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What We're Into

GOODREADS

'm always on the lookout for books to read — new books, old books, kids books, YA, adult books. I'm not really too picky, as long as it's a good story.

I get frustrated, though, when I see an interesting book and then can't remember the title the next time I'm at the library or the bookstore.

I started using Goodreads a few years ago. This app is an easy place to keep track of books, and I can sort titles into "read," "reading" and "want to read." Right now I have marked 260 books as read, I have 57 books I want to read, and I'm reading five books.

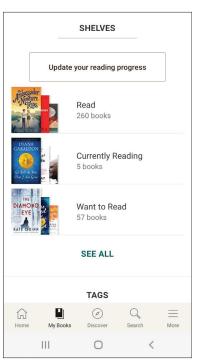
Yep, I'm the type of reader who has several books going at once. In all fairness, though, several are more like essays that I pick up every once in a while — usually when I'm between books. My current favorite is "The Book of Delights: Essays" by Ross Gay.

Another cool feature of Goodreads is that I can search for friends, and see what they're reading. This also comes in handy during gift-giving times — someone's "want to read" list is a good place to look for ideas.

Goodreads also allows users to review books on a five-star system, and write reviews. I don't look at these much — many contain spoilers so I really don't look at them before I read a book. But sometimes, when a book really affects me, it's nice to scroll through the responses and see how others felt about it.

It's kind of like a really big book club — or simply a place to keep track of your books.

- LISA BRITTON, GO! EDITOR



Goodreads makes it easy to sort your books into categories.

New releases

'DAWN FM,' THE WEEKND

Since releasing "After Hours" in March 2020, The Weeknd has, like the rest of the world, lived through an isolating pandemic. His latest album, "Dawn FM," carries listeners out of that darkness into a dance-worthy '80s fantasy.

Left behind is the bloodslashed, manic super-villain singing about overindulgence and self-loathing we last saw in "After Hours" for a more mature and playful persona most interested in dancing off the pain of melancholia (and the pandemic) through the many dance-pop and escapist songs from the Toronto-born singer's latest 16-track album.

"Dawn FM" is certainly the singer's most creative project yet. The album plays like a radio station, featuring autobiographical storytelling from musical icon Quincy Jones and a DJ voiced by actor and comedian Jim Carrey. The album even includes advert breaks selling fictional afterlife products and a catchy radio jingle playing every few songs.

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