The colder the weather outside becomes, the more appealing it is to curl up on the couch with a blanket and a good book.

Our [winter](https://thestoryexchange.org/phoebe-bridgers-brandi-carlile-adele-more-winter-music-playlist/) reading list, curated with bold stories that illuminate the female voices of today’s literary landscape, has you covered. Although the novels grapple with planet-sized topics like [climate change](https://thestoryexchange.org/climate-change-activists-greta-thunberg-vanessa-nakate-open-letter-media-sites/), [social media](https://thestoryexchange.org/women-entrepreneurs-struggle-facebook-instagram-marketing-businesses/) and family trauma, the gentle wisdom and fearless optimism of the authors helps us emerge from each story with a brighter, more empathetic outlook on the world.

Here are seven titles to keep on your radar for all the impending snow days and nights by the fireplace.