

# Quirky Novels

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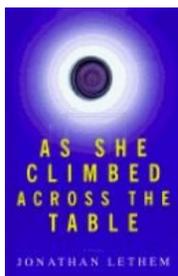


**quirk·y** /'kwɜrkē/ ▶ *adj.* characterized by peculiar or unexpected traits.

If your tastes run toward the odd, the eccentric, and the whimsical, consider adding these quirky novels to your reading list.



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## [As She Climbed Across the Table](#)

By Jonathan Lethem  
Phillip Engstrand's physicist girlfriend has left him, and not over something as ordinary as another man — she's fallen in love with

Lack, an experimental void created in the physics lab. Lovelorn Engstrand will go to great lengths to win her back.  
FIC LETHEM

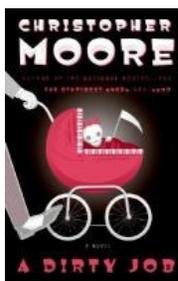


## [Darkly Dreaming Dexter](#)

By Jeff Lindsay  
Dexter is a nondescript, self-effacing, likeable fellow. Oh, and he's also a serial killer. Dexter tries to exercise restraint when it comes to his dark hobby— he only kills

other killers. But a new serial killer is on the loose, and Dexter can't help but admire his artistry. Should Dexter track him down and stop him... or join him? FIC LINDSAY

## [A Dirty Job](#)



and others by Christopher Moore

A humorous look at what happens when hapless, neurotic new dad Charlie Archer is unwittingly recruited as a grim reaper. FIC MOORE

## [Ella Minnow Pea](#)

By Mark Dunn



If you like witty wordplay and alphabetical puzzles, you'll enjoy Dunn's "progressively lipogrammatic epistolary fable." The only way Ella can save her island nation from a descent into silence is by creating a 32-letter

panagram that bests the old favorite "The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over the Lazy Dog." FIC DUNN

## [The Eyre Affair](#)

and others by Jasper Fforde



Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, is hot on the trail of a villain who captures the characters out of classic books in order to permanently alter their endings. LPB FFORDE

## [The Gates](#)

By John Connolly

When eleven-year-old Samuel Johnson witnesses the opening of the gates of hell in his neighbor's basement, he finds that the demonic forces of evil are not nearly as intimidating as one might expect. FIC CONNOLLY



## [Manual of Detection](#)

By Jedediah Berry

Charles Unwin, a lowly clerk turned unlikely detective, must revisit such



crimes as the theft of November 12 and the Three Deaths of Colonel Baker if he hopes to rescue his colleague in this surreal mystery. MYS BERRY

### [The Metamorphosis](#)

Adapted by Peter Kuper

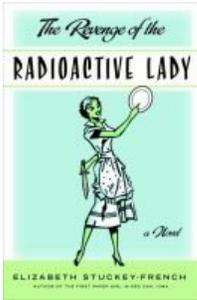
An adaptation of Franz Kafka's story of a young man who faces disgrace after waking up one morning to find himself transformed into a giant beetle-like insect. Presented in graphic novel form. GN KUPER



### [The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady](#)

By Elizabeth Stuckey-French

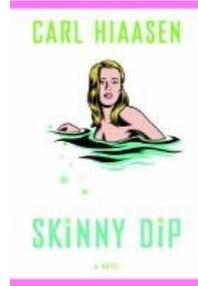
A seventy-something woman's plans to kill the doctor who, fifty years earlier, exposed her to radiation, become derailed when she discovers that she kind of likes him and his wacky family. FIC STUCKEY-FRENCH



### [Skinny Dip](#)

by Carl Hiaasen

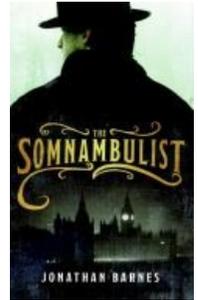
Chaz Perrone thought he threw his wife overboard to her death, but the tables turn when her "ghost" returns to harass him in this madcap tale. FIC HIAASEN



### [The Somnambulist](#)

By Jonathan Barnes

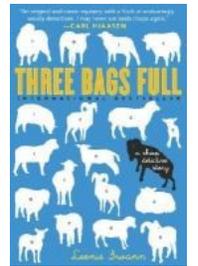
A conjurer-turned-detective and his giant mute sidekick, known only as the Somnambulist, descend deep into the Victorian London underbelly to solve a mystery. FIC BARNES



### [Three Bags Full](#)

By Leonie Swann

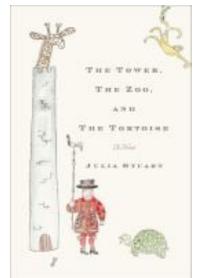
A witty philosophical murder mystery with a charming twist: the crack detectives are sheep determined to discover who killed their beloved shepherd. MYS SWANN



### [The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise](#)

By Julia Stuart

Balthazar the Beefeater finds himself in charge of the Tower of London's new menagerie in this charming love story. FIC STUART



### [Winkie](#)

By Clifford Chase

Winkie the teddy bear is tired of sitting, neglected, on the shelf. When he finally wills himself to life, he embarks on an adventure that will eventually land him on trial for treason and terrorism. What's a stuffed bear to do? FIC CHASE



### **More Quirky Novels**

[A Confederacy of Dunces](#), John Kennedy Toole, FIC TOOLE

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#), Mark Haddon, FIC HADDON

[The Dogs of Babel](#), Carolyn Parkhurst, FIC PARKHURST

[Even Cowgirls Get the Blues](#), Tim Robbins, FIC ROBBINS

[Everything is Illuminated](#), Jonathan Safran Foer, FIC FOER

[The Ghost in Love](#), Jonathan Carroll, FIC CARROLL

[The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy](#), Douglas Adams, SF ADAMS

[Life of Pi](#), Yann Martel, FIC MARTEL

[The Monsters of Templeton](#), Lauren Groff, FIC GROFF

[The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake](#), Aimee Bender, FIC BENDER

[Perfume: The Story of a Murderer](#), Patrick Suskind, FIC SUSKIND

[Pride and Prejudice and Zombies](#), Seth Grahame-Smith, FIC AUSTEN

[Soon I Will Be Invincible](#), Austin Grossman, FIC GROSSMAN

[Stardust](#), Neil Gaiman, FAN GAIMAN

[The Uncommon Reader](#), Alan Bennett, FIC BENNETT

The Yiddish Policemen's Union, Michael Chabon, MYS CHABON