Funny, not Fluffy

books that will engage your mind and tickle your funny bone

Backman, Frederick
- A Man Called Ove
- Britt-Marie Was Here
  (among others)

Doyle, Roddy
- The Commitments

Drury, Tom
- The End Of Vandalism

Evison, Jonathan
- This Is Your Life, Harriett Chance
- The Revised Fundamentals Of Caregiving

Jen, Gish
- Typical American

Ray, Jeanne
- Calling Invisible Women

Schumacher, Jen
- Dear Committee Members

Semple, Maria
- Where’d You Go, Bernadette
- Today Will Be Different

Simonson, Helen
- Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand
- The Summer Before the War

Simsion, Graeme
- The Rosie Project
- The Rosie Effect

Watson, Winifred
- Miss Pettigrew Lives For a Day

Prolific fiction authors you may enjoy:

Buckley, Christopher (political humor)

Flagg, Fannie (stories of the real, funny and touching connections between people)

Hiassen, Carl (mysteries, usually with an environmental/political angle, taking place in South Florida)

Tyler, Anne (stories of dysfunctional but funny families that usually take place around Baltimore)

Wodehouse, PG (skewering British aristocracy)
  - Carry On, Jeeves is a good starter

Humorous essayists (a starter list – many more authors are located in the 817 section)

Barry, Dave
  - in the nonfiction section, 817.5 B279
  - also writes fiction, look under Barry

Bombeck, Erma
  - She’s from a world of rotary phones and only 3 TV networks, but her work is timeless. 817.5 B695

Thurber, James
  - in the nonfiction section, 817 T42
  - also wrote fiction, look under Thurber