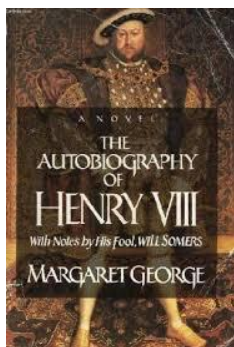




Books over 700 Pages

This seems like the perfect time to dive into a loooonnng book. Remember the days when we all wished for time to just read? Well for some of us at least here are those days. There is nothing better than sinking into a comfy chair (or bed) and being swept away into another world. For a good long read try some of my all-time favorites

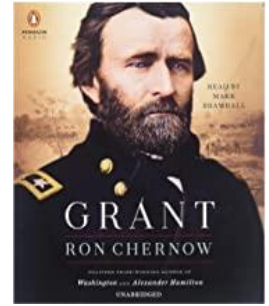


The Autobiography of Henry VIII by Margaret George

Okay I admit I am a little bit of a Tudor/British history aficionado. Who else in the Eastern Sierra has a subscription to BBC British History Magazine! This novel takes you into the intrigues of the court of Henry VIII. It has something to please everyone...romance, chivalry, murder, and plenty of history.

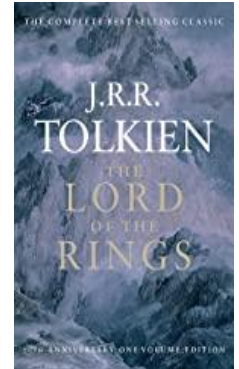
Grant by Ron Chernow

Like I said, I am a history buff and actually majored in American History in college. This is the definitive biography of Grant in my opinion. Grant was a complicated person who faced many demons and was a military genius as well as a strong family man. I found the first half of this book about his upbringing and civil war years most interesting but still learned a lot about his presidency. Chernow is able to keep you engaged even after 700 pages.



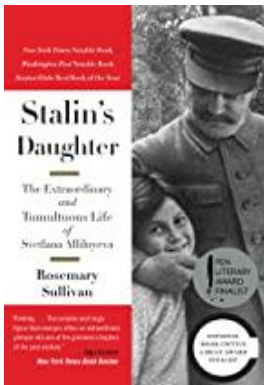
Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

For a trip down memory lane how about re-reading Tolkien or reading it for the first time? There's always more details in a book than the movie and it is kind of fun to read with the images of the movie there with you. The quintessential fantasy/adventure book. Go along with Frodo on his adventures with the Ring.



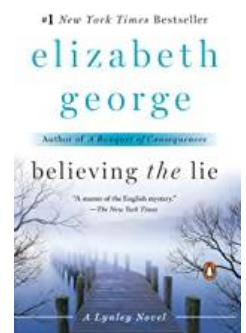
Stalin's Daughter by Rosemary Sullivan

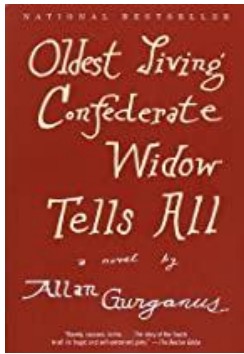
Imagine being the daughter of the man responsible for the death and suffering of so many in Russia. Svetlana is the pampered and loved daughter of Stalin. This is fascinating and riveting story of her extraordinary life growing up as the child of a dictator.



Believing the Lie by Elizabeth George

Every once in a while, I enjoy a good mystery and Elizabeth George always delivers. Her detective is Inspector Lynley, 8th Earl of Asherton, who works for Scotland Yard. Barbara Havers is his working-class Detective Sergeant. In addition to solving mysteries there is always a clash of personalities, gender and class giving her books extra depth.



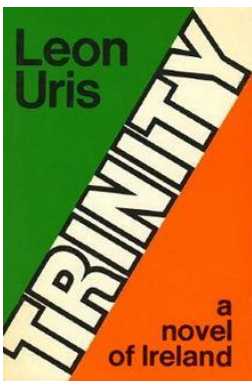
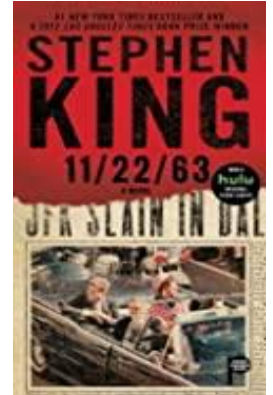


Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All by Allan Gurganus

I read this book so long ago I can't even really remember what happens in the novel. But I remember the feeling of diving into a long book and hardly coming up for breath and being sad when I turned the last page. Sometimes it is the feeling a book gives that lingers longer than the story.

11/22/63 by Stephen King

I am far too much of a scardey cat to read most of Stephen King's novels but I have found his non-scary ones really engaging. This book is about a man who travels back in time to try to change history by preventing the assassination of JFK. Hearts in Atlantis is another King book I enjoyed. He is a great old fashioned story-teller.



Trinity by Leon Uris

I went through a phase after college when I read everything Leon Uris wrote. His novels make history so accessible through realistic characters that compel you to care. Trinity is the story of Ireland and the history of the conflict there. I recommend reading any of his books, which are all hefty tomes. A similar author I binged was Hermon Wouk with Winds of War being one of my favorite long books.