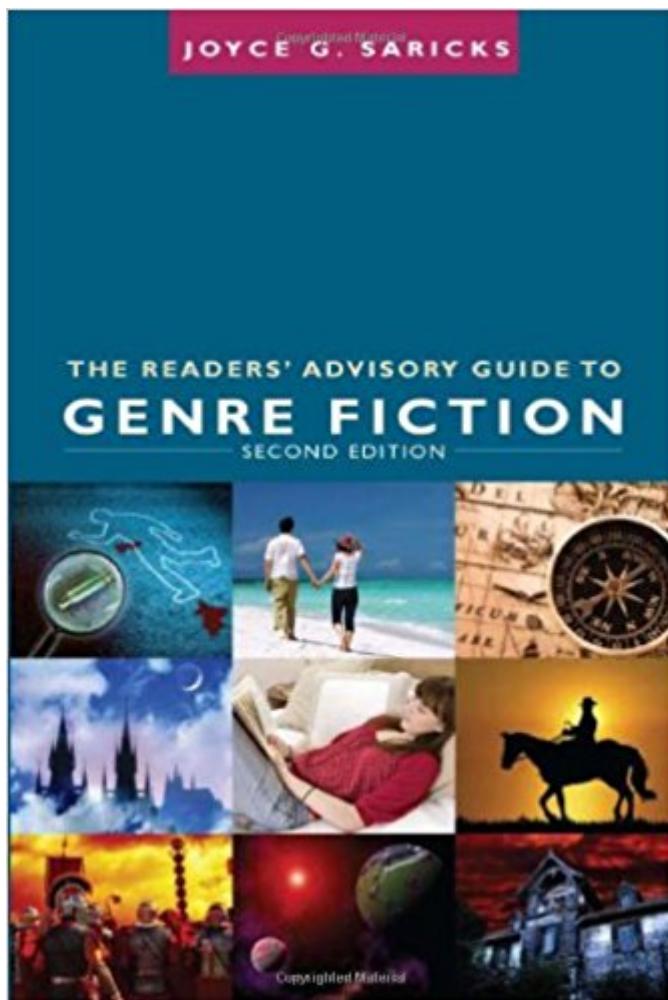


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Joyce G. Saricks has worked as coordinator of the Literature and Audio Services Department at the Downers Grove Public Library since 1983. In addition to co-authoring Readers' Advisory Service in the Public Library (ALA Editions), she has published several articles on readers' advisory and co-created the Adult Reading Round Table, an organization of more than 200 Chicago-area readers' advisors. In 1989, Saricks won the Public Library Association's Allie Beth Martin Award, and in 2000 was named Librarian of the Year by the Romance Writers of America. She has presented more than seventy workshops on readers' advisory for public libraries and library systems around the country. Saricks earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Chicago.

This was a class textbook. I probably wouldn't have purchased it otherwise, as most libraries I've been to have pretty extensive readers' advisory holdings. Saricks is an outstanding describer of what a genre is about, "sure bets", authors to introduce someone to a genre, authors to introduce someone to other genres, etc. She's the reigning queen of NoveList, and with good reason. If you're able to direct your attention long enough to memorize the important items in her book -- and almost everything is important -- you'll be well on your way to providing excellent readers' advisory. My one quibble is that, with accelerating pace in publishing novels (and little attention being paid to marketing novels unless the writer is a proven winner), the material needs supplementation on a regular basis. I think it would be great for establishing a baseline and moving forward, though.

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