


Best Books 2019

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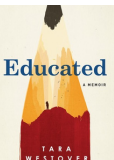









This eclectic selection of titles focuses primarily on books of interests for adult readers published in 2019. The list is compiled from patron and West Linn staff recommendations, as well as recommendations from over a dozen critics' best book of the year lists, including the *New York Times*, *Book 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.

Pictures with a  icon have been identified as spectacular audiobooks.

In Demand from 2018

-  ***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

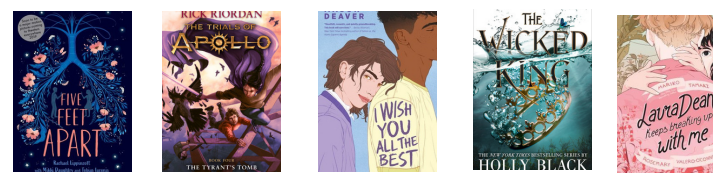
Children

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



Young Adult



FICTION

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

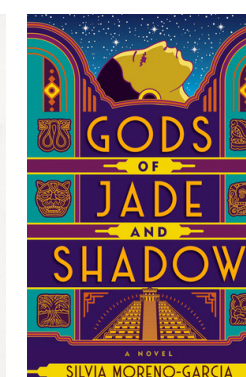
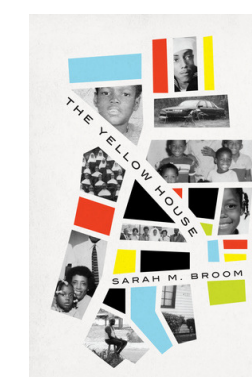
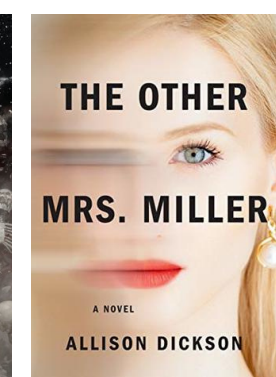
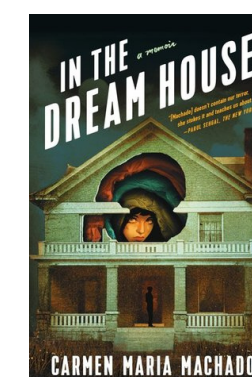
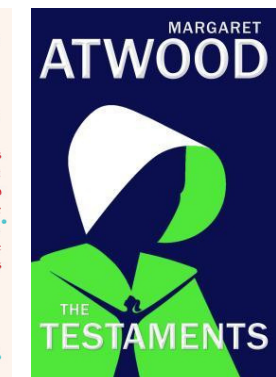
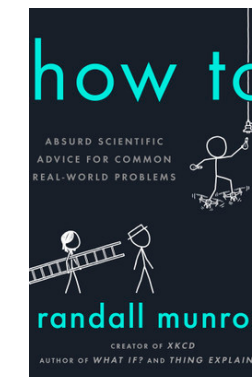
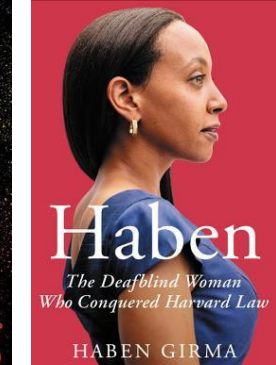
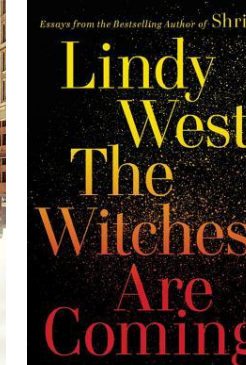
Fantasy

- 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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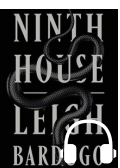


The Testaments (Handmaid's Tale Series)
by Margaret Atwood
Bunny by Mona Awad
Fleishman Is In Trouble
by Taffy Brodesser-Akner



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



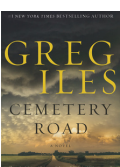
Ninth House by Leigh Barugo
Dark Age by Pierce Brown (SF)
Gideon the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir
The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern (SF)

Historical



Daisy Jones & The Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
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



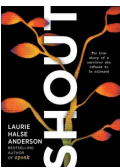
Trust Exercise by Susan Choi
Verity by Colleen Hoover
Red, White & Royal Blue
by Casey McQuiston

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

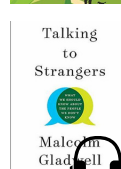
NON-FICTION



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



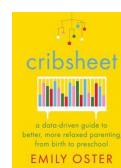
The Witches Are Coming by Lindy West
Dear Girls by Ali Wong

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

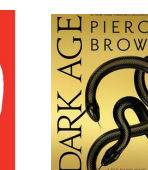
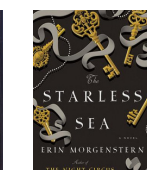


Save Me the Plums by Ruth Reichl
The Five: the Lives of Jack the Ripper's Women
by Hallie Rubenhd
First: Sandra Day O'Connor by Evan Thomas

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



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



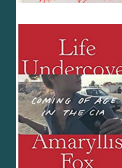
Our Man: Richard Holbrooke and the End of the American Century
by George Packer



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

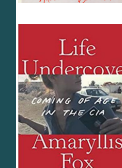


The Collected Schizophrenias: Essays
by Esmé Weijun Wang

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



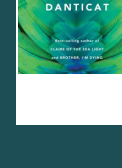
Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law
by Haben Girma



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



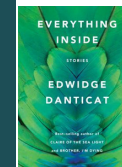
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GRAPHIC NOVELS



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

