

# Author Read Alike

## Jasper Fforde

### Genre: Fantasy/Literary Fiction

Do you want to read about a detective who enters books tracking down a criminal who is killing literary characters?

If that sounds enticing, give Jasper Fforde a try.

Fforde, who writes literary fiction with a sprinkling of fantasy, science fiction, and detective novels, got his career going with the **Thursday Next**

novels, which follow a young woman tracking down a vicious killer of literary characters.

A British novelist, Fforde's books have distinctive British locales in an alternate reality England. His books also are a mish mash of different genres, including humor.

Fforde also dabbles in social satire. In his world, literature



is taken seriously.

The **Thursday Next** series currently has eight books, with a ninth coming soon. The first book is **The Eyre Affair**.

### Read Alike—Terry Pratchett

If you like the Britishness of Fforde's books, give Terry Pratchett a try.

Most of Pratchett's books take place in Discworld, a flat

world riding through the universe on the back of a giant space turtle.

Pratchett's books are fantasy, but include a lot of satire of the

current world.

The first book is **the Color of Magic**.

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## Read Alike—Connie Willis

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If you like the blend of scifi/fantasy with reality of Fforde's writing, try Connie Willis.

Willis's books, like Fforde's are

interlaced with humor.

Willis has won numerous awards for her books.

While best known for **The Doomsday**

**Book, To Say Nothing of the Dog** features time travel, like Fforde's **Thursday Next** novels.

## Read Alike—Mike Dunn

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If you like the alternate locales of Fforde's books, give Mike Dunn a try.

Dunn's books take place in alternate

realities much like our own.

And like Fforde's books, Dunn's books are often humorous.

Dunn's first book **Ella Minnow Pea**,

is set on an island where a town bans the use of some letters of the alphabet.

## Read Alike—William Kotzwinkle

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If you like the literary parts of Fforde's world of Thursday Next, try William Kotzwinkle.

Kotzwinkle, like Fforde, mixes fantasy with reality, often

with a sprinkling of humor.

Kotzwinkle is a prolific author, with novels, short stories, screenplays, and children's books.

**The Bear Went Over the Mountain** is a good place to start. It's about a bear who steals a manuscript and becomes a top selling author.