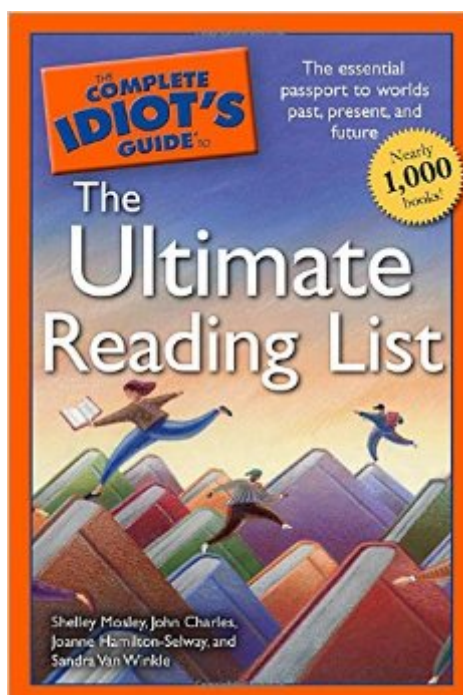


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of contents is clear and concise with each chapter on a different subject or genre. From true-crime, historical fiction and humor to romance and horror. Each section has a list of the classics and then recommended reads, and under each recommended book is a brief synopsis. I dove into the romance section. The picks were perfect. *French Silk* by Sandra Brown. I loved that book, and of course Whitney, *My Love* by Judith McNaught was listed. Actually, if this title had been missing I would not be able to recommend this book. Other authors in the romance genre I hadn't heard of. Examples are Eve Silver and her book *Dark Desires* and *Date Me Baby, One More Time* by Stephanie Rowe. Both books are on my must read list now. I also spent tons of time in the horror section. I was glad to see so much more than Stephen King and Dean Koontz. I was pleased that *Dead Until Dark* by Charlene Harris was included under 'More Great Reads'. Harris was one of my favorite new authors I discovered a couple of years back. The only downfall to the book is that it is too short. I would love for the authors to have a book on each genre--one on romance, one on history, etc. I do highly recommend this book. The authors have great taste, especially when I can't really argue much with their recommendations. Who better to give advice than these authors who are all librarians with 75 years of combined experience? I don't think anyone can top their wealth of knowledge on what people read and enjoy.

This is a great compilation of suggested reading in all different types of genres and subgenres. I haven't disliked a book yet that was recommended. It was a good way to get started in genres I don't typically read, but was interested in. I have *Book Lust* as well and I found this book better organized and the suggestions more to my taste.

Like a previous reviewer, I noticed the mistake about Mitford. However, I still think this collection has terrific lists, broken down by various categories and genres of fiction, and nonfiction categories. The summaries are helpful to readers who enjoy popular books, and the sidebars are interesting. In the long run, I find this book more practical and useful than many other books that purport to list books for the ordinary reader.

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