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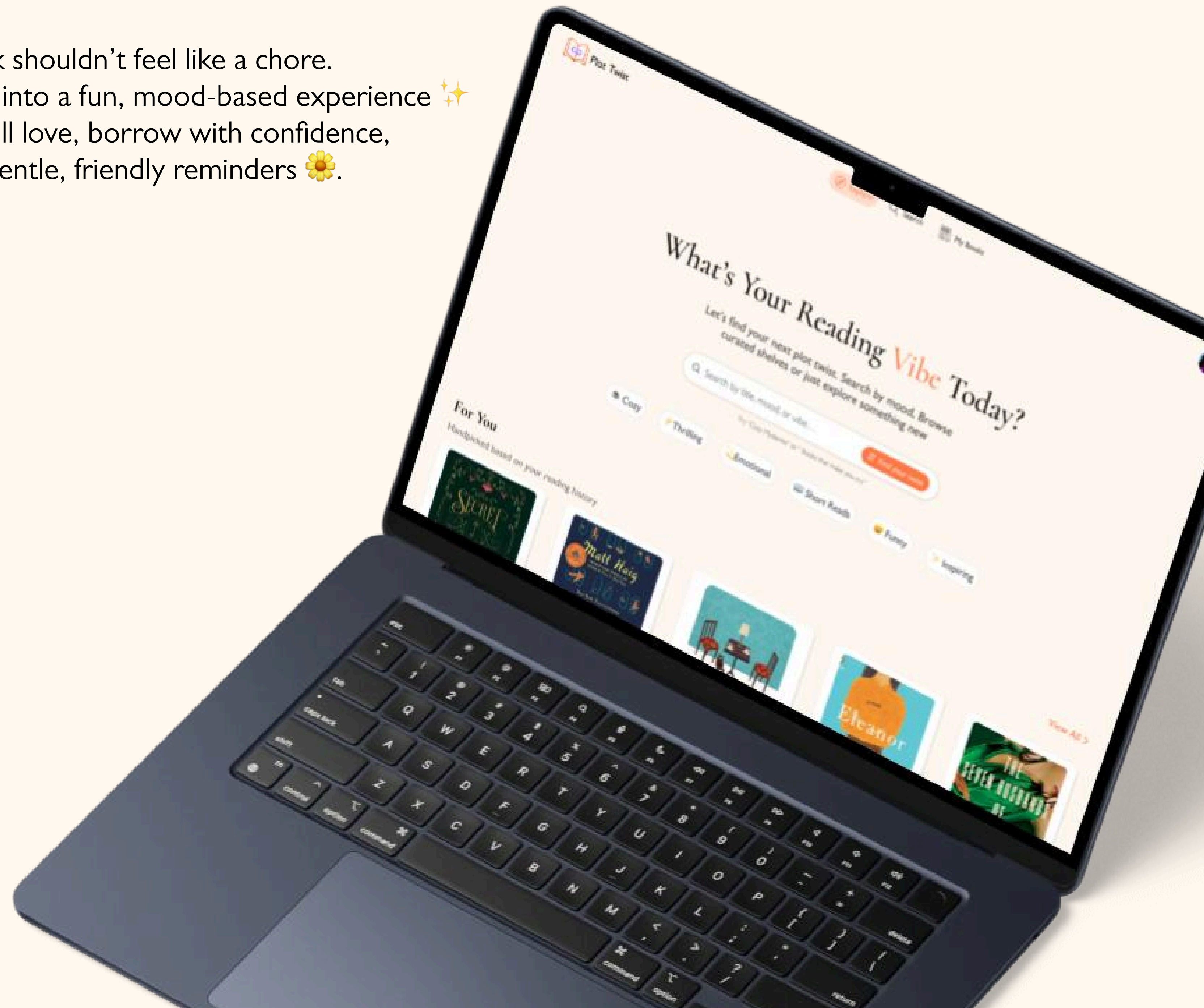


# Plot Twist

Timeline : 1 day



Finding your next favourite book shouldn't feel like a chore.  
PlotTwist turns library browsing into a fun, mood-based experience ✨  
helping you discover stories you'll love, borrow with confidence,  
and keep track of returns with gentle, friendly reminders 🌻.



# Assumptions About the Users

As someone who's spent way too many afternoons wandering around libraries (and occasionally questioning my life choices in the aisles), I'm assuming our users are:



## Casual Readers

People who want to read more but freeze the second they walk into a library. They're overwhelmed by choice, don't know what they're in the mood for, and just quietly pray for a sign from the universe... or a helpful librarian.



## Task - driven Borrowers

People who come to the library with one mission:

Get in → Get the book → Get out.

They want fast search, clear categories, and absolutely zero plot twists when it comes to picking up the right book.



## Mood-Based Browsers

Readers who pick books based on vibes: *"I want something heartwarming but not cheesy, fast but not stressful, mysterious but not too murder-y."*

They need mood-first tools, not Dewey Decimal flashbacks.



## Forgetful Humans (aka *All of us*)

People who borrow with pure intentions... and then forget everything about the return date until someone texts,

*"Hey, didn't you issue a book like, last month?"*

So yes, the users are basically people who love stories but dislike messy systems.



# Pain Points

These come from both user logic and my own emotional scars from library hunts

“I walk in wanting a book...  
and walk out with confusion.”

overwhelmed.

emotional queries???

“I type normal things into  
search, and it gives me  
academic papers.”

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abandoned intent

“I don’t have an hour to  
wander aisles hoping the book  
appears magically.”

zero trust

“Half the books aren’t even in  
the section the system says  
they’re in.”

curation??

“I want suggestions, not a  
spreadsheet of books.”

guilt spiral

“I always forget the return  
date... until it’s TOO LATE.”



# What Success Looks Like for the Library

Success = A library experience so intuitive that people actually want to come back.

## Faster Discovery

**Goal:** Users find a book they want within 3 minutes

**Why it matters:** Lower cognitive load → higher borrowing rate

## Fewer Overdue Books

**Goal:** Reduce overdue returns by 50% through reminders

**Outcome:** Less library chaos, happier readers

## Higher Borrow Completion

**Goal:** More users move from browsing → borrowing\

**Metric:** atleast+25% increase in daily borrows

## Reliable Search

**Goal:** Increase successful searches by 40%

**Outcome:** Users trust the system again



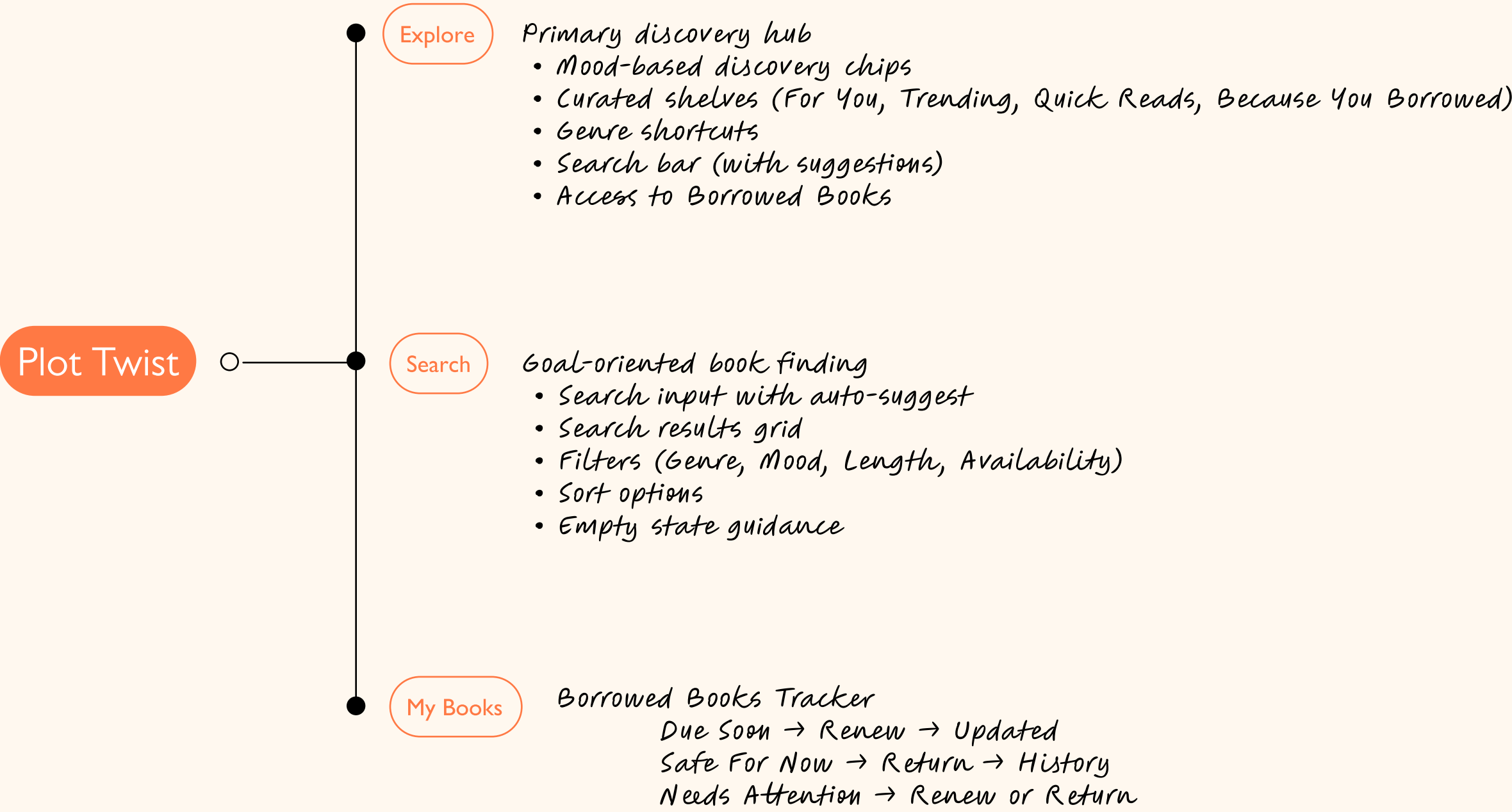
Emotional Wins

Users feel guided, not lost . Reading feels fun again & People come back more often

# Information Architecture Overview

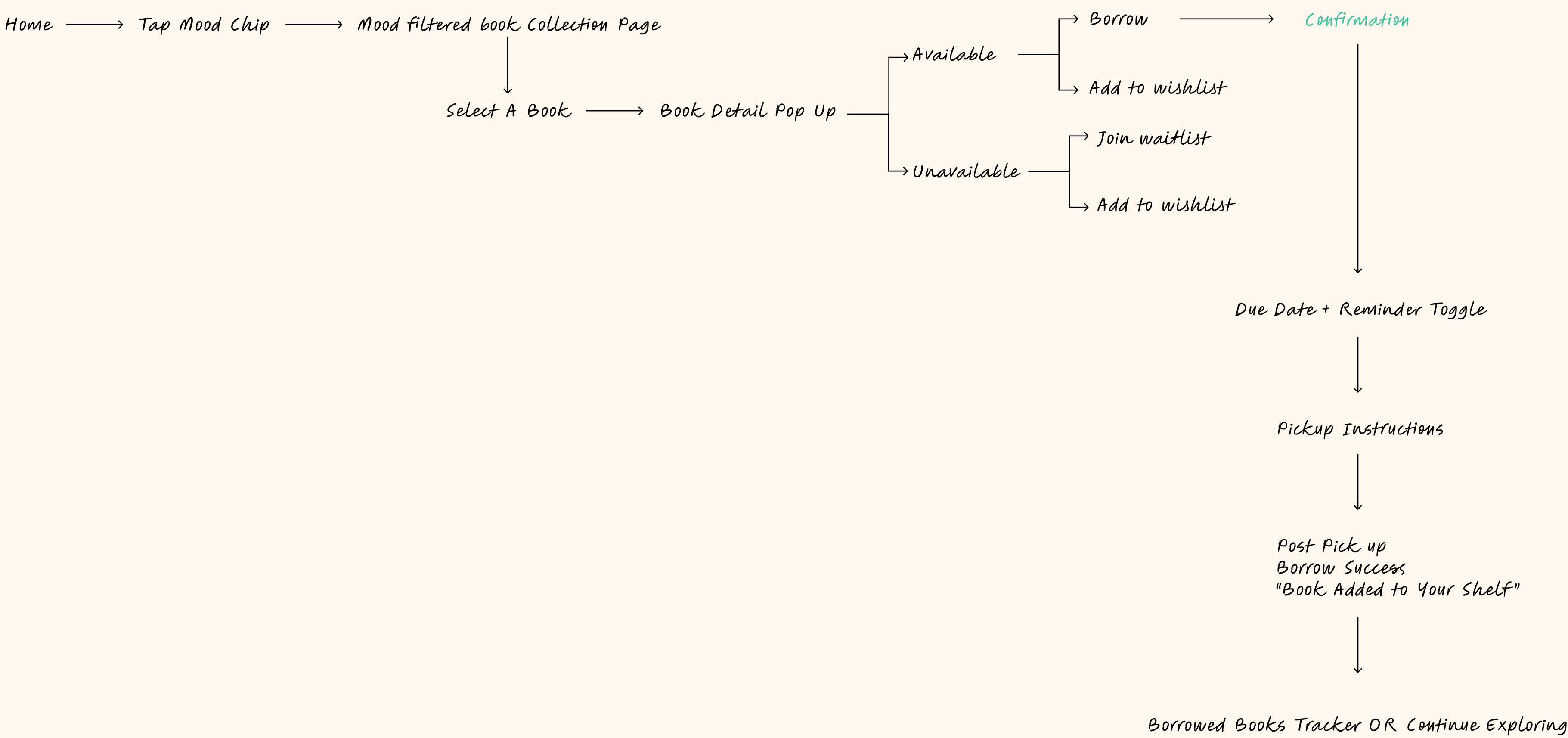
PlotTwist’s IA is designed around three core user needs:

discover books easily → find the right one quickly → manage borrowed books without stress.



# Detailed Flows

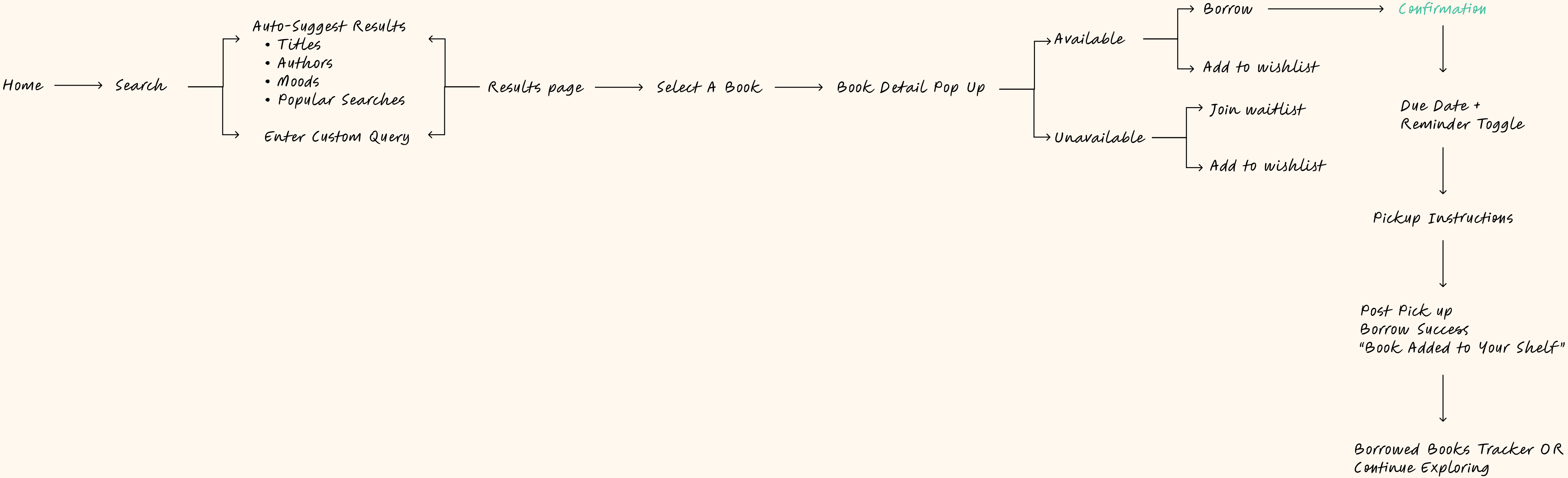
## FLOW 1: Discovery (Mood-Based)





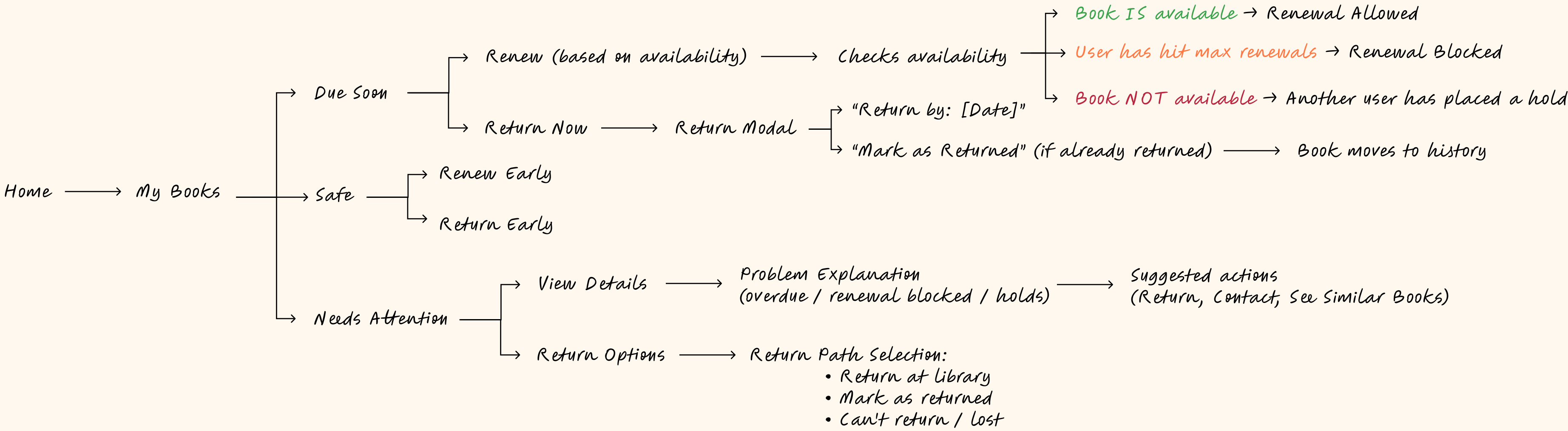
# Detailed Flows

## FLOW 2: Search → Results → Book → Borrow




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## FLOW 3: My Books/ Borrowed Books tracker





# Designed Screens




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Explore

Search

My Books



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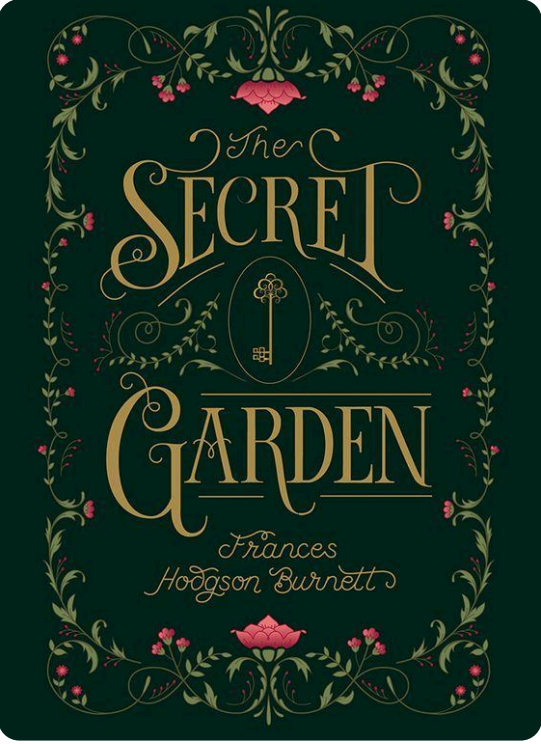
Short Reads

Funny

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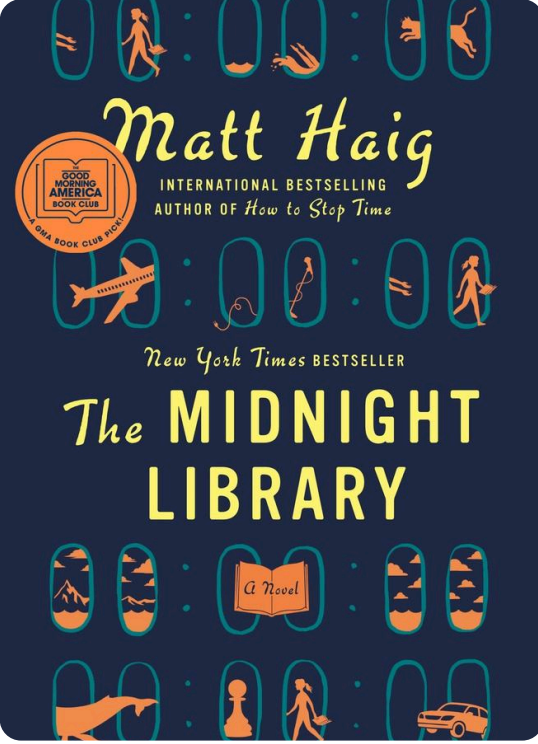
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Emotional

Inspiring

9 Hours

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The Midnight Library

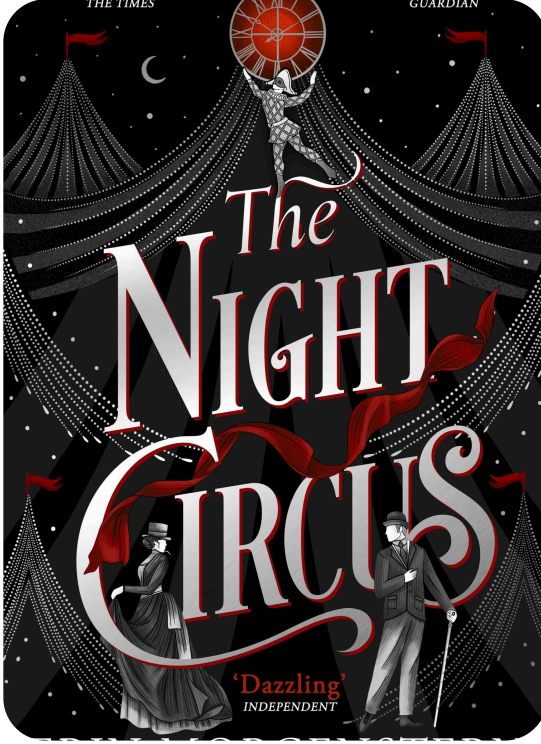
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Reflective

Inspiring

6-7 Hours

Available



The Night Circus

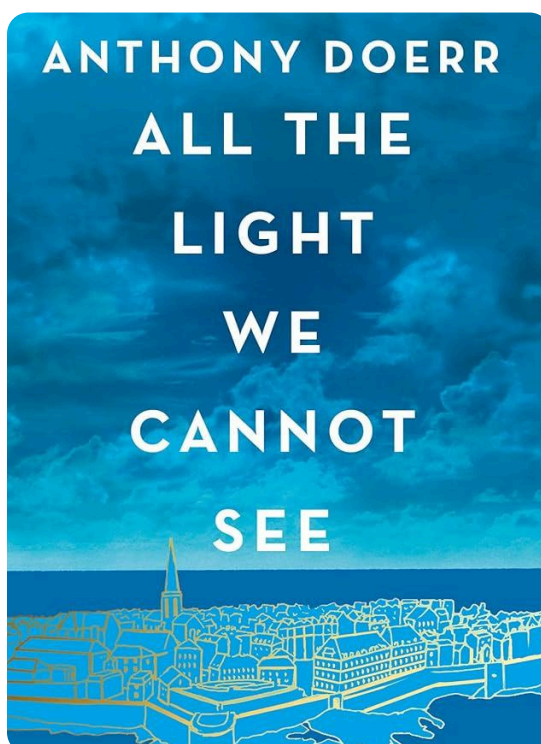
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Enchanted

Dreamy

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All the Light

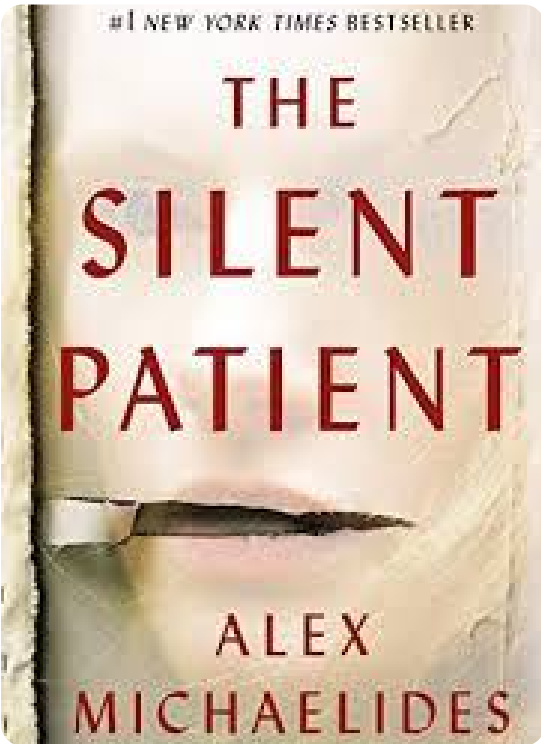
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Poignant

Awe-filled

14 hours

Unavailable



The Silent Patient

Taylor Jenkins Reid

Suspense

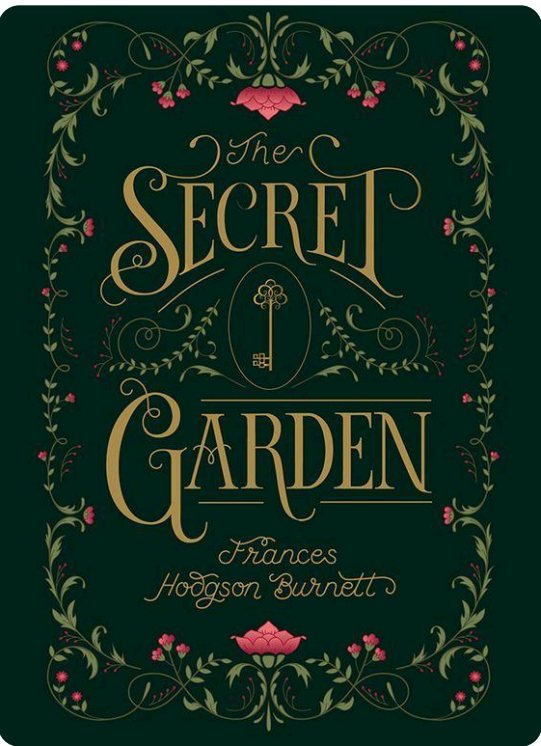
Tense

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Limited Edition

Trending Now

What everyone is reading this week



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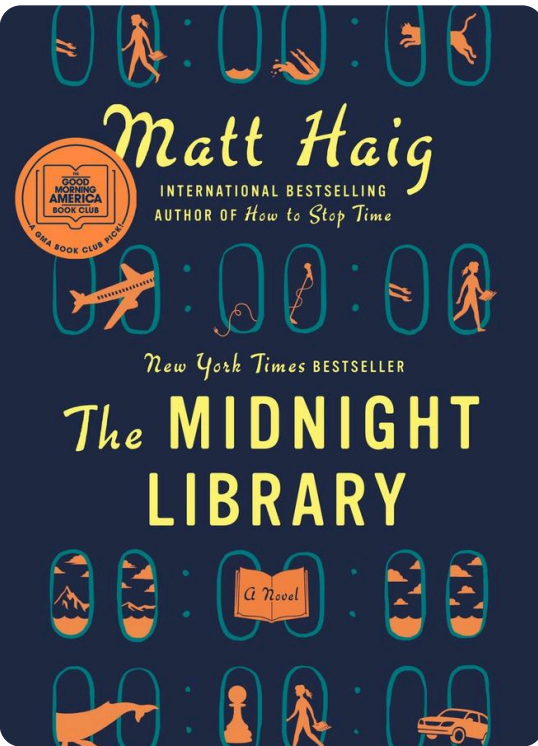
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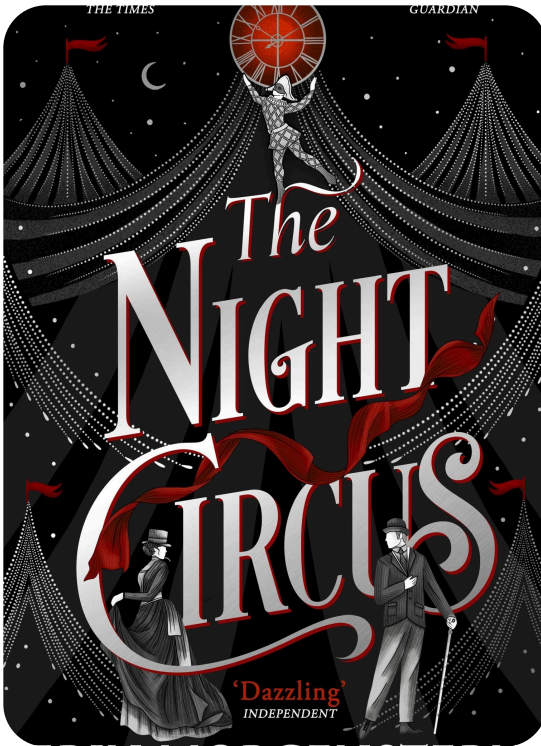
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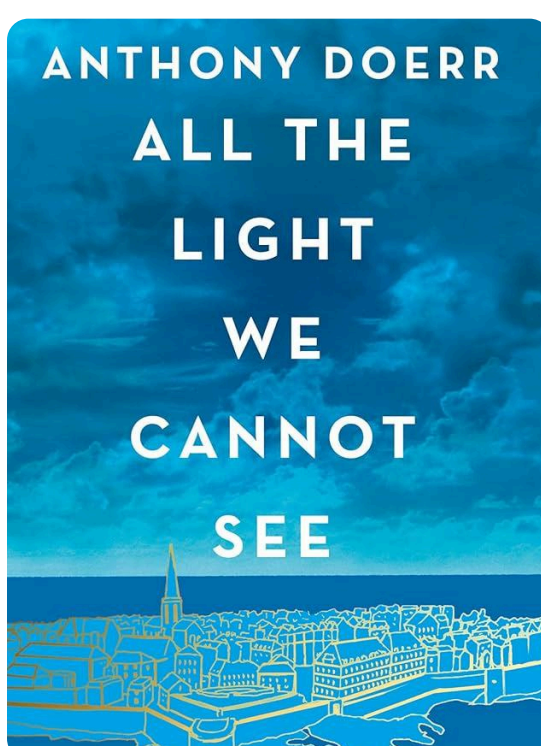
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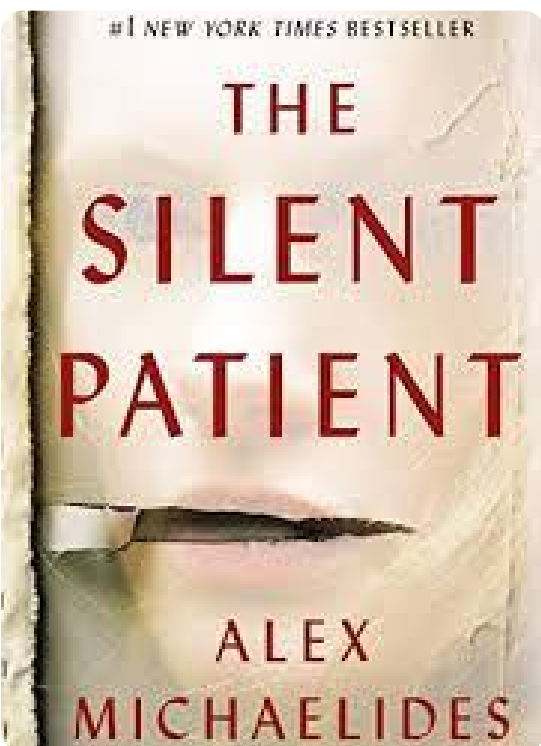
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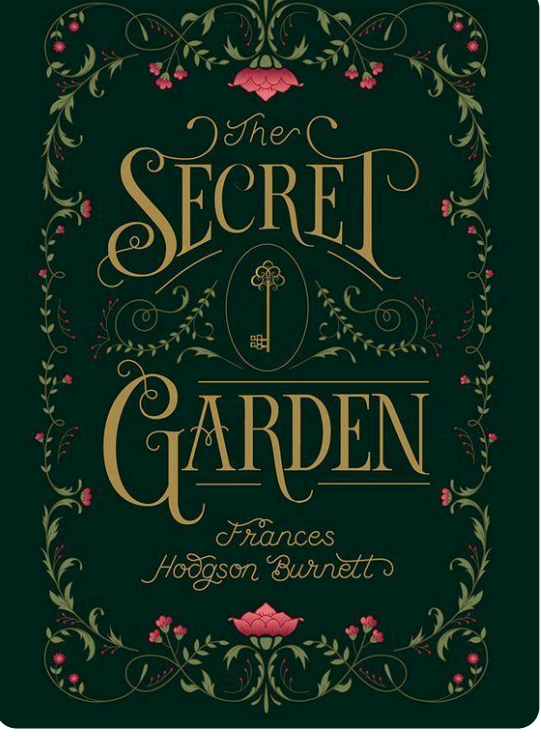
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Quick Weekend Reads

Perfect for a cozy weekend



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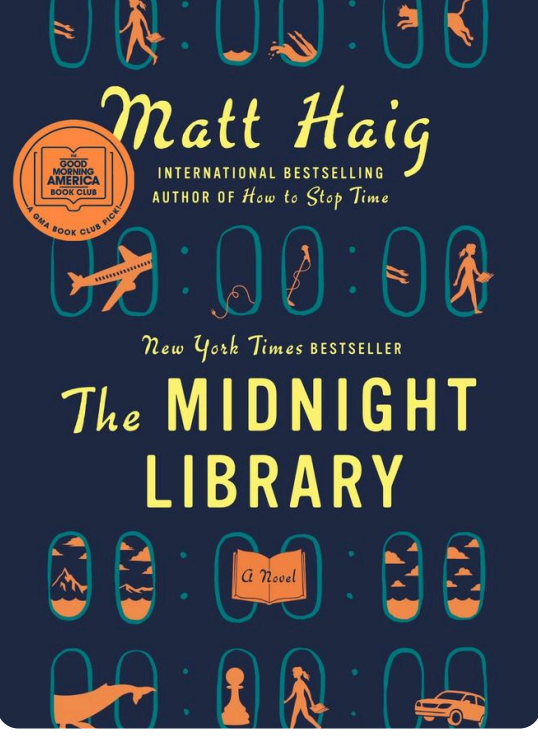
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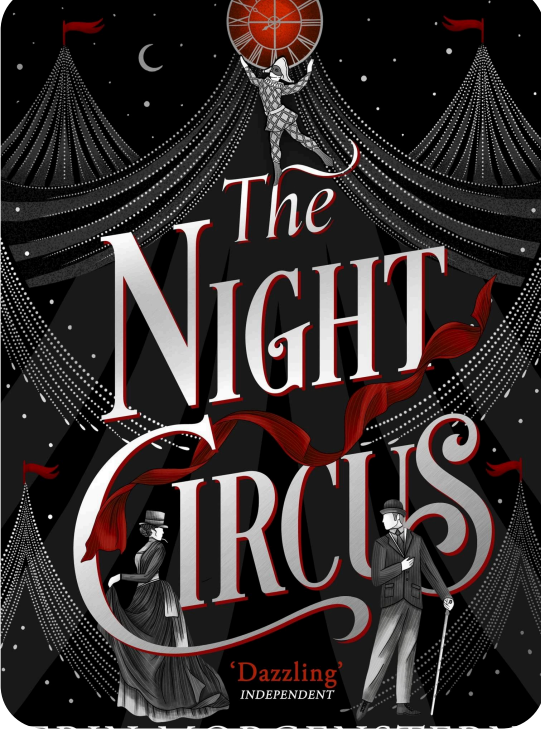
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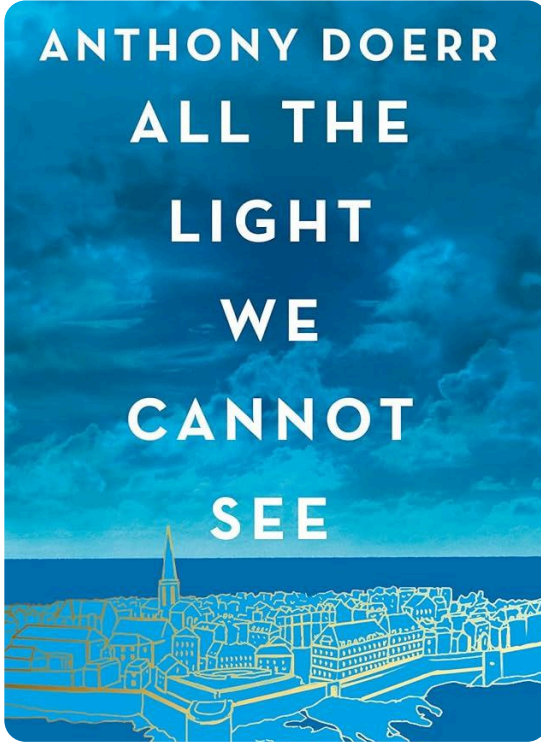
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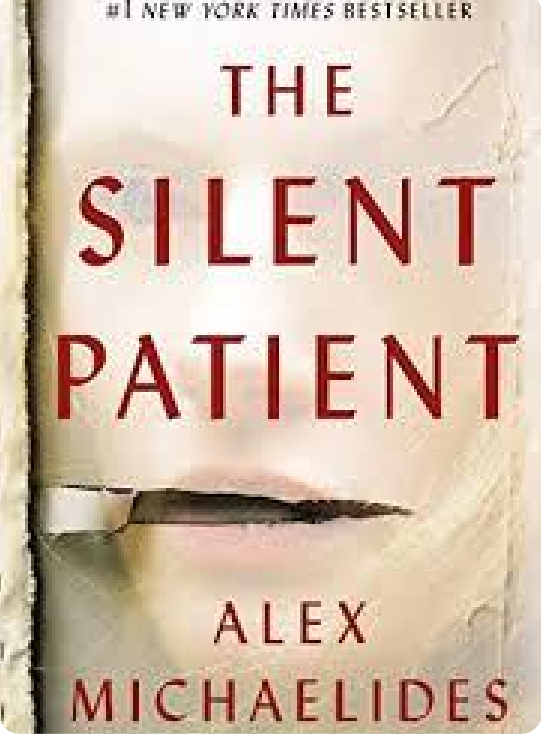
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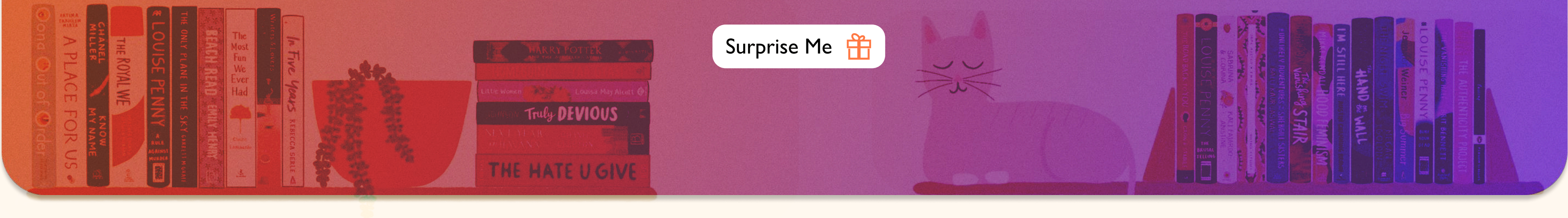
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Can't Decide what to read?

Let us surprise you with a book tailored to your current mood.

Surprise Me







Your Reading Companion

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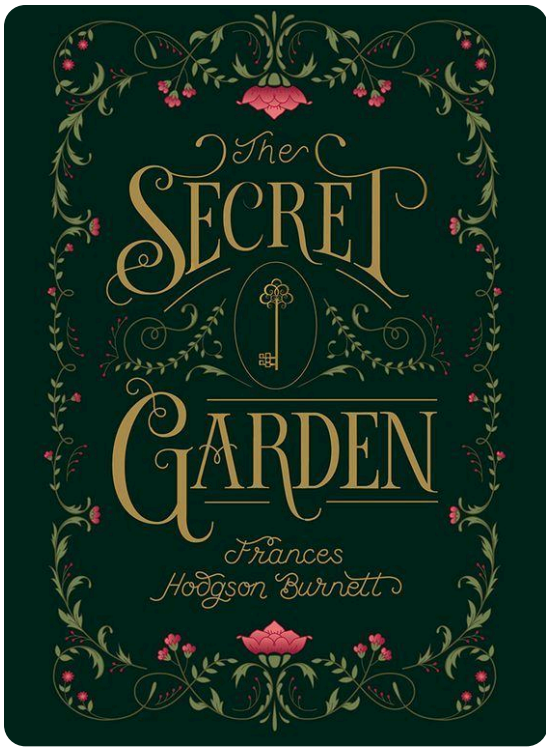
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## For You

Handpicked based on your reading history

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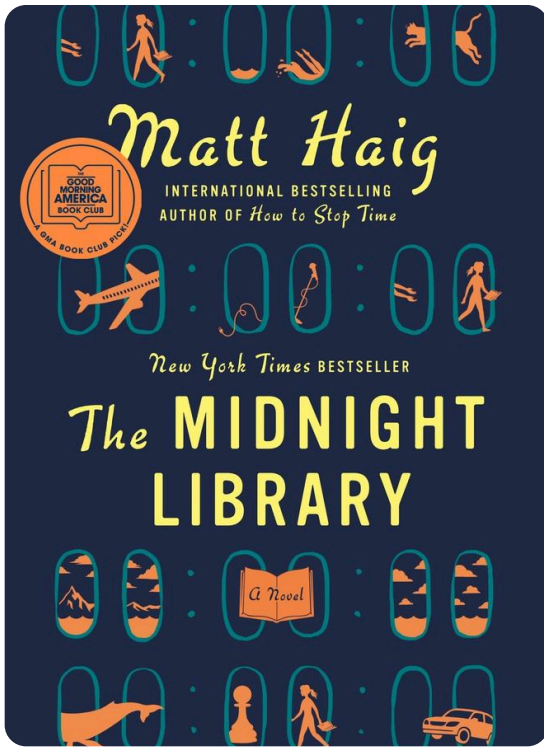
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Frances Hodgson Burnett

Emotional Inspiring

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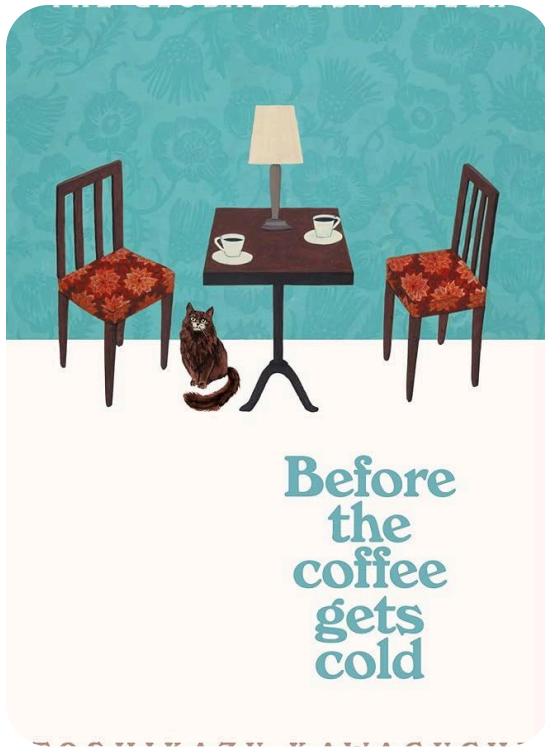
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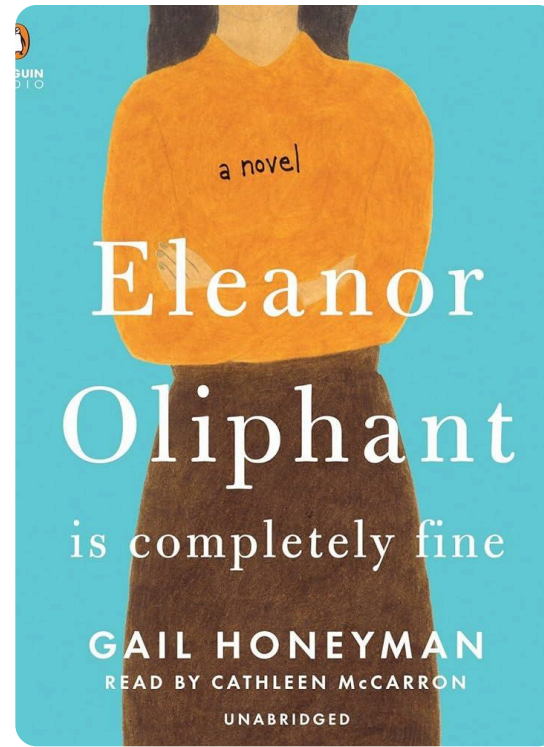
Before the Coffee Gets Cold

Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Emotional Inspiring

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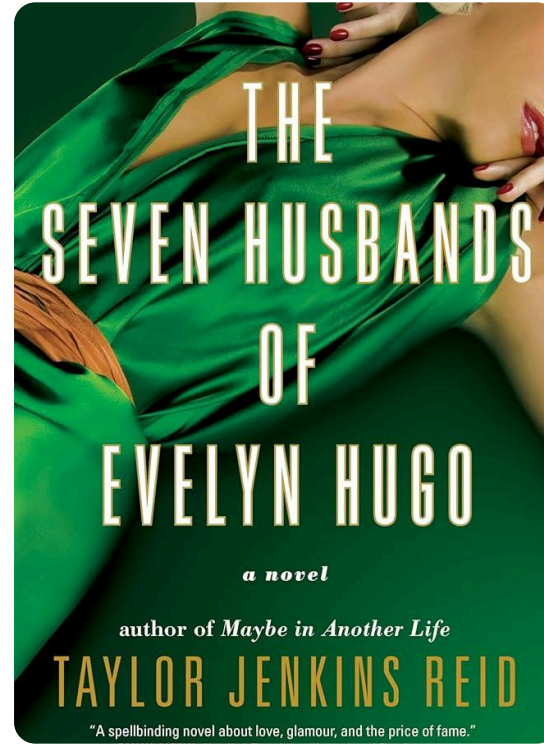
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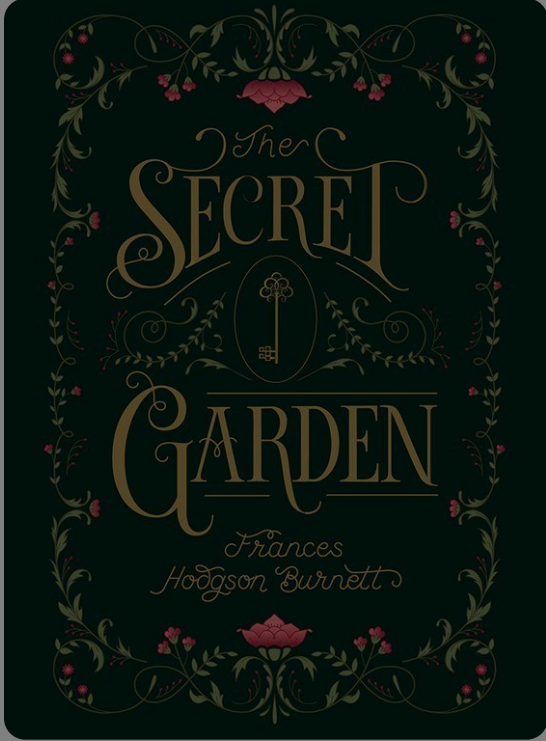
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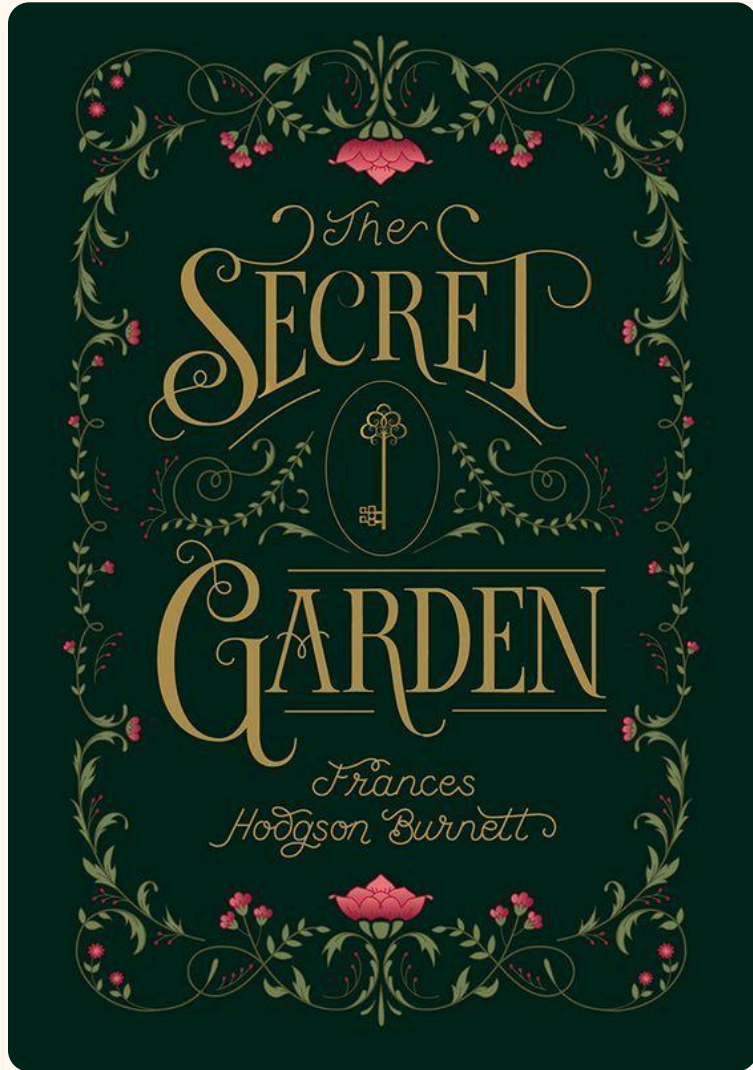
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## The Secret Garden

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Genre: Literary Fiction

Emotional

9 Hours

A timeless story about discovery, healing, and quiet transformation. The Secret Garden follows a lonely child who uncovers a hidden, neglected garden and through nurturing it, learns about friendship, growth, and the gentle power of nature.

Available

Find it at Section A, Shelf 5

More Details

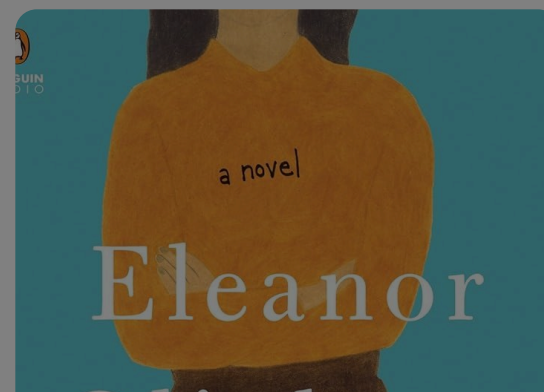
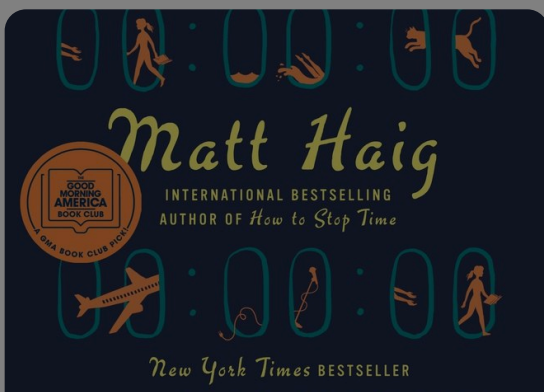
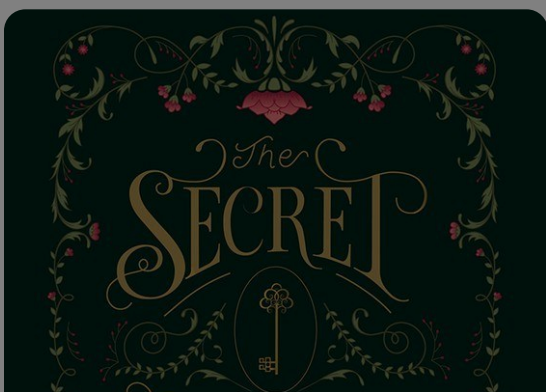
Add to Wishlist

Borrow this Book

## Trending Now

What everyone is reading this week

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Search by title, mood, or vibe...

Try "Supernatural"

24 Books Found

Sorted by Relevance

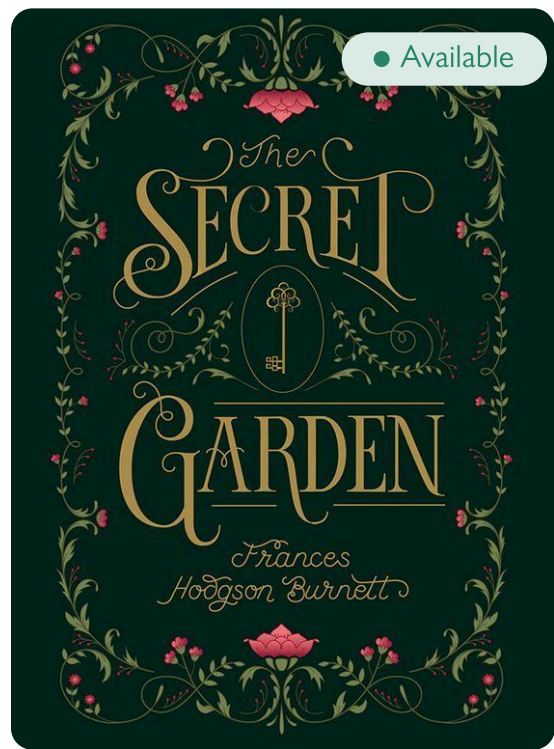
Filters

Availability

- All
- Available Now
- Limited Copies

Genre

- All
- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Sci-Fi
- Self-Help
- Thriller
- Fantasy
- Finance

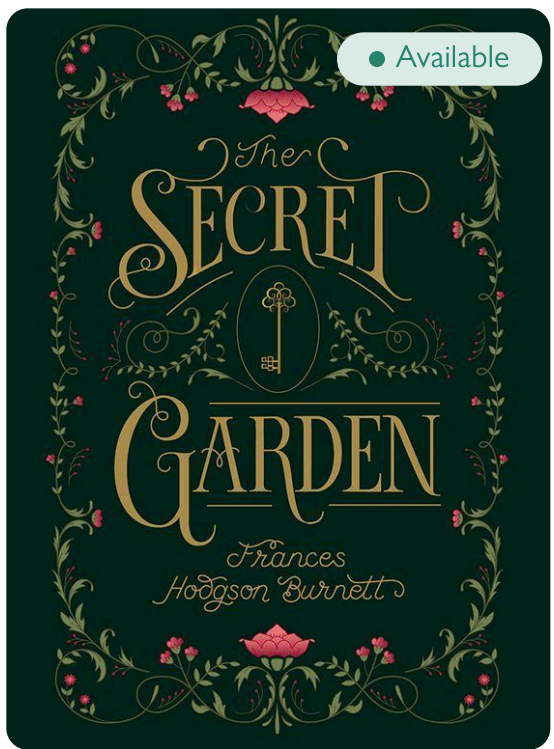


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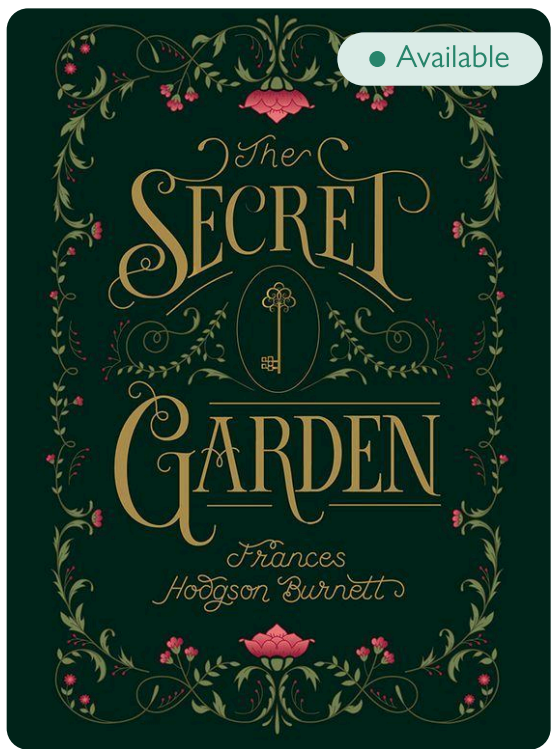


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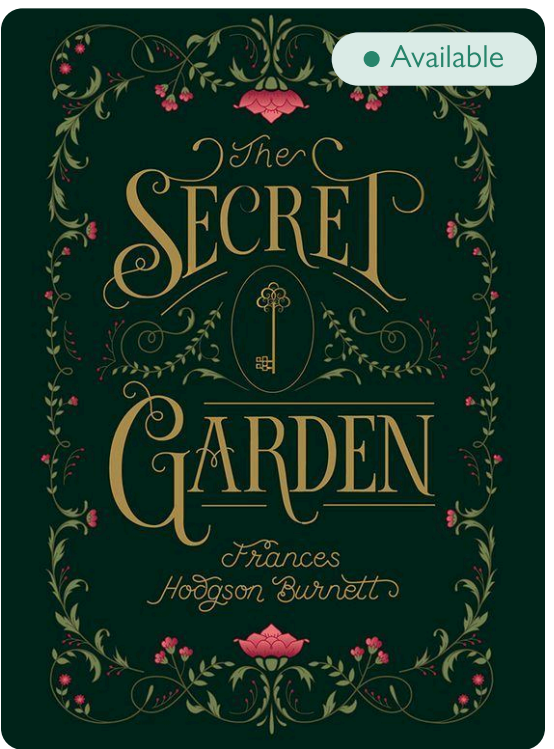


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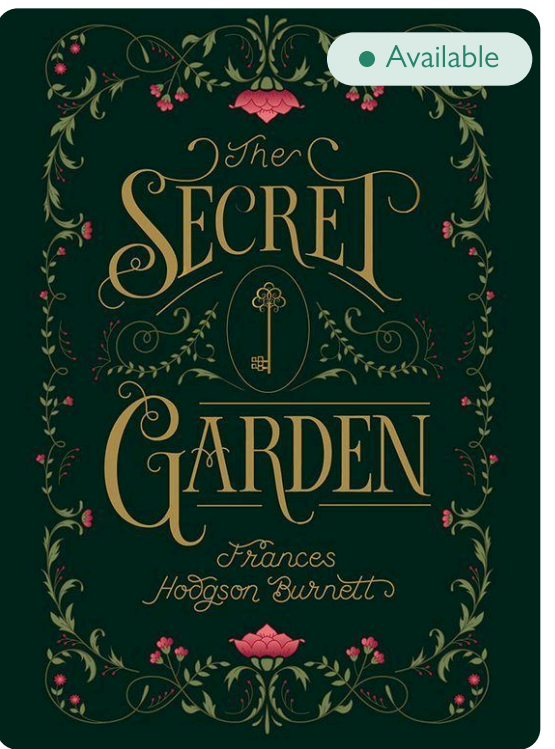


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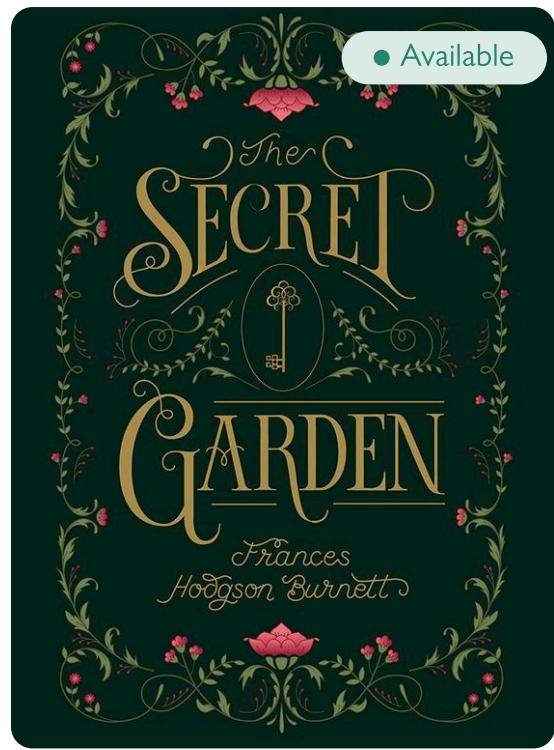


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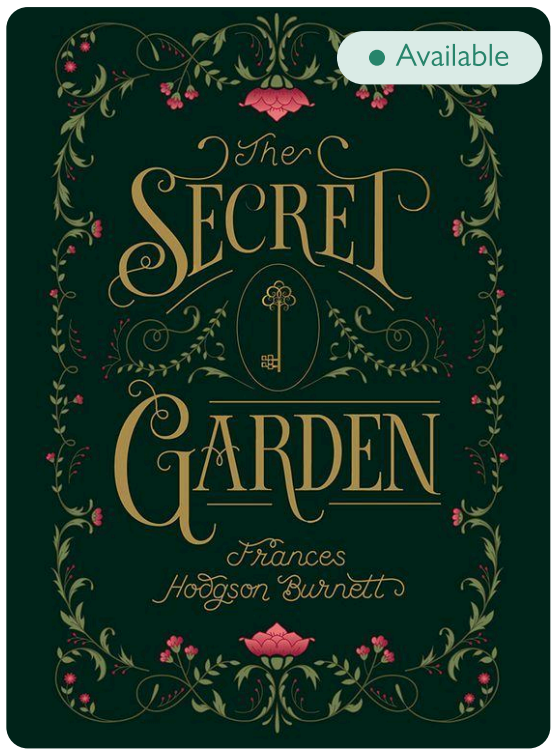
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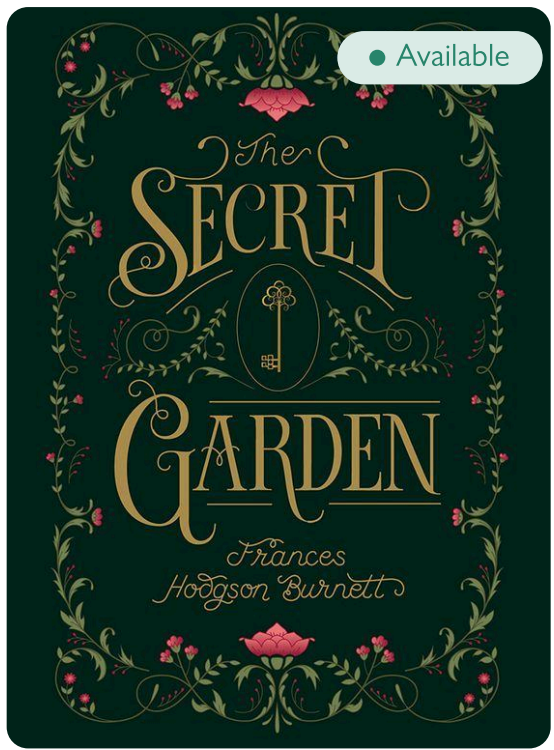
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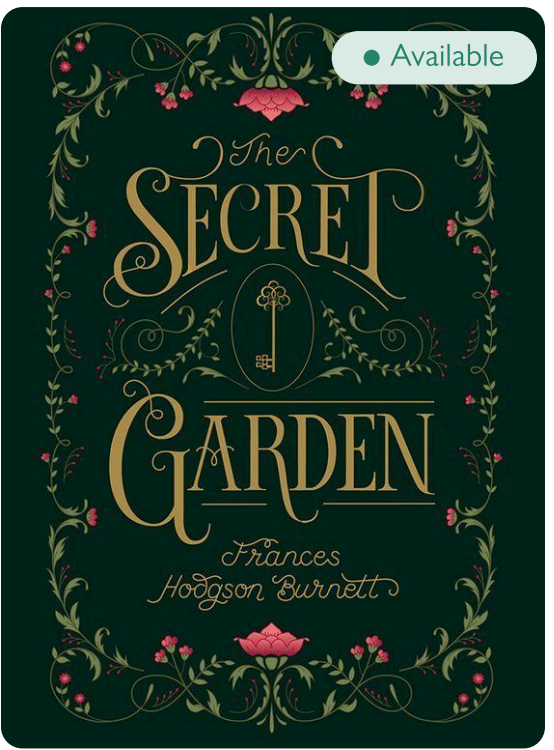
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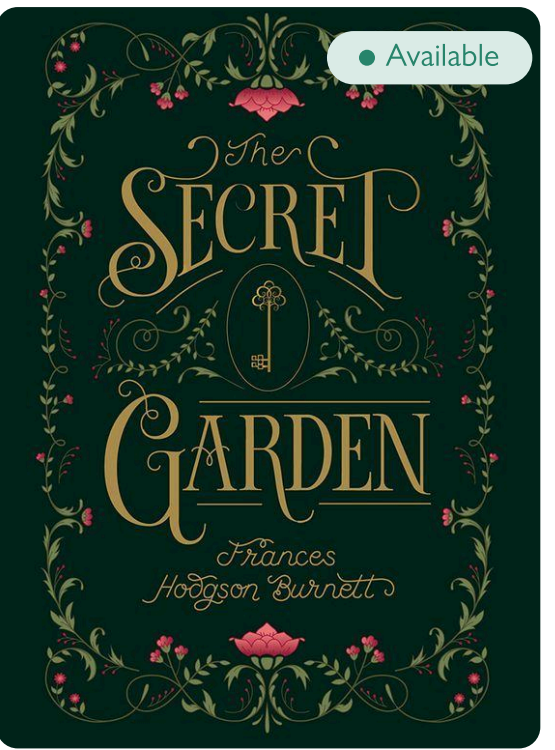
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## My Borrowed Books

Track your reads and never miss a return date



3

Currently Borrowed



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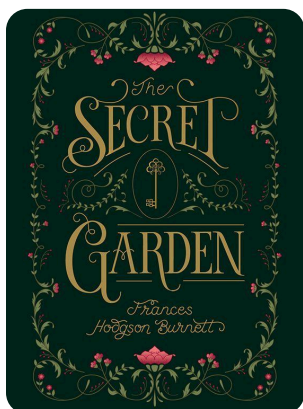
Due Soon



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Needs Attention

### Needs Attention (1)



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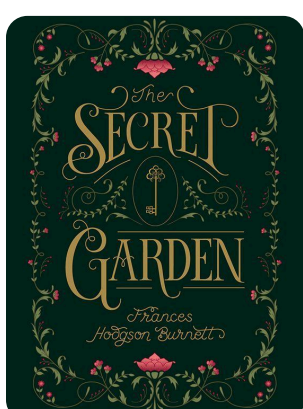
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View Details

Return Options

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### Due Soon (1)



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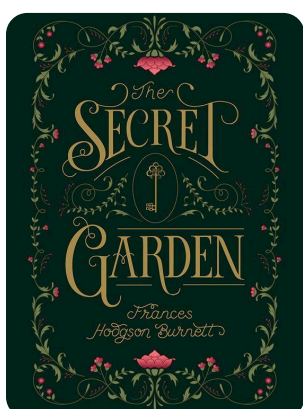
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Renew

Return Now

Due Soon

### Safe for Now (1)



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Renew Early

Return Early

You have time

Tip : You can renew books up to 2 times if no one else has reserved them.



Let's find your next plot twist

## Let Fate Choose Your Next Read

Not sure what to read? Let us surprise you with a book that matches your mood or go completely random for a true plot twist

How are you feeling today? (optional)

Cozy

Thrilling

Emotional

Short Reads

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Inspiring

Surprise Me





# PlotTwist – UX Rationale

Designed the way I wish libraries felt.

As a lifelong reader who's wandered too many aisles feeling overwhelmed, the home screen brings together mood chips, curated shelves, and a friendly search bar because readers start their journeys differently, and all of those ways deserve space.

I wanted choosing a book to feel intuitive, not intimidating.

That's why book cards show the things readers actually care about: mood, reading time, and availability. No mysteries, no surprises just clarity that helps you follow your vibe.

The book detail opens as a modal because real browsing is messy.

You dip in, check the blurb, close it, keep scrolling. This micro-interaction mirrors that natural rhythm and keeps the user in flow, instead of forcing a full page shift.

The whole interface speaks in a warm, inviting tone.

Lines like "What's your reading vibe?" and the soft visual language intentionally remove the formality that libraries often carry, I wanted this to feel like a reading companion, not a database.

"Surprise Me" exists because sometimes even I don't know what I want.

So I created a playful, low-pressure space where fate (and a little UX logic) picks a book for you. It reduces decision fatigue and adds a moment of delight a tiny plot twist of its own.



# Visual Guide for Plot Twist



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Gill Sans

*Body Text*