

From the Decade You Were Born

30s

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett

40s

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

50s

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

60s

Nonfiction: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Nonfiction: In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

70s

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Nonfiction: Helter Skelter by Vincent Bugliosi

80s

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

90s

Nonfiction: Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

00s

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

By an LGBTQ+ Author

The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune

Bastard Out of Carolina by Dorothy Allison

Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin

We the Animals by Justin Torres

Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

Nonfiction

Fun Home by Alison Bechdel

Charity and Sylvia by Rachel Hope Cleves

Becoming Nicole by Amy Ellis Nutt

This Book is Gay by James Dawson

Book of Essays

The Mind's Eye by Oliver Sacks

Changing My Mind by Zadie Smith

Bad Feminist by Roxanne Gay

The Collected Schizophrenias by Esme Weijun Wang

Pulphed by John Jeremiah Sullivan

Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls by David Sedaris

Teaching a Stone to Talk by Annie Dillard

I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron

We Were Eight Years in Power by Ta-Nehisi Coates

I Was Told There'd Be Cake by Sloane Crosley

Set at Sea

Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy
The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware
The Dragonfly Sea by Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor
Shogun by James Clavell
The North Water by Ian McGuire
The Terror by Dan Simmons
Nonfiction
The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
The Outlaw Ocean by Ian Urbina
In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick
Into the Planet by Jill Heinerth

Graphic Novel/Memoir

The Sculptor by Scott McCloud
Blue is the Warmest Color by Julie Maroh
Habibi by Craig Thompson
My Favorite Thing is Monsters by Emil Ferris
The Underwater Welder by Jeff Lemire
Watchmen by Alan Moore
Nonfiction
Honor Girl by Maggie Thrash
They Called Us Enemy by George Takei
Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe

Book of Poetry

Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur
Devotions by Mary Oliver
Citizen by Claudia Rankine
Lighthouse by Terrance Hayes
Stag's Leap by Sharon Olds
Ariel by Sylvia Plath
The Dream Songs by John Berryman
Opened Ground by Seamus Heaney
Wade in the Water by Tracy K. Smith
Migration by W.S. Merwin

Written by a Person of Color

The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin
The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henríquez
The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen
Salt Houses by Hala Alyan
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
There There by Tommy Orange
Nonfiction
Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot
March by John Lewis
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

Banned or Challenged Book

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende
Native Son by Richard Wright
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
A Time to Kill by John Grisham
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Nonfiction

Kaffir Boy by Mark Mathabane
Go Ask Alice by Anonymous
Friday Night Lights by H.G. Bissinger
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

On Your To-Be-Read List

(Here's some from ours!)

Fall of Giants by Ken Follett
Fortune's rocks by Anita Shreve
All the Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury
House of Leaves by Mark Danielewski

Nonfiction

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
The Romanovs: The Final Chapter by Robert K. Massie
Educated by Tara Westover
Bossypants by Tina Fey

Ghost Story

I Remember You by Yrsa Sigurdardottir
Heart-Shaped Box by Joe Hill
The Good House by Tananarive Due
The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters
The Ghost Bride by Yangsze Choo
Ghost Story by Peter Straub

Nonfiction

American Ghost by Hannah Nordhaus
Ghostland by Colin Dickey
A History of Ghosts by Peter H. Aykroyd and Angela Narth
I'm Looking Through You by Jennifer Finney Boylan

Young Adult Novel

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Sadie by Courtney Summers
Frankly in Love by David Yoon
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Birthday by Meredith Russo
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
Warcross by Marie Lu

Modern Classic (1950-2000)

Kindred by Octavia Butler
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
The Secret History by Donna Tartt
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Nonfiction

Night by Elie Wiesel
84, Charing Cross Road by Helen Hanff
A People's History of the United States by
Howard Zinn
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Set in Russia

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine
Arden
The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Nonfiction

Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham
Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking by Anya
Von Bremzen
Lenin's Tomb by David Remnick
Gulag by Anne Applebaum

Character Has a Disability

The Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang
Blindness by Jose Saramago
Winners by Danielle Steel
Every Note Played by Lisa Genova
Get a Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert
Geek Love by Katherine Dunn

Nonfiction

Haben by Haben Girma
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly by Jean-
Dominique Bauby
Together by Judy Goldman
Sitting Pretty by Rebekah Taussig

Originally Written in a Foreign Language

The Vegetarian by Han Kang
The Time In Between by Maria Duenas
My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
The Perfect Nanny by Leila Slimani
The Ice Princess by Camilla Lackberg

Nonfiction

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie
Kondo
The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida
Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

New York Times Bestseller

Room by Emma Donoghue

11/22/63 by Stephen King

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Euphoria by Lily King

The Association of Small Bombs by Karan Mahajan

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

Nonfiction

Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

Has a Name in the Title

Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney

My Antonia by Willa Cather

The Lives of Edie Pritchard by Larry Watson

Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Circe by Madeline Miller

Nonfiction

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas by Gertrude Stein

Godel, Escher, Bach by Douglas Hofstadter

On a Library Display

(Here are some past displays!)

True Crime

Nonfiction: I'll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara

Feel Good Reads

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

WWII Books

Nonfiction: The Rape of Nanking by Iris Chang

I'm Not Crying. It's Just My Allergies!

Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Speed Reads

Witches of Lychford by Paul Cornell

500+ Page Books

The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova

Knights of the Round Table

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

Be the Change You Wish to See in the World

Nonfiction: Half the Sky by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

Animal Antics

Nonfiction: Wesley the Owl by Stacey O'Brien

Crack Into Some Chick Lit

The Flatshare by Beth O'Leary

Was Turned into a Movie/Television Show

The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

Ghost World by Daniel Clowes

Interview with the Vampire by Anne Rice

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

Nonfiction

Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Wild by Cheryl Strayed

Genre You Usually Skip

Science Fiction

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Fantasy

The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss

Mystery

Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

Horror

Rosemary's Baby by Ira Levin

Short Stories

American Housewife by Helen Ellis

Thriller

The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena

Sports

Nonfiction: Moneyball by Michael Lewis

Romance

Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

Biography

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Adventure

Nonfiction: The Emerald Mile by Kevin Fedarko