

This workbook contains six tabs:

### How to Use

This tab. You are reading it right now!

### Visual Card

This is your no-hassle way to create a pretty visual bingo card full of book covers! To add a book cover, simply place a direct link to an image of the cover in the 'Book Cover' column on the Book Log tab. You can choose only one cover at a time for the short stories. There is a drop down for this square just like on the Bingo Card tab. Pick the story you would like and the sheet will do the rest.

#### My favorite way to find cover images is to:

- 1) Locate the book on Goodreads
- 2) Hover over its cover picture
- 3) Click 'Enlarge Cover'
- 4) Right-click the image and choose 'Copy Image Address'. This is the link you will paste into the Book Log.

#### If you wish to generate an image file for your card, follow these steps:

- 1) Make sure you are on the Visual Card tab.
- 2) File > Print (or keyboard shortcut)
- 3) Make sure to select Portrait layout, not Landscape.
- 4) Under 'Scale', select 'Fit to Page'
- 5) Click the 'Next' option to proceed to printing
- 6) Select a PDF printer, which will vary by computer. Any PDF printer will work. The goal is to generate a PDF version of your bingo card.
- 7) Upload the PDF file to Imgur. It's automatically converted to an image format!
- 8) When sharing your visual bingo card through Imgur, make sure to use a direct link. You can get this by replacing the "www" in the link with "i" and adding the filetype to the end. For example: "https://imgur.com/UknVU09" becomes "https://i.imgur.com/UknVU09.jpg"

### Bingo Card

Here is where you will fill out your card to track your progress. Each square comes with a dropdown menu for you to select an appropriate book title.

### Book Log

This is where you record the books that you have read. These titles and authors are what the Bingo Card uses to create the dropdown menus.

Optionally, to the right is an area you can use to categorize the books in your list into their possible bingo categories (useful if a book fits into multiple categories). If you use this area, books will only show up in the dropdown menu for the squares you have marked. If you do not do this, books will show up in all dropdown menus.

In the dropdown area, there is an option to track whether you meet the hard mode requirements for a specific category with a book. Select 'h' instead of 'x' to count a book toward hard mode.

### Rules

This is a transcription of the rules from the stickied post in /r/Fantasy, available here in its entirety:

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Fantasy/comments/ft254j/official\\_rfantasy\\_2020\\_book\\_bingo\\_challenge/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Fantasy/comments/ft254j/official_rfantasy_2020_book_bingo_challenge/)

## Filters

This is a hidden tab with formulas used to create the dropdown menus on the Bingo Card. Ignore this unless you are interested in seeing how the spreadsheet works.

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<b>Ghost</b>	<b>Exploration</b>	<b>Climate Fiction</b>	<b>Colo(u)r in Title</b>	<b>r/Fantasy Book Club</b>
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<b>Self-Published</b>	<b>Chapter Epigraphs</b>	<b>Published in 2020</b>	<b>School or University</b>	<b>Book About Books</b>
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<b>Made You Laugh</b>	<b>Short Stories</b>	<b>Big Dumb Object</b>	<b>Feminist</b>	<b>Canadian Author</b>
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<b>Number in the Title</b>	<b>Romance</b>	<b>Magical Pet</b>	<b>Graphic / Audio Novel</b>	<b>Politics</b>

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Featuring a Ghost	Featuring Exploration	Climate Fiction	Coincidentally in the Title	<a href="#">Acid / Fantasy Book Club / Book Club Book</a>
Self-Published Novel	Novel with Chapter Epigraphs	Novel Published in 2020	Set in a School or University	Book About Books
A Book that Makes You Laugh	Five Short Stories See Below	<a href="#">See Death Clock</a>	Feminist Novel	Canadian Author
Novel with a Number in the Title	Romantic Fantasy / Paranormal Romance	Magical Pet	Graphic Novel or Audiobook	Featuring Politics
Five Specific Short Stories				











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Welcome to returning and new participants of r/Fantasy Bingo!

### What is this Bingo nonsense people keep talking about?

Fantasy Book Bingo is a yearly reading challenge within the r/Fantasy community. Its goal (mission), to explore change new works, to seek out authors and books, to hardly go where few readers have gone before... (okay, a lot of us have gone there by now, just not with it.)

The core of this challenge is all about encouraging folks to step out of their comfort zones, discover new and amazing reads, and motivate everyone to keep up on their reading throughout the next year.

### RULES:

**2020 Bingo Period** lasts from April 1st 2020 - March 31st 2021  
You can't use the same book more than once on the card. One square=one book.

You may not repeat an author on the card **EXCEPT** you may reuse an author from your short story square elsewhere on the card.

**RE-READS:** You can only use ONE square for a re-read- all other books must be first time reads. The point of bingo is to explore new grounds, so get out there and explore books you haven't read before :)

**SUBSTITUTION:** You may substitute ONE square from the 2020 card with a square from a previous r/fantasy bingo card. Exceptions: You may NOT use the Free Space and you may NOT use a square that duplicates another square on this card (i.e. you can't use the two "Cassandra Book of the Month" squares). You can't have two substitute a square that it took an all option.

**HARD MODE:** For those of you who would like even more of a challenge for any or all squares, you can choose to "hard mode" any of the squares with something added just to make it a little extra challenging. You can do one, some, none, or all squares on "hard mode" - whatever you read, it's on or you! No matter if you do the square regular or on "hard mode", the square will count the same once the end of bingo.

**HEAD MODE:** Review EVERY book that you read for bingo. You don't have to review it here on r/fantasy, but sometimes, whether through goodreads, Amazon, your personal blog, here, some other review site. Leave a review, not just ratings, even if it's just a few lines of thoughts. That counts. As with hard mode there is no special prize for hard mode, just the satisfaction of a job well done.

Reading Challenge! Hat will be assigned to anyone who completes the entire card by the end of the challenge.

Anyone completing five squares in a row will be entered into a drawing at the end of the challenge for whatever prize we can get together.

Not a hard rule, but I would encourage everyone to post about what you're reading, progress, etc. in at least one of r/fantasy's monthly book discussion threads. Let us know what you think of the books you're reading! Also, if you're looking for recommendations, the monthly threads are a goldmine for finding new reading material.

[Here is a link to the new 2020 Bingo Card!](#)

### 2020 Bingo Recommendations Thread

#### ABOUT THE SQUARES:

##### First Row Across:

**Novel Translated from Its Original Language** - The spirit of this square would be to read a book that's originally not written in English. But you can also read books in another language you speak. Doesn't matter what language you read the book in, as long as it's not the original language it was first published in.

**HARD MODE:** Written by a woman. Coauthor does not count.

**Setting Featuring Snow, Ice, or Cold** - This setting must used be for a good portion of the book.

**HARD MODE:** The entire book takes place in this setting.

**Optimistic Off** - The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and while we've come across some trouble, we're going to overcome it "together". Sometimes we just things happen (like an entire apocalypse) but ultimately you're left feeling things will get better, with a sense of hope. Includes genres like horripolaris and robyntrangle.

**HARD MODE:** Not Becky Chambers

**Novel Featuring Necromancy** - Having the dead, worst! Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** Necromancer is the protagonist.

**Nov / An Spec Fic** - A novel featuring Atwood or Annihilation character(s). It should be co-authored by the character themselves, another character, or the author (that is, a character isn't interested in romance or sex).

**HARD MODE:** Atwood / Annihilation

##### Second Row Across:

**Novel Featuring a Ghost** - This one is pretty self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** At least one main protagonist is a ghost.

**Novel Featuring Exploration** - Blddy you.... Again, pretty self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** The exploration is the central plot.

**Climate Fiction** - Climate should play a significant role in the story. This includes the genres of solarpunk, post-apocalyptic, ecopunk, etc.

**HARD MODE:** Not post-apocalyptic.

**Novel with a Colour in the Title** - Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** Not black, red, grey, or white.

**Any r/Fantasy Book Club Book of the Month OR r/Fantasy Read-along Book** - Any and all will allow book club counts, as well as past or current read-alongs. NOTE: All of the current book club info can also be found on our [goodreads page](#).

**HARD MODE:** Must read a current selection of either a book club or read-along and participate in the discussion.

##### Third Row Across:

**Self-published OFF Novel** - Only self-published novels will count for this square. If the novel has been picked up by a publisher as long as you read it when it was self-published it will still count.

**HARD MODE:** Self-published and has fewer than 50 ratings on goodreads.

**Novel with Chapter Epigraphs** - A quote used to introduce a chapter, often serves as a summary or counterpart to the passage that follows, although it may simply set the stage for it.

**HARD MODE:** Original to the novel (i.e., not a quotation from another source).

**Novel Published in 2020** - Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** It's also a Dumb Novel.

**Novel Set in a School or University** - Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** Not Harry Potter or the Magicians.

**Book About Books** - Books must be central to the plot somehow.

**HARD MODE:** Does not feature a library (public, school, or private).

##### Fourth Row Across:

**A Book that Made You Laugh** - Doesn't have to be a comedy, but should make you laugh at least once while reading.

**HARD MODE:** Not Fractured.

**Five SF Short Stories** - Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** Read an entire SF anthology or collection.

**Big Dumb Object** - A novel featuring any mysterious object of unknown origin and immense power which generates an intense sense of wonder or horror by its mere existence and which people must seek to understand before it's too late. In this case, we are counting mythical beings, objects under the sea or in space, mysterious signals or messages, and science that is too advanced for our protagonists to understand. NOT a monster. Examples: *Mythique World* (Mandelia), *Colours of Creation*, *Under the Dome* (King), *Deep Sleep*, *Wanderers* (Merritt), *Resurrection* (Lisovsky), *The Eggheads* (Cory), *The Buried Beneath* (Scalet), *The Chronology of the One* (Roberts), *Thomas Fisa* (Newell), *World War Z* (Zemlin), *Shogun* (Nobu).

**HARD MODE:** The classic golden-age of science fiction definition of Big Dumb Object - *Dyson Sphere*, alien civilizations, a BSS that appears with no explanation.

**Feminist Novel** - Includes feminist themes such as but not limited to gender equality, sexually, race, economics, and reproduction. It's not enough to have strong female characters or a setting where women are equal to men, feminist themes must be central to and directly addressed in a critical manner by the plot.

**HARD MODE:** Feminist novel by a woman of colour.

**Novel by a Canadian Author** - Canada has a fantastic SF scene, let's explore some of the authors there using this square.

**HARD MODE:** Book from an Canadian small press OR self-published Canadian author.

##### Fifth Row Across:

**Novel with a Number in the Title** - Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** Also features a colour in the title.

**Romantic Fantasy / Paranormal Romance** - Romance needs to be central to the plot and the story would not make sense if it was removed. Should also either have a happy ever after or a happy for now ending.

**HARD MODE:** Read and participate in HEA Book Club pick.

**Novel with a Magical Pet** - Self-explanatory.

**HARD MODE:** Magical pet can also speak.

**Format: Graphic Novel (at least 2 vol.) OR Audiobook / Audio drama** - This is a format, not a genre however, please stick to something within speculative fiction. If you are reading individual comics for this square please read a volume's worth. You can also use a manga volume for this square (again, please keep to speculative fiction genres). You may also choose to listen to an audiobook OR an audio drama for this square - any speculative fiction audiobook / audio drama will count (overall length).

**HARD MODE:** Graphic Novel - read alone graphic novel. Audiobook / audio drama - has to be over 25 hours long.

**Novel Featuring Politics** - Politics are central to the plot. This covers everything from treaty, elections, wars, and even smaller local politics.

**HARD MODE:** Not featuring royalty.

### GENERAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Questions about if a book counts for a square? Feel free to ask in the main thread or in one of our two weekly Bingo Questions threads, we'll get you answers one way or another but don't mind being a little bit challenging yourself and your own reading habits. If you are wondering if something counts or not for a square, first we'll want to know if it should count. If you are on the fence about it, maybe look for recommendations for something you'd feel more confident about.

Can I use a novella for one of the squares? Yes, but only a couple of the squares don't mention it. You could also read two or more novellas in a series which makes them "novel length" for one square.

Do I have to start the book from the end of 2020 or only finish it then from? If the book you've started is less than 50% complete when April 1st hits, you can count it if you finish it after the 1st.

Can I read a book of short stories for one of the Novel squares? Yes! However, it must be novel-length.

Are we allowed to read books in other languages for the squares? Yes! Can I read Graphic Novels for squares other than the Graphic Novel Square? Treat them the same way as you would novellas (see above).

Can I listen to audiobooks for squares other than the Audiobook Square? Of course!

### Thank You, r/Fantasy!

Thanks to the community here for continuing to support this challenge!

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Thanks to the community members who make resources for the challenge including bingo cards, tracking spreadsheets, etc!

Thanks to everyone contributing prizes for this and past bingo challenges! You're amazing, and so appreciated!

Thanks to the folks who continue to keep it up and create book clubs, databases, and other resources for rest of the community!  
Thanks much to the other mods who help me put this together and keep me on track!  
Last but not least thanks to everyone participating, have fun and good luck!











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