

Searching for Gentle Reads

Use appeal terms

NoveList's appeal terms are useful for **readers of all ages** to help capture the "feel" of a book. Use them to narrow down a search, especially genre searches.

Examples of appeal terms to try when looking for clean reads: Chaste, Feel-good, Funny, Heartwarming, Homespun, Inspirational, Quiet, Sweet, and Upbeat.

Note: some terms only apply to specific audience levels.

TRY IT

Try combining a genre and appeal search!

On the **Advanced Search** page, enter a genre (try **Romance**) in the search box and select **Genre** from the drop-down

Enter an appeal term (try **Heartwarming**) in the next search box and select **AP Appeal Factor** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

Avoid these terms

Watch for terms that identify potentially objectionable content. Subjects to avoid include: Child abuse, Psychopaths, Serial murderers, Violence, etc.. Appeals to avoid include: Bawdy, Disturbing, Explicit, Gritty, Menacing, Steamy, Violent. Note: Presence or absence of a term does not guarantee a good fit.

Learn more about appeals: www.ebscohost.com/novelist/our-products/novelist-appeals

Search for gentle reads

Gentle Reads is a genre term that NoveList applies to books at the **adult reading level** that are characterized by no sex, no violence and little or no offensive language. These stories often occur in small towns, are upbeat, and may have an inspirational element .

Gentle Reads does not include Christian or religious fiction. Those subjects can be searched separately.

TRY IT

On the **Advanced Search** page, enter **Gentle Reads** in first search box

Select **GN Genre** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

Just looking for mysteries? Use the left side of the Result List to limit to the **Cozy mysteries** genre.

Try the classics

Looking for more? Try the classics. Not all classics will work for all gentle readers, but they can be a good place to start. Remember to look at the subject headings and appeals terms first (and also read the reviews!).

TRY IT

Enter **GN Classics** in the main search box

Click **Search**

Use the limiters on the left to narrow down to a favorite genre or subject.

When to use:



Librarians: Want to recommend a book that doesn't have a lot of sex, violence, and bad language in it?

Readers: Are you looking for a romance book, but want to make sure it's a "clean book"?

Parents: Does your young child love to read, but you'd like them to avoid books that are "too mature"?