


# Best Books 2022

This eclectic selection of titles focuses primarily on books of interests for adult readers published in 2022. The list is compiled from patron and West Linn staff recommendations, as well as those 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.

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

Titles with a  icon on the book cover image have been identified as spectacular audiobooks.

# Top Checkouts 2022

-  **Cloud Cuckoo Land** by Anthony Doerr
-  **The Recovery Agent** by Janet Evanovich
-  **The Paris Apartment** by Lucy Foley
-  **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus
-  **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig
-  **The Four Winds** by Kristin Hannah
-  **The Paper Palace** by Miranda Cowley Heller
-  **People We Meet On Vacation** by Emily Henry
-  **The Hotel Nantucket** by Elin Hilderbrand
-  **Reminders of Him** by Colleen Hoover
-  **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens
-  **The Maid** by Nita Prose
-  **The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles
-  **The It Girl** by Ruth Ware
-  **Project Hail Mary** by Andy Weir

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# Hit List Highlights!

These books were published in 2022 and topped our *most checkouts during 2022* list. Here are the highlights from this hit list!

**The Recovery Agent** by Janet Evanovich  
Recovery agent Gabriela Rose must come up with a large sum of money in order to keep her family's home from being wiped off the map.

**The Paris Apartment** by Lucy Foley  
Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother, Ben, Jess learns that he has gone missing, and to find him, starts digging into his life, realizing, even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it's his future hanging in the balance

**Lessons In Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus  
In the early 1960s, chemist and single mother Elizabeth Zott, the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show due to her revolutionary skills in the kitchen, uses this opportunity to dare women to change the status quo.

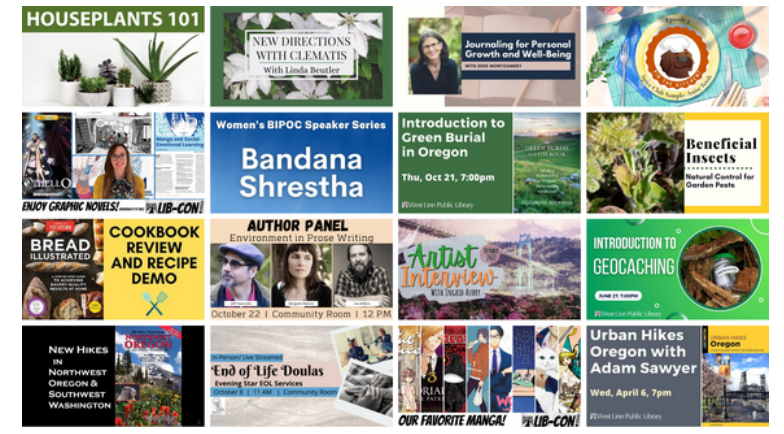
**The Hotel Nantucket** by Elin Hilderbrand  
Attempting to win the favor of the Hotel Nantucket's new London billionaire owner, general manager Lizbet Keaton, with drama behind closed doors, staff and guests with complicated pasts, a ghost roaming the halls and her own romantic uncertainty, has her work cut out for her.

**Reminders Of Him** by Colleen Hoover  
Released from prison, Kenna Rowan returns to the town where it all went wrong, hoping to reunite with her 4-year-old daughter, but with everyone against her, she turns to local bar owner Ledger Ward who, risking everything, secretly helps her make amends.

**The Maid** by Nita Prose  
When she discovers the dead body of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black in his suite, hotel maid Molly Gray finds her orderly life upended as she becomes the prime suspect in the case and is caught in a web of deception that she has no idea how to unravel.



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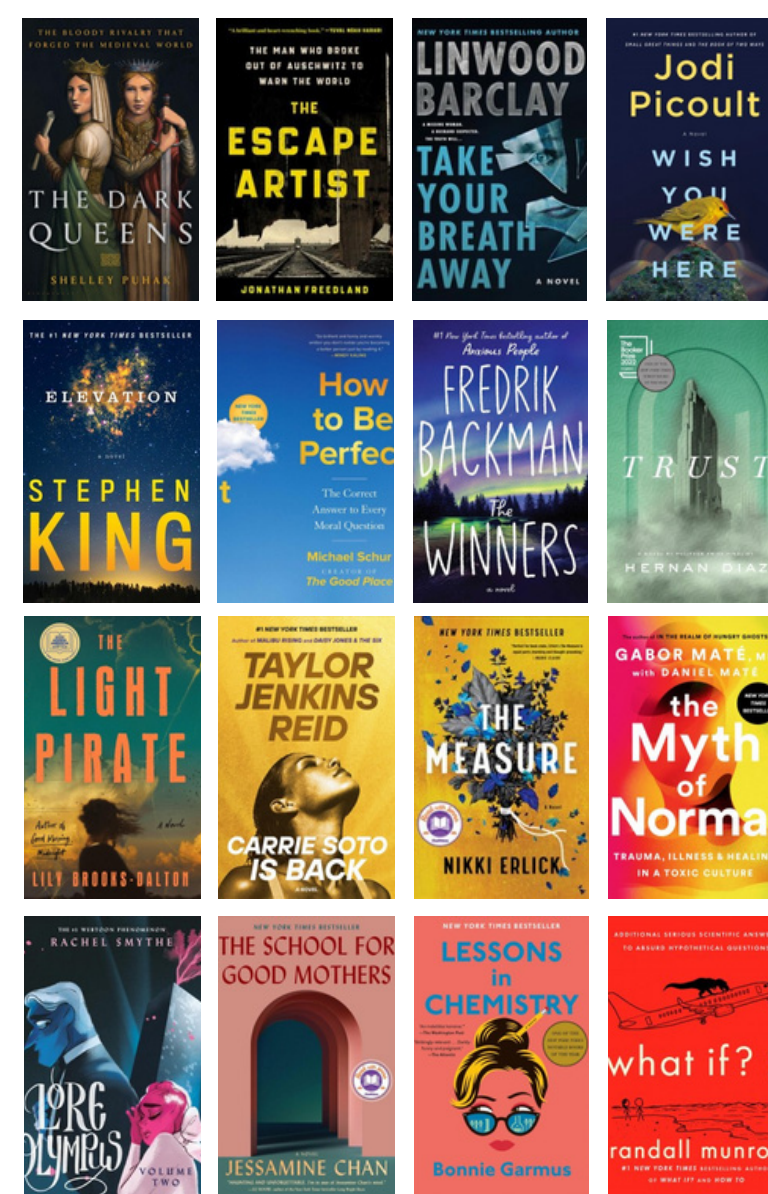
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# BEST BOOKS 2022



# FICTION

## STAFF PICKS HIGHLIGHTS

***The Winners*** by Fredrik Backman  
As simmering tensions between the towns of Beartown and Hed turn into acts of intimidation and then violence, a 14-year-old boy, increasingly alienated from this hockey-obsessed community, puts in motion a plan to avenge his beloved sister's death that will leave Beartown with an unimaginable loss.

***Trust*** by Hernan Diaz  
Told from the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction, this unrivaled novel about money, power, intimacy and perception is centered around the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930's New York City.

***Sea of Tranquility*** by Emily St. John Mandel (SF)  
In order to investigate an anomaly in the North American wilderness, a detective travels hundreds of years in the past and meets a young Englishman exiled to Canada in 1912 and a famous writer who lives on a moon colony but is on a book tour on Earth in 2203.

***Our Missing Hearts*** by Celeste Ng  
A deeply suspenseful and heartrending novel about the unbreakable love between a mother and child in a society consumed by fear.

***The Bullet that Missed*** by Richard Osman  
While Elizabeth is presented with a deadly mission--kill or be killed--the Thursday Murder Club and their unlikely new friends investigate two murders, 10 years apart, and must catch the culprit and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again.

***Remarkably Bright Creatures*** by Shelby Van Pelt  
A luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium--and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.

***The Diamond Eye*** by Kate Quinn  
Known as Lady Death - a lethal hunter of Nazis, Mila Pavlichenko, sent to America on a goodwill tour, forms an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and a connection with a silent fellow sniper, offering her a chance at happiness until her past returns with a vengeance.

## GENERAL

***The Winners (Beartown #3)*** by Fredrik Backman  
***The Light Pirate*** by Lily Brooks-Dalton  
***The Measure*** by Nikki Erlick  
***The Many Daughters of Afong Moy*** by Jamie Ford  
***Reminders of Him*** by Colleen Hoover  
***Our Missing Hearts*** by Celeste Ng  
***Wish You Were Here*** by Jodi Picoult  
***Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*** by Gabrielle Zevin

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

***The Atlas Paradox (Atlas #2)*** by Olivie Blake (Fantasy)  
***The School For Good Mothers*** by Jessamine Chan (SF)  
***Fairy Tale*** by Stephen King (Fantasy)  
***House of Sky and Breath (Crescent City #2)*** by Sarah J. Maas (Fantasy)  
***Sea of Tranquility*** by Emily St. John Mandel (SF)  
***Nona The Ninth (Locked Tomb #3)*** by Tamsyn Muir (SF)

## Historical

***Trust*** by Hernan Diaz  
***Lessons in Chemistry*** by Bonnie Garmus  
***Small Things Like These*** by Claire Keegan  
***The Diamond Eye*** by Kate Quinn  
***Carrie Soto is Back*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid

## Mystery/ Thrillers

***Take Your Breath Away*** by Linwood Barclay  
***The Paris Apartment*** by Lucy Foley  
***The Ink Black Heart*** by Robert Galbraith  
***The Bullet That Missed*** by Richard Osman  
***The Maid*** by Nita Prose  
***Remarkably Bright Creatures*** by Shelby Van Pelt  
***Mouth to Mouth*** by Antoine Wilson

## Romance

***Sign for Home*** by Blaire Fell  
***Love on the Brain*** by Ali Hazlewood  
***Book Lovers*** by Emily Henry



# NON-FICTION

## STAFF PICKS HIGHLIGHTS

***The Escape Artist*** by Jonathan Freedland  
Tells the incredible story of Rudolf Vrba, a brilliant, yet troubled young man -- and gifted "escape artist," whose became the first Jew to break out of Auschwitz to reveal the truth of the death camp to the world, earning his place in the annals of World War II.

***Stolen Focus*** by Johann Hari  
In the United States, teenagers can focus on one task for only sixty-five seconds at a time, and office workers average only three minutes. Like so many of us, Johann Hari was finding that constantly switching from device to device and tab to tab was a diminishing and depressing way to live. He tried all sorts of self-help solutions—even abandoning his phone for three months—but nothing seemed to work. So Hari went on an epic journey across the world to interview the leading experts on human attention—and he discovered that everything we think we know about this crisis is wrong.

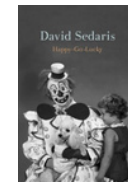
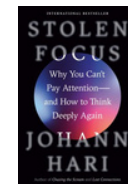
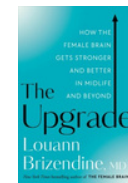
***The Forever Witness*** by Edward Humes  
After 30 years, Detective Jim Scharf and CeCe Moore solve the murder of a teenage couple with the help of genetic genealogy, which brings up questions of consent and privacy despite the fact we have the tools to catch the many killers responsible for approximately 250,000 murders in the U.S.

***I'm Glad My Mom Died*** by Jennette McCurdy  
The iCarly and Sam & Cat star, after her controlling mother dies, gets the help she needs to overcome eating disorders, addiction and unhealthy relationships--and finally decides what she really wants for the first time in her life.

***How to Be Perfect*** by Michael Schur  
From Michael Schur, the creator of The Good Place and the co-creator of Parks and Recreation, comes a hilarious, thought-provoking guide to living an ethical life, drawing on 2,500 years of deep thinking from around the world. With bright wit and deep insight, How to Be Perfect explains concepts like deontology, utilitarianism, existentialism, ubuntu, and more so we can sound cool at parties and become better people.

## GENERAL

***The Upgrade: How the Female Brain Gets Stronger and Better in Midlife and Beyond*** by Louann Brizendine  
***The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World*** by Jonathan Freedland  
***Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention- and How to Think Deeply Again*** by Johann Hari  
***The Forever Witness: How Genetic Genealogy Solved a Cold Case Double Murder*** by Edward Humes  
***Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases*** by Paul Holes  
***The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture*** by Gabor Maté  
***What if? 2*** by Randall Munroe  
***The Dark Queens: The Bloody Rivalry That Forged the Medieval World*** by Shelley Puhak  
***How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question*** by Michael Schur  
***Happy-Go-Lucky*** by David Sedaris



## Memoir

***In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss*** by Amy Bloom  
***I'm Glad My Mom Died*** by Jennette McCurdy  
***The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*** by Michelle Obama  
***Madly, Deeply: The Diaries of Alan Rickman*** by Alan Rickman  
***Hello, Molly!*** by Molly Shannon



## Graphic Novels

***Oddball*** by Sarah Andersen  
***The Liminal Zone*** by Junji Ito  
***Lore Olympus: Volume Two*** by Rachael Smythe

