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2025

By Any Other Name - Jodi Picoult - 2024 - 528 pg. Goodreads: 4.11

The Glassmaker - Tracy Chevalier - 2024 - 402 pg. Goodreads:

3.95

2024

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store - James McBride - 2023 - 400 pg. Goodreads:

3.93

Maame - Jessica George - 2023 - 320 pg. Goodreads: 4.05

The Echo of Old Books - Barbara Davis - 2023 - 431 pg. Goodreads: 4.26

Dust Child - Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai - 2023 - 352 pg. Goodreads:

4.23

2023

Beneath A Scarlet Sky - Mark T. Sullivan - 2017 - 509 pg. Goodreads:

4.43

True Biz - Sara Novic - 2022 - 386 pg.

Goodreads:

4.06

No Two Persons - Erica Bauermeister - 2023 - 314 pg.

Goodreads:

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2022

Verity - Colleen Hoover - 2018 - 336 pg.

GoodReads:

4.43

Great Circle - Maggie Shipstead - 2021 - 608 pg.

GoodReads: 4.14

Normal People - Sally Rooney - 2018 - 288 pg.

GoodReads:

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2020

Sold on a Monday – Kristina McMorris – 2018 – 344pg.

GoodReads:

The Radium Girls; The Dark Story of America's Shining Women – Kate Moore – 2017 – 479pg.

GoodReads:

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2019

Miss Kopp Just Won't Quit - Amy Stewart - 309pg.

GoodReads 3.96

The Radium Girls; The Dark Story of America's Shining Women - Kate Moore – 309pg.

GoodReads

4.16

Everything Is Horrible And Wonderful: A Tragicomic Memoir of Genius, Heroin, Love, and Loss - Stephanie Wittels Wachs - 265pg.

GoodReads
4.30

2018

The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women – Kate Moore - 2017 - 496pg.

GoodReads 4.16

Beartown: A Novel – Fredrik Backman - 2017 - 433pg.

GoodReads

4.30

America for Beginners – Leah Franqui - 2018 - 320pg.

GoodReads

4.09

A Certain Age – Beatriz Williams - 2016 - 327pg.

GoodReads 3.66

2017

Americanah - Chiamando Negozi Adichie - 2013 - 477 pg.

GoodReads 4.31

Henna House: A Novel - Nomi Eve - 2014 - 320 pg.

GoodReads

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Euphoria - Lily King - 2014 - 263 pg.

GoodReads

3.86

2016

The Coincidence of Coconut Cake - Amy E. Reichert - 2015 - 318 pg.

GoodReads

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Christmas Bells - Jennifer Chiaverini - 2015 - 336 pg.

GoodReads

Americanah - Chiamando Negozi Adichie - 2013 - 477 pg.

GoodReads 4.31

A House in the Sky: A Memoir - Amanda Lindhout & Sara Corbett - 2013 - 373 pg. GoodReads 4.28

Circling the Sun: A Novel - Paula McLain - 2015 - 366 pg.

GoodReads 3.94

2015

The Receptionist: An Education at The New Yorker - Janet Groth

The Martian - Andy Weir

Illuminations; A Novel of Hildegard Von Bingen - Mary Sharratt

2014

The Daughter of Time - Josephine Tey

Margo – Jillian Cantor

Remarkable Creatures – Tracy Chevalier – 2009

The Boy in the Suitcase – Lene Kaaberbol, Agnete Friis, 2008 (Nina Borg #1)

2013

The Round House – Louise Erdrich - 2012

What Alice Forgot - Liane Moriarty - 2012

Flight Behavior – Barbara Kingsolver - 2012

2012

Beautiful Ruins - Jess Walter - 352 pages.

Where'd You Go, Bernadette – Maria Semple - 336 pg.

The Shoemaker's Wife – Adriana Trigiani - 496 pg.

2011

The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake - Aimee Bender, 2010 - 304 pg.

You Know When the Men are Gone – Siobhan Fallon - 240 pg.

Pictures of You – Caroline Leavitt - 334 pg.

The Bird Sisters -- Rebecca Rasmussen - 304 pg

Before I Go to Sleep - S.J. (Steven J.) Watson - 368 pg.

2010

Day After Night - Anita Diamant, 2009 - 304 pg.

The Magicians - Lev Grossman, 2009 - 416 pg

Alice I Have Been - Melanie Benjamin, 2010 - 368 pg.

Time of My Life - Allison Winn Scotch, 2008 - 304 pg.

Wolf Hall - Hilary Mantel 2009 - 560 pg.

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2025

Broken Country - Clare Leslie Hall - 2025 - 320 pg. Goodreads:

4.35

Memorial Days - Geraldine Brooks - 2025 - 224 pg.

Goodreads:

4.32

I Seek a Kind Person: My Father, Seven Children and the Adverts that Helped Them Escape the Holocaust - Julian Borger - 2024 - 297 pg.

Goodreads:
4.33

The Dressmaker of Khair Khana: Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe - Gayle Tzemach Lemmon - 2011 - 258 pg. Goodreads: 3.76

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Whale Fall - Elizabeth O'Connor - 2024 - 224 pg. Goodreads: 3.81

The Stolen Child - Ann Hood - 2024 - 304 pg. Goodreads: 4.02

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The Trackers - Charles Frazier - 2023 - 320 pg. Goodreads:

3.69

Hello Beautiful - Ann Napolitano - 2023 - 416 pg. Goodreads: 4.24

Trust - Hernan Diaz - 2022 - 402 pg. 3.81

Goodreads:

My Friend Anne Frank: The Inspiring and Heartbreaking True Story of Best Friends Torn Apart and Reunited Against All Odds - Hannah Pick-Goslar - 2023 - 320 pg. Goodreads: 4.66

Yellowface - R.F. Kuang - 2023 - 319 pg. 3.73

Goodreads:

2022

Bridge of San Luis Rey - Thornton Wilder - 1927 - 160 pg. GoodRe

GoodReads: 3.80

Swimming Back to Trout River - Linda Rui Feng - 2021 - 272 pg.

GoodReads:

3.92

The Master and Margarita - Mikhail Bulgakov, Katherine Tiernan O'Connor (Translator), Hans Fronius (Illustrator), Vida Flaker (Translator), Diana Lewis Burgin (Translator), Ellendea Proffer (Annotations/Afterword) - 1967 - 372 pg.

GoodReads: 4.29

2021

The Very Nice Box – Laura Blackett, Eve Gleichman – 2021 – 320 pg. GoodReads: 3.98

2020

The Most Fun We Ever Had-Claire Lombardo - 2019 - 532pg.

GoodReads:

3.99

Virgil Wander – Leif Enger – 2018 – 303pg. 4.02

GoodReads:

American Dirt – Jeanine Cummins – 2020 – 400pg. 4.28

GoodReads:

2019

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory - Caitlin Doughty - 2018 - 272pg. - GoodReads: 4.22

The Guest Book - Sarah Blake - 2019 - 484pg.

GoodReads:

3.61

The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle - Stuart Turton - 2018 - 432 pg. GoodReads: 3.79

A Separate Peace – John Knowles - 1959- 204pg. GoodReads 3.56

The Only Story – Julian Barnes - 2018 - 272pg. GoodReads

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Sing, Unburied, Sing – Jesmyn Ward - 2017 - 285pg. GoodReads

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The Winter Garden – Kristen Hannah - 2010 - 394pg. GoodReads

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Before We Were Yours – Lisa Wingate - 2017 - 342pg. GoodReads

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The Two-Family House – Lynda Cohen Loigman - 2016 - 290pg. GoodReads

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Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped a First Lady – Susan Quinn - 2016 - 416pg GoodReads: 3.78

Warlight – Michael Ondaatje - 2018 - 290 pg.

GoodReads:

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News of the World – Paulette Jiles - 2016 - 209 pg. GoodReads: 4.08

The Chilbury Ladies Choir – Jennifer Ryan - 2017 - 371 pg. GoodReads:

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Lilac Girls - Martha Hall Kelly - 2016 - 487 pg. GoodReads:

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2016

The Sympathizer - Viet Thanh Nguyen - 2015 - 371 pg. GoodReads:

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The Trouble with Goats and Sheep - Joanna Cannon - 2016 – 369 pg. GoodReads: 3.64

Nest - Esther Ehrlich - 2014 - 336 pg. GoodReads:

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A Tale of Love and Darkness - Amos Oz, Nicholas de Lange (Translator) - 2002 - 560 pg. GoodReads: 4.23
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The Marriage of Opposites - Alice Hoffman

Still Life With Bread Crumbs - Anna Quindlen

Gilead - Marilynne Robinson

2014

The Winter of Our Discontent – John Steinbeck – 1961

Cold Spring Harbour – Richard Yates – 1986

Mink River – Brian Doyle – 2010

Haunted Ground – Erin Hart – 1999 (Nora Gavin #1)

2013

Rebecca – Daphne du Maurier – 1938

Turn of Mind – Alice LaPlante – 2012

Snow Child – Eowyn Ivey – 2012

Dear Life: Stories – Alice Munro – 2013

Still Life (Chief Inspector Armand Gamache Mysteries, No. 1) – Louise Penny – 2004

2012

11/22/63 – Steven King – 2011 880 pg.

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox – Maggie 0'Farrell – 2007

The Sense of an Ending – Julian Barnes - 2011

Black Swan Green - David Mitchell - 2006

Times Arrow – Martin Amis - 1991

2011

The Little Stranger – Sarah Waters, 2010 512 pg.

Whiter than Snow – Sandra Dallas

2010

Benny & Shrimp (Grabben i graven bredvid #1) by Katarina Mazetti, Sarah Death (Translator), 2009 209 pg.

Augusta Locke: A Novel - William Haywood Henderson, 2006

432 pg.

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2025

The Measure - Nikki Erlick - 2022 - 352 pg. GoodReads:

3.97

Don't Let Him In - Lisa Jewell - 2025 - 361 pg. GoodReads:

3.78

People Like Us - Jason Mott - 2025 - 288 pg. GoodReads:

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How to Read a Book - Monica Wood - 2024 - 280 pg. GoodReads:

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Greenlights - Matthew McConaughey - 2020 - 289 pg. GoodReads:

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West with Giraffes - Lynda Rutledge - 2021 - 346 pg. GoodReads:

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Mad Honey - Jodi Picoult, Jennifer Finney Boylan - 2022 - 464 pg. Goodreads: 4.14

Remarkably Bright Creatures - Shelby Van Pelt - 2022 - 368 pg. Goodreads:

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The House Is on Fire - Rachel Beanland - 2023 - 376 pg. Goodreads:

The Authenticity Project - Clare Pooley - 2020 - 384 pg. 3.95

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The Personal Librarian - Marie Benedict, Victoria Christopher Murray - 2021 - 341 pg. GoodReads: 4.07

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Project Hail Mary – Andy Weir – 2021 – 476 pg.

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The Book of Longings – Sue Monk Kidd – 2020 – 416 pg. GoodReads: 4.24

Anxious People – Fredrik Backman, Neil Smith (Translator) – 2020 – 341 pg. GoodReads: 4.23

Beneath a Scarlet Sky – Mark T. Sullivan – 2017 – 509 pg. GoodReads: 4.39

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Tough Love: My Story of the Things Worth Fighting For – Susan Rice – 2019 – 496pg. GoodReads: 4.05

Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team – Elise Hooper – 2020 – 512pg. GoodReads: 4.06

The Wife and the Widow – Christian White – 2020 - 352pg.

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The Last Romantics – Tara Conklin – 2019 – 384pg. 3.75

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You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why It Matters – Kate Murphy – 2020 – 278pg. GoodReads: 4.13

2019

The Island of Sea Women - Lisa See - 2019 - 374pg.

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City of Girls - Elizabeth Gilbert - 2019 - 470pg.

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Searching for Sylvie Lee - Jean Kwok - 2029 - 336pg.

GoodReads:

Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill – Sonia Purnell - 2015 - 436pg.

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The Hacking of the American Mind: The Science Behind the Corporate Takeover of Our Bodies and Brains – Robert H. Lustig - 2017 - 352pg.

GoodReads: 4.12

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope – William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer - 2009 - 270pg.

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The Banker's Wife – Cristina Alger - 2018 - 341pg. GoodReads: 4.1

2017

No Exit - Taylor Adams - 2017 - 287 pg.

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Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy – Sheryl Sandberg & Adam Grant - 2017 - 240 pg.

GoodReads: 3.85

Just Mercy – Bryan Stevenson

GoodReads:

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Fierce Kingdom - Gin Phillips - 2017 - 288 pg.

GoodReads:

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The Good Byline: A Riley Ellison Mystery (Riley Ellison Mysteries) - Jill Orr - 2017 - 280 pg. GoodReads: 3.93

Old World Murder - Kathleen Ernst ((A Chloe Ellefson Mystery) - 2010 - 325 pg, GoodReads: 3.62

2016

Open - Andre Agassi, J.R. Moehringer - 2009 - 388 pg.

GoodReads:

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Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End – Atul Gawande - 2014 - 282 pg. GoodReads: 4.49

The Sandcastle Girls – Chris Bohjalian - 2012 - 299 pg.

GoodReads:

Devotion and Defiance: My Journey in Love, Faith and Politics - Humaira Awais Shahid with Kelly Horan

The Engagements - J. Courtney Sullivan

Bitter Brew: the rise and fall of Anheuser-Busch and America's Kings of Beer - William Knoedelseder

Wolf Hall - Hilary Mantel

The Big Necessity: The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why It Matters - Rose George

2014

The Art Forger – B.A. Shapiro – 2012

The Night Circus – Erin Morgenstern – 2010

Me Before You – JoJo Moyes – 2012

I Am Livia - Phyllis T. Smith – 2011

2013

Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot – Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

These Few Precious Days; The Final Year of Jack with Jackie by Christopher Anderson – 2013

The Genie in Your Genes - Dawson Church - 2009

Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte - 1847

Where'd You Go, Bernadette – Maria Semple – 2012 336 pg.

The Casual Vacancy – J.K. Rowling - 2012

The Language of Flowers - Vanessa Diffenbaugh – 2011

2012

The Street – Ann Petry – 1946

The Scalpel and the Soul; Encounters with Surgery, the Supernatural, and the Healing Power of Hope - Allen J. Hamilton - 2008

Cutting for Stone - Abraham Verghese, 2009

688 pg.

A Long, Long Time Ago and Essentially True – Brigid Pasulka, 2009

2010

Alice in Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass – Lewis Carroll, 1871

239 pg.

First Do No Harm – Lisa Belkin, 1994

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The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski, 2008

566pg.

Light a Penny Candle – Maeve Binchy, 2006

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The Comfort of Monsters – Willa C. Richards – 2021 – 400 pg. GoodReads: 3.71

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GoodReads: 3.77

2019

Rules for Visiting - Jessica Francis Kane - 304pg. GoodReads: 3.86

The Confessions of Frannie Langton - Sara Collins - 384pg. GoodReads:

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Educated: A Memoir – Tara Westover - 2018 - 334pg. GoodReads:

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2017

Into the Beautiful North - Luis Alberto Urrea

GoodReads:

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2016

The Nightingale – Kristin Hannah, 2015 – WWII France

GoodReads:

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2015

Tell the Wolves I'm Home - Carol Rifka Brunt

Dancing for Degas - Kathryn Wagner

The Sweetest Hallelujah - Elaine Hussey

2013

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption – Laura Hillenbrand – 2010

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Oona Out of Order – Margarita Montimore – 2020 – 339pg.

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2019

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Wamariya & Elizabeth Weil - 2018 288pg.

GoodReads: 4.23

The Invisible Heart: An Economic Romance – Russell Roberts - 2002 282pg.

GoodReads: 3.76

Hum if You Don't Know the Words – Bianca Marais - 2017 432pg.

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640pg. GoodReads: 4.11

White Houses – Amy Bloom - 2018 320pg.

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Lincoln in the Bardo – George Saunders

GoodReads:

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The Underground Railroad - Colson Whitehead

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The Truth According to Us – Annie Barrows

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Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI – David Grann

GoodReads: 4.14

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The Girls of Atomic City – Denise Kiernan, 2013

GoodReads: 3.72

LaRose – Louise Erdrich, 2016 – ND native American culture

GoodReads:

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The Book of Strange New Things - Michel Faber

The Narrow Road to the Deep North - Richard Flanagan

The Orphan Master's Son - Adam Johnson (North Korea)

Moloka'i - Alan Brennert

The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey - Candice Millard

2014

The Warmth of Other Suns : The Epic Story of America's Great Migration — Isabel Wilkerson — 2010

Love in the Time of Cholera - Gabriel Garcia Marquez - 1985

The Hangman - Louise Penny – 2010 (Chief Inspector Armand Gamache Novella)

The Other Typist – Suzanne Rindell – 2013

A Land More Kind Than Home – Wiley Cash – 2012

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Brain on Fire; My Month of Madness – Susannah Cahalan - 2012

Ordinary Grace: A Novel – William Kent Krueger - 2013

This Is Where I Leave You – Jonathan Tropper - 2009

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The Age of Miracles – Karen Thompson Walker - 2012

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Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption – Laura Hillenbrand – 2010

In the Garden of the Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin – Erik Larson - 2011

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity – Katherine Boo - 2012

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The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet – David Mitchell, 2010

The Paris Wife – Paula McLain, 2011

2010

Too Much Happiness – Alice Munro

Both Ways is the Only Way I Want It - Maile Meloy, 2009 219 pg.

GoodReads

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Cutting For Stone - Abraham Verghese, 2009

688 pg.

The White Tiger – Aravind Adiga, 2008

Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon - and the Journey of a Generation - Sheila Weller, 2008 584 pg. GoodReads 3.71

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2017

The Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig, 2015

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Bachelor Brothers Bed and Breakfast by Bill Richardson, 1997

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A Tale of Two Soldiers – Max Gendelman – 2013

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Pillars of the Earth – Ken Follett – 1996

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American Dervish - Ayad Akhtar - 2012

Of Blood Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef – Gabrielle Hamilton – 2011

The Hare with the Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance – Edmund De Waal - 2010

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My Life So Far – Jane Fonda, 2005

The Lace Reader – Brunonia Barry, 2008