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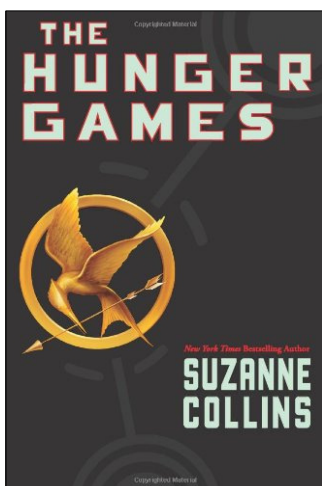


When Will There be Good News by Kate Atkinson

I listened to this on CD, and I was totally engrossed. It's a mystery with well-developed characters and intertwined plotlines. The narrative alternates between three characters: teenage Regina "Reggie" Chase, who finds herself mixed up in increasingly dangerous events; Private Investigator Jackson Brody; and detective Louise Monroe - all three are trying to solve the case.— Linda

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

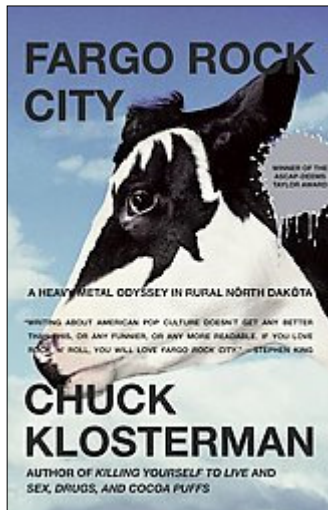
Wuthering Heights is a classic that I have read and reread many times. Each time, I fall in love with Heathcliff and Catherine and their romantic, ill-fated, all encompassing love. A three hankie novel for sure!-Nancy



The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Once a year, 24 teenagers in a futuristic society are chosen by the government to compete in a televised fight to the death know as the Hunger Games. The main character, 16 year old Katniss, volunteers to take her younger sister's place in the competition, where she will need all her wits to battle stronger, more experienced opponents. Book 1 of a trilogy, The Hunger Games is recommended for ages 12 and up. –Karen

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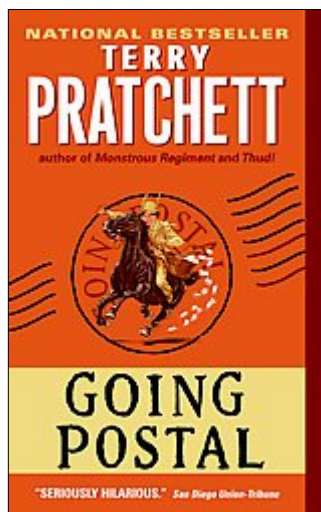
Fargo Rock City: a Heavy Metal Odyssey in Rural North Dakota by Chuck Klosterman

Klosterman's loving tribute to the hair metal bands of his youth will appeal to music fans and aficionados of pop culture, as well as anyone who looks back with fondness on the heavy metal music of the 1980s.—Dana

Hang Cool Teddy Bear by Meatloaf

From Amazon. com: 'Hang Cool Teddy Bear' thematically and sonically fits in perfectly with the 'Bat Out Of Hell' series. From the opening notes of the album's first track 'Peace On Earth' to the closing tracks of the Jon

Bon Jovi co-written track 'Elvis in Vegas,' 'Hang Cool Teddy Bear' embodies everything Meat Loaf is: Ballsy, Theatrical, Epic and Bombastic! The new Meatloaf CD has something for everyone.—Beckie



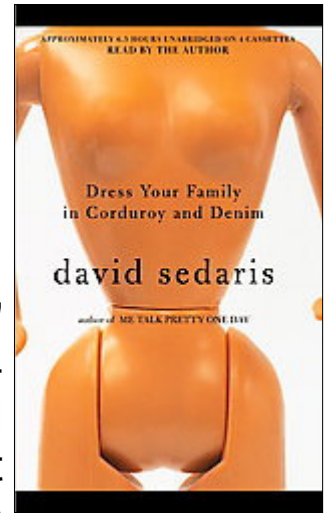
Going Postal by Terry Pratchett

A despicable character finds friends, fame, love and redemption. The postal service of Discworld had shut down after being unable to keep up with the demands of the public. Moist Van Lipwig is sentenced to become the new postmaster and turn things around. Before long it is clear that only a swindling crook has a hope of success. A hilarious and touching story. —Kendra

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***Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris**

This quick read features NPR contributor David Sedaris' most amusing anecdotes about his hilarious family and childhood. Each short tale in *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* will make you smile, many will make you laugh out loud.—Catie



***Peachtree Road* by Ann Rivers Siddons**

Peachtree Road contains one of the most magnetic southern women since Scarlett O'Hara, Lucy Bondurant. Lucy's cousin Shep narrates Lucy's life story over 40 years. Beginning as an utterly courageous child, Lucy frees Shep from the talons of his smothering mother only to enslave him with her own desperate charm and need. Lucy becomes one of the most sought after girls in her 1950s Atlanta set, the Pinks and the Jells, only to lose interest in society life as her involvement with the Civil Rights Movement grows. As an adult, Lucy descends into madness, alcoholism and scandal, manipulating Shep, her husband and her daughter into enabling her behavior so expertly that she may destroy their own

lives in the process. Siddons is a beautiful story teller, drawing you into the spell of the magical time and place of her own youth.—Brooke

