

All About Tea



Tea-themed Fiction:

- Donnelly, Jennifer** *The Tea Rose (part of a trilogy)*
Set in the teeming and dangerous East London of the 1880s, Fiona Finnegan works in a tea factory and hopes to open her own shop.
- Owens, Sharon** *The Tea House on Mulberry Street*
Struggling with a stale marriage and the outdated atmosphere of their tea house, Penny and Daniel Stanley serve a host of refuge-seeking customers.
- Tunncliffe, Hannah** *The Color of Tea*
Set in the exotic, bustling streets of Macau, China, a woman's life is restored when she opens a small café.
- Woods, Sherryl** *Sweet Tea at Sunrise (paperback)*
Emotionally wounded single mom Sarah Price has come home to Serenity, South Carolina, for a fresh start. With support from her two best friends she can face any crisis.

Tea-themed Mysteries:

- Childs, Laura** *Tea Shop Mystery Series*
Tea shop proprietor and amateur sleuth Theodosia Browning solves murders in Charleston, South Carolina in this cozy series.
- McCall Smith, Alexander** *Tea Time for the Traditionally Built*
Precious Ramotswe uses her formidable detection talents to track down her tiny white van--sold by her estimable husband Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni and stolen from its new owner.
- Meier, Leslie** *English Tea Murder*
While on a girls' getaway to London, Lucy Stone investigates the murder of their tour guide, Professor George Temple, who died mid-flight after suffering a supposed asthma attack.

Books on preparing and serving tea:

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| Black, Susannah | <i>Afternoon Tea Parties</i> | 641.53 BLA |
| Foley, Tricia | <i>Having Tea: Recipes & Table Settings</i> | 641.53 FOL |
| Pettigrew, Jane | <i>The Tea Companion</i> | 641.3372 PET |
| Pichney, Carole | <i>How to Serve a Proper Victorian Tea</i> | 642 PIC |
| Rosen, Diana | <i>The Book of Green Tea</i> | 641.3372 ROS |
| Schapira, Joel | <i>The Book of Coffee & Tea</i> | 641.337 SCH |
| Smith, Michael | <i>The Afternoon Tea Book</i> | 641.53 SMI |
| Stewart-Gordon, Faith | <i>The Russian Tea Room Cookbook</i> | 641.5947 STE |
| Victoria Magazine | <i>Victoria, the Essential Tea Companion</i> | 641.536 VIC |

Books on the tea trade:

Campbell, George F. *China Tea Clippers* 623.822 CAM
Rose, Sarah *For All the Tea in China* 382.4137 ROS

Movies in which tea drinking plays an important role:

Alice in Wonderland	CHILDREN
Arsenic and Old Lace	COMEDY
Gosford Park	DRAMA
Howards End	DRAMA
The Importance of Being Earnest	COMEDY
Love Actually	COMEDY
Mary Poppins	CHILDREN
Sense and Sensibility	DRAMA
Tea with Mussolini	DRAMA

Fiction audiobooks in which tea drinking plays an important role:

Adams, Douglas *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
Seconds before Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

Austen, Jane *Pride and Prejudice*
Elizabeth Bennett's early determination to dislike Mr. Darcy is a prejudice only matched in folly by Darcy's arrogant pride. Their first impressions give way to truer feelings in a comedy profoundly concerned with happiness and how it might be achieved.

Bronte, Charlotte *Villette*
Left with no family and no money, Lucy goes against her own timid nature and travels to the small city of Villette, France, where she becomes a school teacher in Madame Beck's school for girls.

Dickens, Charles *David Copperfield*
After young David's mother remarries, he is sent away to receive his education at Salem House, under the rule of the ruthless Mr. Creakle. But when David's mother falls ill and dies, he must return home and face the hard hand of his tyrannical stepfather.

Eliot, George *Middlemarch*
A sensitive young woman marries a bitter, despotic scholar 30 years her senior, who lives just long enough to blight her spirit. She inherits his fortune, only to learn she will forfeit it if she marries her husband's young cousin, whom she loves.

Fowler, Karen Joy *The Jane Austen Book Club*
As six Californians get together to form a book club to discuss the novels of Jane Austen, their lives are turned upside down by troubled marriages, illicit affairs, changing relationships, and love.

Gaskell, Elizabeth *Cranford*
Mary Smith relates the story of her time with middle-aged spinster sisters Miss Matty and Miss Deborah.

James, Henry *The Portrait of a Lady*
When Isabel Archer, a beautiful, spirited American, is brought to Europe by her wealthy aunt, it is expected that she will soon marry. But Isabel, resolved to determine her own fate, does not hesitate to turn down two eligible suitors, then finds herself drawn to a charming, cultivated but cruel man.

McCall Smith, Alexander *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency (series)*
Precious Ramotse, a recently bereaved woman, sets up the only woman-run private detective agency in Botswana and attempts to get it off the ground. She gets help from Grace Makutsi, her new secretary, and Mr. JLB Matekoni, the owner and super mechanic of the wonderful Speedy Motors. As she takes on cases, she meets many new people who need her help with their domestic problems.



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