

Best Books 2019

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This eclectic selection of titles focuses primarily on books of interests for adult readers published in 2019. The list is compiled from patron and West Linn staff recommendations, as well as recommendations from over a dozen critics' best book of the year lists, including the *New York Times*, *Book Riot*, and *Kirkus Reviews*. *Goodreads* ratings also assisted in compiling the list, in addition to helping select critic recommendations.

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The sections are organized by the author's last name.

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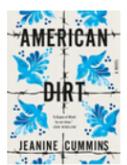
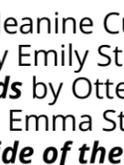
-  **Girl, Wash Your Face** by Rachel Hollis
-  **Unsheltered** by Barbara Kingsolver
-  **Nine Perfect Strangers** by Liane Moriarty
-  **Becoming** by Michelle Obama
-  **Warlight** by Michael Ondaatje
-  **There There** by Tommy Orange
-  **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean
-  **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens
-  **Kingdom of the Blind** by Louise Penny
-  **Educated: a Memoir** by Tara Westover

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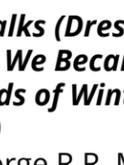
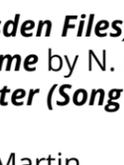
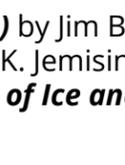


2020 Anticipations

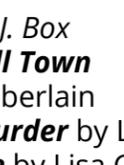
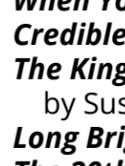
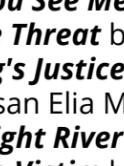
FICTION

-  **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins
-  **The Glass Hotel** by Emily St. John Mandel
-  **Death in Her Hands** by Ottessa Moshfegh
-  **All Adults Here** by Emma Straub
-  **Redhead by the Side of the Road** by Anne Tyler

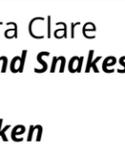
Fantasy & Sci-Fi

-  **Peace Talks (Dresden Files)** by Jim Butcher
-  **The City We Became** by N. K. Jemisin
-  **The Winds of Winter (Song of Ice and Fire Series)** by George R.R. Martin
-  **Doors of Stone (Kingkiller Chronicles)** by Patrick Rothfuss
-  **The Lost Metal** by Brandon Sanderson
-  **The Invisible Life of Addie Larue** by V. E. Schwab

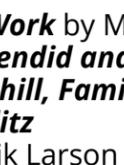
Mysteries

-  **Long Range** by C. J. Box
-  **Big Lies in a Small Town** by Diane Chamberlain
-  **Lavender Blue Murder** by Laura Childs
-  **When You See Me** by Lisa Gardner
-  **Credible Threat** by J. A. Jance
-  **The King's Justice (Maggie Hope Series)** by Susan Elia MacNeal
-  **Long Bright River** by Liz Moore
-  **The 20th Victim** by James Patterson
-  **Crooked River** by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Young Adult

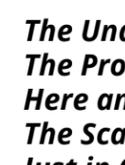
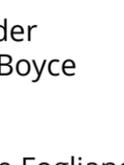
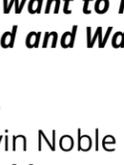
-  **Chain of Gold** by Cassandra Clare
-  **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes** by Suzanne Collins
-  **A Heart So Fierce and Broken** by Brigid Kemmerer
-  **House of Earth and Blood (Crescent City Series)** by Sarah J. Maas
-  **Chosen Ones** by Veronica Roth

NON-FICTION

-  **Joy at Work** by Marie Kondo
-  **The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz** by Erik Larson
-  **You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why It Matters** by Kate Murphy
-  **Motherwell: A Girlhood** by Deborah Orr
-  **Uncanny Valley** by Anna Wiener

Children

PICTURE BOOKS

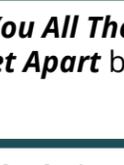
-  **The Undefeated** by Kwame Alexander
-  **The Promise of Change** by Jo Allen Boyce
-  **Here and Now** by Julia Denos
-  **The Scarecrow** by Beth Ferry
-  **Just in Case You Want to Fly** by Julie Fogliano
-  **Water Land: Land and Water Forms around the World** by Christy Hale
-  **Fry Bread** by Kevin Noble Maillard
-  **Saturday** by Oge Mora
-  **Another** by Christian Robinson
-  **Small in the City** by Sydney Smith



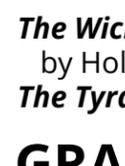
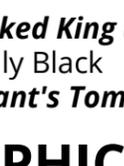
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FICTION

-  **I Wish You All The Best** by Mason Deaver
-  **Five Feet Apart** by Rachael Lippincott

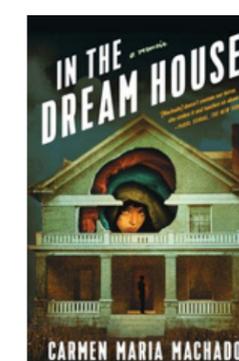
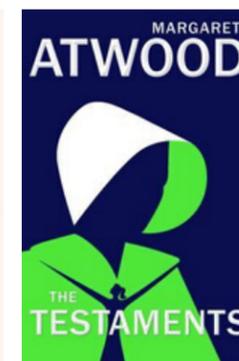
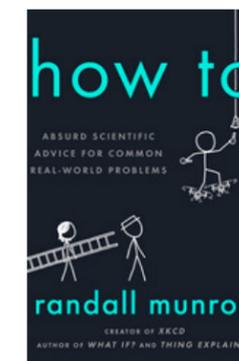
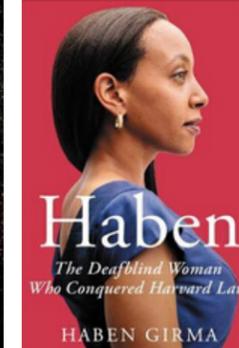
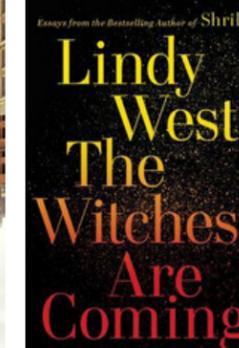
Fantasy

-  **The Wicked King (Folk of the Air Series)** by Holly Black
-  **The Tyrant's Tomb (Trials Of Apollo)** by Rick Riordan

GRAPHIC NOVELS

-  **Pumpkinheads** by Rainbow Rowell & Faith Erin Hicks
-  **Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me** by Mariko Tamaki
-  **Guts (Smile Series)** by Raina Telgemeier

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FICTION

-  **The Testaments (Handmaid's Tale Series)** by Margaret Atwood
- Bunny** by Mona Awad
- Fleishman Is In Trouble** by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
- Ask Again, Yes** by Mary Beth Keane
- A Woman Is No Man** by Etaf Rum
- Olive, Again (Oliver Kitteridge Series)** by Elizabeth Strout
- Where the Forest Meets the Stars** by Glendy Vanderah

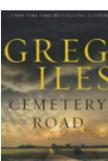
Fantasy & Sci-Fi

-  **Ninth House** by Leigh Barugo
- Dark Age** by Pierce Brown (SF)
- Gideon the Ninth** by Tamsyn Muir
- The Starless Sea** by Erin Morgenstern (SF)

Historical

-  **Daisy Jones & The Six** by Taylor Jenkins
- The Giver of Stars** by Jojo Moyes
- The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett
- The Huntress** by Kate Quinn
- The Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead

Mystery & Thrillers

-  **Run Away** by Harlan Coben
- Recursion** by Blake Crouch
- The Other Mrs Miller** by Allison Dickson
- The Parade** by Dave Eggers
- The River** by Peter Heller
- Cemetery Road** by Greg Iles
- The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides
- The Turn of the Key** by Ruth Ware

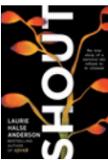
Romance

-  **Trust Exercise** by Susan Choi
- Verity** by Colleen Hoover
- Red, White & Royal Blue** by Casey McQuiston

GRAPHIC NOVELS

-  **Good Talk: a Memoir in Conversations** by Mira Jacob
- Kid Gloves: Nine Months of Careful Chaos** by Lucy Knisley

POETRY

-  **Shout** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- The Mermaid's Voice Returns in This One** by Amanda Lovelace

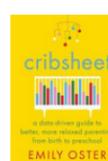
NON-FICTION

-  **Catch and Kill** by Ronan Farrow
- Talking To Strangers** by Malcolm Gladwell
- Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed** by Lori Gottlieb
- Girl, Stop Apologizing** by Rachel Hollis
- If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now: Why We Traded the Commuting Life for a Little House on the Prairie** by Christopher Ingraham
- Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered** by Karen Kilgarif
- I Used To Be a Miserable F*ck: An Everyman's Guide To a Meaningful Life** by John Kim
- Cribsheet: A Data-Driven Guide To Better, More Relaxed Parenting, From Birth To Preschool** by Emily Oster
- The Witches Are Coming** by Lindy West
- Dear Girls** by Ali Wong

Cookbooks

-  **The Adventurous Eaters Club** by Misha Collins
- Notes from a Young Black Chef** by Kwame Onwuachi
- Antoni in the Kitchen** by Antoni Porowski

Memoir & Biographies

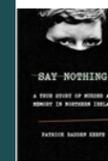
-  **Midnight in Chernobyl** by Adam Higginbotham
- Me** by Elton John
- Over the Top** by Jonathan Van Ness
- A Woman of No Importance** by Sonia Purnell
- Save Me the Plums** by Ruth Reichl
- The Five: the Lives of Jack the Ripper's Women** by Hallie Rubenhd
- First: Sandra Day O'Connor** by Evan Thomas

Science & Technology

-  **The Body** by Bill Bryson
- Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?** by Caitlin Doughty
- Invisible Women** by Caroline Perez
- How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Real-World Problems** by Randall Munroe

-  **The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett
-  **Starless Sea** by Erin Morgenstern
-  **Notes from a Young Black Chef** by Kwame Onwuachi
-  **Dark Age** by Pierce Brown
-  **Daisy Jones & The Six** by Taylor Jenkins

NON-FICTION

-  **Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland** by Patrick Radden Keefe
- The Queen: The Forgotten Life Behind an American Myth** by Josh Levin
- Because Internet: Understanding the New Rules of Language** by Gretchen McCulloch
- Our Man: Richard Holbrooke and the End of the American Century** by George Packer
- Here We Are: American Dreams, American Nightmares** by Aarti Namdev Shahani
- No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us** by Rachel Louise Snyder
- Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion** by Jia Tolentino
- The Collected Schizophrenias: Essays** by Esmé Weijun Wang

Memoir & Biographies

-  **Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me** by Adrienne Brodeur
- The Yellow House** by Sarah M. Broom
- Homesick** by Jennifer Croft
- Ordinary Girls** by Jaquira Diaz
- Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA** by Amaryllis Fox
- Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law** by Haben Girma
- Once More We Saw Stars** by Jayson Greene
- How We Fight for Our Lives** by Saeed Jones
- In the Dream House** by Carmen Maria Machado
- Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls** by T Kira Madden
- Know My Name** by Chanel Miller

GRAPHIC NOVELS

-  **The Hard Tomorrow** by Eleanor Davis
- They Called Us Enemy** by George Takei
- Book Love** by Debbie Tung
- Rusty Brown** by Chris Ware

SHORT STORIES

-  **Exhalation** by Ted Chiang
- Everything Inside** by Edwidge Danticat
- Sabrina & Corina** by Kali Fajardo-Anstine
- Full Throttle** by Joe Hill
- Orange World and Other Stories** by Karen Russell

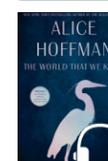
FICTION

-  **Your House Will Pay** by Steph Cha
- Patsy** by Nicole Dennis-Benn
- Miracle Creek** by Angie Kim
- Machines Like Me** by Ian McEwan
- Gingerbread** by Helen Oyeyemi
- Sooner or Later Everything Falls Into the Sea** by Sarah Pinsker
- Disappearing Earth** by Julia Phillips
- On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous** by Ocean Vuong
- Nothing to See Here** by Kevin Wilson

Fantasy & Sci-Fi

-  **The Kingdom of Copper (The Daevabad Trilogy Series)** by S.A.Chakraborty (SF)
- Steel Crow Saga** by Paul Krueger
- Middlegame** by Seanan McGuire (SF)
- Wanderers** by Chuck Wendig (SF)

Historical

-  **The Tenth Muse** by Catherine Chung
- The Water Dancer** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- City of Girls** by Elizabeth Gilbert
- The World That We Knew** by Alice Hoffman
- Gods of Jade and Shadow** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michele Richardson
- The Murmur of Bees** by Sofia Segovia

Mystery & Thrillers

-  **The Bitterroots (Cassie Dewell Series)** by C.J. Box
- The Lost Man** by Jane Harper
- Agent Running in the Field** by John le Carré
- The Chain** by Adrian McKinty
- Knife (Harry Hole Series)** by Jo Nesbø
- The Chestnut Man** by Soren Sveistrup

Romance

-  **An Unconditional Freedom (The Loyal League Series)** by Alyssa Cole
- The Flatshare** by Beth O'Leary

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