Girls**

Six southern women, who became good friends in college, get together twice each year to share the ongoing joys and challenges of their lives.

Fiction/ *King, Cassandra*

### **The Seven Sisters**

Candida Wilton, recently divorced, leaves her English village for a new life in central London. As she gets used to the city she takes a class about the poet Virgil and makes some new friends. These relationships lead to some unexpected travel adventures.

Fiction/ *Drabble, Margaret*

### **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan**

Set in the remote countryside in nineteenth century china this engrossing tale is about the lifelong friendship between Lily and Snow Flower. It is a vivid portrait of a different time, a far away place and the lasting bond between two women.

Fiction/ *See, Lisa*

### **Sweetwater Creek**

Twelve-year old Emily is a lonely motherless girl on a shabby rural plantation. Ignored by her father and brothers, her only friends are her dogs. Life changes when Lulu Foxworth comes into her life. Sophisticated and daring, the older girl opens Emily's eyes to the wider world.

Fiction/ *Siddons, Anne Rivers*

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