



Thanks for your interest in the Dark Tower Readathon!

Everything you need to know about the readathon should be included in this document. (Rules, Scoring, Prompts etc.) In case we missed anything though, there is an **#faq-and-ask-us** channel in the discord (linked below).

The readathon will be taking place from **October 1st, 2024 at midnight to October 31st, 2024 at 11:59pm (in your own time zone)**.

In order to participate and choose a team you'll need to fill out the sign up form: <https://forms.gle/qvDisgM3JiRTHEC69> and join The Bookish Drummer discord server (invite link: <https://discord.com/invite/FJs6ty8j5R>) so that you can be assigned your team role & gain access to your team chat as well as the submission form and group read chats. There is a **Dark Tower Readathon** Heading, where you will find the readathon related channels & content. Group read chats (for prompt 8) may be under different headings.

The discord server has one main rule; **be respectful and kind to everyone**. This rule will extend to the readathon as well. It is competitive (banter is great) but it's all in good fun and we hope everyone has a great experience! While you can if you want to, you definitely don't have to read 19 books to be a great asset to your team! Any team would be lucky to have you regardless of how many books you read!

The Google Form to submit books for points can be found on the discord server. It's pinned in every team chat. Submissions will open up on October 1st. (Books started before that will not count towards the readathon!) Please submit your books as you finish them so that we can provide accurate scoreboard updates every week!

There is a Storygraph Challenge set up if anyone would like to track and or plan for themselves there (it is live but not public so you'll need this link/it's not searchable):

https://app.thestorygraph.com/reading_challenges/252372f8-8f3d-485d-9593-784005db6e2b

There is also a Google Doc available for individual planning/tracking if you would like. **Be sure to click "File" and "Make a Copy"** if you intend to use a digital version so that you get a copy on your own Google drive that you'll be able to edit and use! The original will be uneditable and stay blank to ensure that anyone can access a clean copy. You should also be able to print a copy if you'd like.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QGj6OsYpRfs_albNlaWEeGpkqDinuXxp3GHCanMhprY/edit?usp=sharing

The screenshot shows a Google Doc titled "Dark Tower Readathon TBR/Tracker". The "File" menu is open, and "Make a copy" is highlighted. The document content includes a title, a table of page bonuses, and a list of books to read with checkboxes for submission.

Dark Tower Readathon

October 2024 TBR/Tracker

50 Points Each (Prompts 1-3)

1. All Things Serve The Beam - Free Book/Mood Read! (All Things Serve The Readathon)
 - ☐ Book:
 - ☐ Submitted using the Google Form?
 - Points Earned (50 for the prompt + Page Bonus)
2. The Waste Lands - Read A Spooky Book
 - ☐ Book:
 - ☐ Submitted using the Google Form?
 - Points Earned (50 for the prompt + Page Bonus)
3. The Drawing Of The Three - Read A Book In A Trilogy
 - ☐ Book:
 - ☐ Submitted using the Google Form?
 - Points Earned (50 for the prompt + Page Bonus)

Page Bonuses

Pages	Value
0-99	0
100-199	100
200-299	200
300-399	300
400-499	400
500-599	500
600-699	600
700-799	700
800-899	800
900-999	900
1000+	1000

The team captains and creators can be found on booktube at the following links, please check them out and show their channels some love (they're all fantastic!):

Ian - Ian The Reader: <https://www.youtube.com/@ianthereader>

Amanda - The Reading and Writing Life:

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheReadingandWritingLife>

Josefine - Fine Reads: <https://www.youtube.com/@FineReads>

Jake - The Bookish Drummer: <https://www.youtube.com/@BookishDrummer>

Stacey - The Chapter Conundrum:

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheChapterConundrum>

Also shout out to our discord mod Pat who definitely contributed with his awesome brainstorming skills and valuable feedback!

Readathon Graphics Below - (Scroll to next page):

Please note that we have resources for some of the prompts pinned in the faq channel on the discord

READATHON RULES

- ONLY ONE PROMPT/BOOK (NO DOUBLING UP) & YOU CAN ONLY USE EACH PROMPT ONCE
 - PROMPTS CAN BE READ IN ANY ORDER (MOOD READERS WE SEE YOU!)
 - ALL PROMPTS ARE OPEN TO YOUR OWN INTERPRETATION (BUT USE COMMON SENSE)
 - YOU HAVE TO READ THE ENTIRETY OF A BOOK WITHIN OCTOBER TO COUNT IT (BOOKS STARTED IN SEPTEMBER OR DNF'D BOOKS CANNOT COUNT)
 - REREADS, COLLECTIONS/ANTHOLOGIES AND BOOKS IN ANY GENRE (INCLUDING NON-FICTION) ARE ALL ALLOWED
 - GRAPHIC NOVELS & MANGA ARE ALLOWED BUT THEY MUST BE LOGGED AS 0-99 PAGES REGARDLESS OF THEIR ACTUAL LENGTH (THEY GET NO PAGE BONUS)
 - THERE IS NO MINIMUM PAGE REQUIREMENT BUT ANYTHING YOU COUNT HAS TO BE PUBLISHED ON ITS' OWN (UNLESS IT IS A NOVELLA IN A COLLECTION, WE WILL ALLOW THAT TO BE COUNTED SEPARATELY BUT ONLY COUNT THE PAGES OF THAT NOVELLA)
 - IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR BOOK'S PAGE COUNT, (IE YOU'RE READING AN AUDIOBOOK) USE THE PAGE COUNT LISTED ON THE AMAZON PAPERBACK EDITION (EITHER AMAZON US OR YOUR OWN COUNTRY)
- IF THE BOOK YOU'RE READING ONLY EXISTS ON AUDIO FORMAT, USE THE FOLLOWING EQUATION TO DETERMINE PAGE LENGTH FOR THE BONUS: 2 MINUTES = 1 PAGE
- DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH TO LOG YOUR BOOKS (WE DO SCORE UPDATES!)

PROMPTS

1. ALL THINGS SERVE THE BEAM +50

FREE BOOK/MOOD READ
(ALL THINGS SERVE THE READATHON)

2. THE WASTE LANDS +50

A SPOOKY BOOK

3. THE DRAWING OF THE THREE +50

A BOOK IN A TRILOGY

4. WIZARD AND GLASS +100

A BOOK WITH A MAGIC USER
(WIZARD/WITCH/SORCERER ETC.)

5. OY/BILLY BUMBLER +100

A BOOK WITH AN ANIMAL COMPANION

6. THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS THAN THESE +100

A BOOK NOT SET ON EARTH

7. JAKE +150

A JAKE FAV
(ANYTHING JAKE HAS RATED 4 OR 5 STARS)

8. KA-TET +150

A DISCORD GROUP OR BUDDY READ

9. YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE FACE OF YOUR
FATHER +150

A BOOK FEATURING A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

10. THE WORLD HAS MOVED ON +200

A DYSTOPIAN, POST-APOCALYPTIC OR
CATACLYSMIC BOOK

PROMPTS CONT'D

11. EDDIE +200

A BOOK FEATURING A BROTHERHOOD OR BROMANCE

12. THE WIND THROUGH THE KEYHOLE +200

A SHORT STORY OR NOVELLA COLLECTION

13. RANDALL FLAGG +250

A BOOK THAT'S PART OF A LARGER UNIVERSE (COMPANION NOVEL)

14. THE DARK TOWER +250

AN AUTHOR'S MAGNUM OPUS (THEIR MOST FAMOUS WORK)

15. ROLAND/THE GUNSLINGER +250

A BOOK WITH A MAIN CHARACTER THAT'S EITHER AN ANTI-HERO OR MORALLY GREY

16. SONG OF SUSANNAH +300

A BOOK THAT SOMEHOW RELATES TO MUSIC

17. CRIMSON KING +300

A BOOK FEATURING CORRUPT ROYALTY OR LEADERSHIP

18. WOLVES OF THE CALLA +300

A BOOK FEATURING A KIDNAPPING

19. LONG DAYS AND PLEASANT NIGHTS +400

A LONG STEPHEN KING BOOK (FROM THE LIST)

SCORING

HERE ARE SOME QUICK REFERENCE SCORING CHARTS: YOU GET THE PROMPT VALUE AS WELL AS A PAGE COUNT BONUS FOR EVERY BOOK YOU READ AND SUBMIT!

Prompt #	Point Value
1,2,3	50
4,5,6	100
7,8,9	150
10,11,12	200
13,14,15	250
16,17,18	300
19	400

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1000+	1000

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