

Extreme Book Nerd 2024 Categories and Book Suggestions

These books are suggestions and not required reading. Participants may select any title that meets the category and program requirements. If you need help finding a title that meets your specific needs and wants, please contact the Meridian Library and staff will be happy to assist you.

0. Wild Card - Discard 1 category & replace with 1 of your own

Choose any one category to discard and replace with a book of your choosing. This is an optional category that will count toward your 50 books.

1. A book with a one-word title

Suggestions:

- [Pathogenesis by Jonathan Kennedy](#)
- [Educated by Tara Westover](#)
- [Maame by Jessica George](#)
- [Taste by Stanley Tucci](#)
- [Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver](#)
- [Calypso by David Sedaris](#)
- [Nightcrawling by Leila Mottley](#)
- [Honor by Thrity N. Umrigar](#)
- [Hester by Laurie Lico Albanese](#)
- [Wintering by Katherine May](#)

2. A non-fiction book about something you wish you learned in school

Suggestions:

- [The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing by Marie Kondo](#)
- [Financial Security for Dummies by Eric Tyson](#)
- [Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity by David Allen](#)
- [The Comfort Book by Matt Haig](#)
- [Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking by Samin Nosrat](#)
- [Auto Repair for Dummies by Deanna Sclar](#)
- [Show Your Work! 10 Ways to Share Your Creativity and Get Discovered by Austin Kleon](#)
- [How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie](#)
- [The Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey](#)
- [Why Won't You Apologize?: Healing Big Betrayals and Everyday Hurts by Harriet Lerner](#)

3. A book with multiple authors

Suggestions:

- [Punching the Air by Ibi Aanu Zobi and Yusef Salaam](#)
- [Crimson Shore by Douglas J. Preston and Lincoln Child](#)
- [All the President's Men: The Greatest Reporting Story of All Time by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward](#)
- [This is How You Lose the Time War by Max Gladstone and Amal El-Mohtar](#)
- [The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray](#)

- [*The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture* by Gabor Maté and Daniel Maté](#)
- [*Set Fire to the Gods* by Sara Raasch and Kristen Simmons](#)
- [*All the Ways We Said Goodbye: A Novel of the Ritz Paris* by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, and Karen White](#)
- [*Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl](#)
- [*The Power of Moments: Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact* by Chip Heath and Dan Heath](#)

4. A book wherein a character uses a royal or noble title (sir, lady, princess, etc.)

Suggestions:

- [*Diana* by Sarah Bradford](#)
- [*The Weaver and the Witch Queen* by Genevieve Gornichec](#)
- [*The Demon King* by Cinda Chima](#)
- [*Dune* by Frank Herbert](#)
- [*The Last Unicorn* by Peter S. Beagle](#)
- [*The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett](#)
- [*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White](#)
- [*A Thousand Ships* by Natalie Hanes](#)
- [*She Who Became the Sun* by Shelly Parker-Chan](#)
- [*Raybearer* by Jordan Ifueko](#)

5. A book whose TV adaptation you loved

Suggestions:

- [*Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn](#)
- [*The Duke and I* by Julia Quinn](#)
- [*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng](#)
- [*Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon](#)
- [*The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood](#)
- [*Normal People* by Sally Rooney](#)
- [*Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman](#)
- [*Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty](#)
- [*Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett](#)
- [*The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson](#)

6. A book mentioned in another book

Suggestions:

- [*Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert](#)
- [*Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel García Márquez](#)
- [*Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy](#)
- [*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini](#)
- [*Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson](#)
- [*Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut](#)
- [*The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* by Tom Wolfe](#)

- [*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien](#)
- [*Dragonsong* by Anne McCaffrey](#)
- [*Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi](#)

7. A book featuring a holiday you don't celebrate

8. A book you saw someone reading

9. A book with a game played in it

Suggestions:

- [*The Queen's Gambit* by Walter S. Tevis](#)
- [*The Dating Dare* by Jayci Lee](#)
- [*The Long Walk* by Stephen King](#)
- [*The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach](#)
- [*The Bookshop of Yesterdays* by Amy Meyerson](#)
- [*The Lying Game* by Ruth Ware](#)
- [*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin](#)
- [*Carrie Soto Is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid](#)
- [*The Biggest Bluff* by Maria Konnikova](#)
- [*Rabbits* by Terry Miles](#)

10. A book with a made-up language

Suggestions:

- [*A Game of Thrones* by George R. R. Martin](#)
- [*Dune* by Frank Herbert](#)
- [*A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess](#)
- [*1984* by George Orwell](#)
- [*Watership Down* by Richard Adams](#)
- [*The Fellowship of the Ring* by J. R. R. Tolkien](#)
- [*Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut](#)
- [*The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* by Robert A. Heinlein](#)
- [*Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo](#)
- [*The Country of Ice Cream Star* by Sandra Newman](#)

11. A book with a day of the week in the title

Suggestions:

- [*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom](#)
- [*The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs](#)
- [*Monday Mourning* by Kathy Reichs](#)
- [*Sundays at Tiffany's* by James Patterson](#)
- [*The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party* by Alexander McCall Smith](#)
- [*The Wednesday Letters* by Jason Wright](#)
- [*The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman](#)
- [*The Tuesday Club Murders* by Agatha Christie](#)

- [*Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift](#)
- [*Friday's Harbor* by Diane Coplin Hammond](#)

12. A book with mountains on the cover

Suggestions:

- [*The Hobbit or There and Back Again* by J. R. R. Tolkien](#)
- [*Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster* by Jon Krakauer](#)
- [*Truthwitch* by Susan Dennard](#)
- [*Lost Horizon* by James Hilton](#)
- [*Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier](#)
- [*The Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss](#)
- [*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee](#)
- [*Plainsong* by Kent Haruf](#)
- [*Off the Grid* by C. J. Box](#)
- [*These Thousand Hills* by A. B. Guthrie Jr.](#)

13. A book from the Dewey Decimal 000-099s

Suggestions:

- [*Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson](#)
- [*Because I Said So* by Ken Jennings](#)
- [*Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things* by Amy Dickinson](#)
- [*The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt](#)
- [*The Writer's Library* by Nancy Pearl and Jeff Schwager](#)
- [*The Love You Save* by Goldie Taylor](#)
- [*Expect a Miracle* by Danielle Steel](#)
- [*I Work at a Public Library* by Gina Sheridan](#)
- [*Ripley's Believe It or Not! Escape the Ordinary* by Geoff Tibbals](#)
- [*Bunk* by Kevin Young](#)

14. A book with your favorite color on the cover

15. A book featuring the Oregon/California Trail

Suggestions:

- [*Westward Hearts* by Melody Carlson](#)
- [*Go West Young Man* by William Johnstone](#)
- [*The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* by Bunk Rinker](#)
- [*A Light in the Wilderness* by Jane Kirkpatrick](#)
- [*Under a Painted Sky* by Stacy Lee](#)
- [*Freedom in the Mountain Wind* by Misty Beller](#)
- [*Scarlet Thread* by Francine Rivers](#)
- [*The Way West* by A.B. Guthrie Jr.](#)
- [*Treasured Grace* by Tracie Peterson](#)
- [*Seeds of Change* by Lauraine Snelling](#)

16. A book with a prologue

Suggestions:

- [*The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht](#)
- [*The Dream Thieves* by Maggie Stiefvater](#)
- [*The Power* by Naomi Alderman](#)
- [*Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman](#)
- [*Book Lovers* by Emily Henry](#)
- [*Empress of All Seasons* by Emiko Jean](#)
- [*Lies of Locke Lamora* by Scott Lynch](#)
- [*The Collapsing Empire* by John Scalzi](#)
- [*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams](#)
- [*Wanderers* by Chuck Wendig](#)

17. A book featuring time travel

Suggestions:

- [*Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler](#)
- [*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig](#)
- [*Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi](#)
- [*11/22/63* by Stephen King](#)
- [*An Ocean of Minutes* by Thea Lim](#)
- [*The Kingdoms* by Natasha Pulley](#)
- [*Recursion* by Blake Crouch](#)
- [*Servant of the Bones* by Anne Rice](#)
- [*Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel](#)
- [*What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon](#)

18. A book with an unreliable narrator

Suggestions:

- [*Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro](#)
- [*We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart](#)
- [*Things We Do in the Dark* by Jennifer Hillier](#)
- [*Verity* by Colleen Hoover](#)
- [*My Sweet Girl* by Amanda Jayatissa](#)
- [*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel](#)
- [*The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger](#)
- [*Room* by Emma Donoghue](#)
- [*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon](#)
- [*The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins](#)

19. A book wherein you have something in common with the main character

20. A book with adoption or foster care in it

Suggestions:

- [*All the Children Are Home* by Patry Francis](#)

- [Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng](#)
- [Girl Unbroken by Regina Calcaterra](#)
- [Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver](#)
- [Aftermath by Terri Blackstock](#)
- [The Christmas Star by Donna VanLiere](#)
- [Where the Dead Sit Talking by Brandon Hobson](#)
- [Hope's Boy: A Memoir by Andrew Bridge](#)
- [The Rabbit Hutch by Tess Gunty](#)
- [All You Can Ever Know by Nicole Chung](#)

21. A book with “yesterday”, “today” or “tomorrow” in the title

Suggestions:

- [Y is for Yesterday by Sue Grafton](#)
- [See You Yesterday by Rachel Lynn Solomon](#)
- [The World Until Yesterday: What Can We Learn from Traditional Societies? by Jared M. Diamond](#)
- [Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple](#)
- [I Really Needed This Today: Words to Live By by Hoda Kotb](#)
- [All Our Wrong Todays by Elan Mastai](#)
- [Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin](#)
- [Tomorrow Will Be Better by Betty Smith](#)
- [This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub](#)
- [A Cuban Girl's Guide of Tea and Tomorrow by Laura Taylor Namey](#)

22. A book set in the Pacific Northwest

Suggestions:

- [Night Road by Kristin Hannah](#)
- [A Tendering in the Storm by Jane Kirkpatrick](#)
- [The Paragon Hotel by Lyndsay Faye](#)
- [The Huckleberry Murders by Patrick McManus](#)
- [Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford](#)
- [Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson](#)
- [Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed](#)
- [Home below Hell's Canyon by Grace Jordan](#)
- [The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown](#)
- [The Butterfly Girl by Rene Denfeld](#)

23. A book wherein the chapters have titles

Suggestions:

- [Instructions for Dancing by Nicola Yoon](#)
- [Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach](#)
- [The Midnight Library by Matt Haig](#)
- [A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman](#)
- [The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger](#)

- [*The Guest List* by Lucy Foley](#)
- [*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt](#)
- [*The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music* by David Grohl](#)
- [*Egg* by Lizzie Stark](#)
- [*The Great Influenza* by John Barry](#)

24. A book with a controversy or scandal

Suggestions:

- [*Spare* by Prince Harry](#)
- [*Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man* by Mary L. Trump, PhD](#)
- [*God is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens](#)
- [*The Human Stain* by Philip Roth](#)
- [*A Million Little Pieces* by James Frey](#)
- [*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker](#)
- [*Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt](#)
- [*Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid* by Thor Hanson](#)
- [*The Earth Transformed: An Untold History* by Peter Frankopan](#)
- [*Quantum Supremacy: How the Quantum Computer Revolution Will Change Everything* by Michio Kaku](#)

25. A book about something endangered

Suggestions:

- [*The Elephant of Belfast* by Kirk S. Walsh](#)
- [*The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson](#)
- [*Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy](#)
- [*The Honey Bus* by Meredith May](#)
- [*When the Tiger Came Down the Mountain* by Nghi Vo](#)
- [*The Missing Ink* by Philip Hensher](#)
- [*Dreaming in Turtle* by Peter Laufer](#)
- [*Eating to Extinction* by Dan Saladino](#)
- [*Venomous Lumpsucker* by Ned Beaman](#)
- [*Hummingbird Salamander* by Jeff VanderMeer](#)

26. A book set over the course of a single day

Suggestions:

- [*Ulysses* by James Joyce](#)
- [*The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon](#)
- [*Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf](#)
- [*Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney](#)
- [*Saturday* by Ian McEwan](#)
- [*They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera](#)
- [*The Dinner* by Herman Koch](#)
- [*Armada* by Ernest Cline](#)

- [*The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown](#)
- [*I Have Lost My Way* by Gayle Forman](#)

27. A book written by a journalist

Suggestions:

- [*All the President's Men* by Carl Bernstein](#)
- [*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot](#)
- [*Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer](#)
- [*Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators* by Ronan Farrow](#)
- [*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean](#)
- [*A False Report: A True Story of Rape in America* by T. Christian Miller and Ken Armstrong](#)
- [*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson](#)
- [*The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson](#)
- [*The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine* by Michael Lewis](#)
- [*She Said* by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey](#)
- [*Charged* by Emily Bazelon](#)

28. A book featuring a treasure hunt

Suggestions:

- [*Pirate Latitudes* by Michael Crichton](#)
- [*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien](#)
- [*The Labyrinth of Osiris* by Paul Sussman](#)
- [*Map of Bones* by James Rollins](#)
- [*The Curse of Oak Island: The Story of the World's Longest Treasure Hunt* by Randall Sullivan](#)
- [*Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship* by Robert Kurson](#)
- [*Chasing the Thrill: Obsession, Death, and Glory in America's Most Extraordinary Treasure Hunt* by Daniel Barbarisi](#)
- [*The Adventures of Amina Al-Sirafi* by S. A. Chakraborty](#)
- [*Lost and Found in Paris* by Lian Dolan](#)
- [*Treasure State* by C.J. Box](#)

29. A book whose author has 3 or more names

Suggestions:

- [*The Pale King* by David Foster Wallace](#)
- [*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott](#)
- [*The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton](#)
- [*The Fifth Season* by N. K. Jemisin](#)
- [*Less* by Andrew Sean Greer](#)
- [*Babel or The Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution* by R. F. Kuang](#)
- [*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)

- [*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer](#)
- [*The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel](#)
- [*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card](#)

30. A book featuring a time loop

Suggestions:

- [*Replay* by Ken Grimwood](#)
- [*Opposite of Always* by Justin Reynolds](#)
- [*The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton](#)
- [*Midnight Strikes* by Zeba Shahnaz](#)
- [*In a Holiday* by Christina Lauren](#)
- [*Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore](#)
- [*Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel](#)
- [*Wrong Place. Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister](#)
- [*See You Yesterday* by Rachel Lynn Solomon](#)
- [*The Rehearsals* by Annette Christie](#)

31. A book set in a hotel

Suggestions:

- [*The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand](#)
- [*Hotel Vendome* by Danielle Steel](#)
- [*The Maid* by Nita Prose](#)
- [*The Address* by Fiona Davis](#)
- [*A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy](#)
- [*The Shining* by Stephen King](#)
- [*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles](#)
- [*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford](#)
- [*A Room with a View* by E.M.Forster](#)
- [*The Sun Down Motel* by Simone St.James](#)

32. A book with twins in it

Suggestions:

- [*The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy](#)
- [*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett](#)
- [*Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie](#)
- [*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell](#)
- [*The Secret History* by Donna Tartt](#)
- [*The Shining* by Stephen King](#)
- [*The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black](#)
- [*The Unhoneymooners* by Christina Lauren](#)
- [*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern](#)
- [*The Identicals* by Elin Hilderbrand](#)

33. A book with a unique/funny dedication

Suggestions:

- [*Austenland* by Shannon Hale](#)
- [*Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram](#)
- [*Dry* by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman](#)
- [*This Is Going to Hurt* by Adam Kay](#)
- [*The Secret Adversary* by Agatha Christie](#)
- [*My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem](#)
- [*Post Office* by Charles Bukowski](#)
- [*The Particle at the End of the Universe* by Sean Carroll](#)
- [*Sherwood* by Meagan Spooner](#)
- [*Dark Places* by Gillian Flynn](#)

34. A prequel

Suggestions:

- [*Magic Lessons* by Alice Hoffman](#)
- [*The Vanished Days* by Susanna Kearsley](#)
- [*The Dirty South* by John Connolly](#)
- [*An Untamed Heart* by Lauraine Snelling](#)
- [*The First Confessor* by Terry Goodkind](#)
- [*A Day of Fallen Night* by Samantha Shannon](#)
- [*The Power of the Dog* by Don Winslow](#)
- [*Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys](#)
- [*Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire](#)
- [*The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien](#)

35. A book containing a historical document

Suggestions:

- [*The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown](#)
- [*Red, White, and Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston](#)
- [*Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin](#)
- [*Killing Kennedy* by Bill O'Reilly](#)
- [*Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell](#)
- [*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah](#)
- [*The Art of War* by Sun Tzu](#)
- [*The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett](#)
- [*The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova](#)
- [*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee](#)

36. A book with wildfires in it

Suggestions:

- [*A Fire Story* by Brian Fies](#)
- [*The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan](#)
- [*Heroes of the Frontier* by Dave Eggers](#)

- [*Did You Ever Have a Family* by Bill Clegg](#)
- [*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean](#)
- [*Fire Weather: a True Story from a Hotter World* by John Vaillant](#)
- [*Ashfall* by Mike Mullin](#)
- [*The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve](#)
- [*On the Burning Edge* by Kyle Dickman](#)
- [*The Smoke Jumper* by Nicholas Evans](#)

37. A book whose author's last name begins with K

Suggestions:

- [*In the Lives of Puppets* by TJ Klune](#)
- [*Babel: An Arcane History* by R.F. Kuang](#)
- [*The Half Moon* by Mary Beth Keane](#)
- [*A House with Good Bones* by T. Kingfisher](#)
- [*Sleep No More* by Jayne Ann Krentz](#)
- [*The Golden Doves* by Martha Hall Kelly](#)
- [*The Lost English Girl* by Julia Kelly](#)
- [*Dreaming of You* by Lisa Kleypas](#)
- [*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer](#)
- [*Guardians of the Valley* by Dean King](#)

38. A book featuring an invasion

Suggestions:

- [*The Poppy War* by R.F. Kuang](#)
- [*The Cabin at the End of the World* by Paul Tremblay](#)
- [*The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells](#)
- [*The Iliad* by Homer](#)
- [*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini](#)
- [*Empire of the Sun* by J.G. Ballard](#)
- [*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card](#)
- [*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doer](#)
- [*The Pariah* by Anthony Ryan](#)
- [*Childhood's End* by Arthur C. Clarke](#)

39. A book with the name of a season in the title

Suggestions:

- [*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson](#)
- [*Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver](#)
- [*A Train in Winter : An Extraordinary Story of Women, Friendship, and Resistance in Occupied France* by Caroline Moorehead](#)
- [*Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand](#)
- [*Autumn* by Ali Smith](#)
- [*Russian Winter* by Daphne Kalotay](#)
- [*The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson](#)

- [*The Autumn of the Patriarch* by Gabriel García Márquez](#)
- [*Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell](#)
- [*Winter in Paradise* by Elin Hilderbrand](#)

40. A book with “(Noun) of (Blank) and (Blank)” as the title format

Suggestions:

- [*The Library of Lost and Found* by Phaedra Patrick](#)
- [*A Song of Wraiths and Ruin* by Roseanne A. Brown](#)
- [*House Of Roots And Ruin* by Erin A. Craig](#)
- [*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins](#)
- [*The Empress of Salt and Fortune* by Nghi Vo](#)
- [*King of Battle and Blood* by Scarlett St. Clair](#)
- [*The House of Velvet and Glass* by Katherine Howe](#)
- [*A Dash of Salt and Pepper* by Kosoko Jackson](#)
- [*Gods of Jade and Shadow* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia](#)
- [*The Map of Salt and Stars* by Zeyn Joukhadar](#)

41. A book featuring unrequited love

Suggestions:

- [*Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel García Márquez](#)
- [*Looking for Alaska* by John Green](#)
- [*I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith](#)
- [*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen](#)
- [*To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han](#)
- [*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck](#)
- [*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins](#)
- [*In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume](#)
- [*Warm Bodies* by Isaac Marion](#)
- [*The Virgin Suicides* by Jeffery Eugenides](#)

42. A book of short stories

Suggestions:

- [*American Housewife* by Helen Ellis](#)
- [*Uncommon Type: Some Stories* by Tom Hanks](#)
- [*Live Wire: Long-Winded Short Stories* by Kelly Ripa](#)
- [*Liberation Day* by George Saunders](#)
- [*Old Babes in the Wood* by Margaret Atwood](#)
- [*Full Throttle* by Joe Hill](#)
- [*Exhalation* by Ted Chiang](#)
- [*Grand Union* by Zadie Smith](#)
- [*The Moment of Tenderness* by Madeleine L'Engle](#)
- [*The Opposite of Loneliness* by Marina Keegan](#)

43. A book with a household item on the cover

Suggestions:

- [*Paper Towns* by John Green](#)
- [*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist and Our Lives Revealed* by Lori Gottlieb](#)
- [*The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern](#)
- [*Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny](#)
- [*Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner](#)
- [*The Final Girl Support Group* by Grady Hendrix](#)
- [*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd](#)
- [*Hunger: A Memoir of \(My\) Body* by Roxane Gay](#)
- [*Memorial* by Bryan Washington](#)
- [*Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi](#)

44. An epistolary book (book written in letters)

Suggestions:

- [*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky](#)
- [*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson](#)
- [*Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff](#)
- [*The Martian* by Andy Weir](#)
- [*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie](#)
- [*A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth L. Ozeki](#)
- [*Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple](#)
- [*Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon](#)
- [*Dear Committee Members* by Julie Schumacher](#)
- [*Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein](#)

45. Re-read a favorite from your youth (Break the rules! This can be lower than a 6th grade reading level.)

46. A Booker Award winner (UK fiction award)

Suggestions:

- [*The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* by Shehan Karunatilaka \(2022\)](#)
- [*Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart \(2020\)](#)
- [*Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo \(2019\)](#)
- [*Milkman* by Anna Burns \(2018\)](#)
- [*Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders \(2017\)](#)
- [*The Sellout* by Paul Beatty \(2016\)](#)
- [*The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton \(2013\)](#)
- [*Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel \(2012\)](#)
- [*The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes \(2011\)](#)
- [*The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai \(2006\)](#)

47. A book featuring a volunteer

Suggestions:

- [*Band of Sisters* by Lauren Willig](#)
- [*The War Librarian* by Addison Armstrong](#)
- [*Save Me* by Lisa Scottoline](#)
- [*Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini](#)
- [*That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner](#)
- [*Well Matched* by Jen DeLuca](#)
- [*The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve](#)
- [*Dear Mrs. Bird* by A.J. Pearce](#)
- [*The No-Show* by Beth O'Leary](#)
- [*The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian](#)

48. A book with photos in it

Suggestions:

- [*Migrations: A History of Where We All Come From* by DK Publishing](#)
- [*Madly, Deeply: The Diaries of Alan Rickman* by Alan Rickman](#)
- [*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer](#)
- [*Robin* by Dave Itzkoff](#)
- [*Just Kids* by Patti Smith](#)
- [*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros](#)
- [*The Book Woman on Richardson Street* by Kim Michele Richardson](#)
- [*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris](#)
- [*I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy](#)
- [*Waco Rising* by Kevin Cook](#)

49. A memoir published before 2000

Suggestions:

- [*The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston](#)
- [*Dreams From My Father* by Barack Obama](#)
- [*The Million Dollar Mermaid* by Esther Williams](#)
- [*Darkness Visible* by William Styron](#)
- [*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson](#)
- [*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou](#)
- [*The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath](#)
- [*Night* by Elie Wiesel](#)
- [*Trials of the Earth* by Mary Mann Hamilton](#)
- [*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom](#)

50. A book with the author photo on the back cover

Suggestions:

- [*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls](#)
- [*The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley](#)
- [*Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn](#)

- [*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern](#)
- [*The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro](#)
- [*Atonement* by Ian McEwan](#)
- [*The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson](#)
- [*Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison](#)
- [*Relic* by Alan Foster](#)
- [*The Jane Austen Project* by Kathleen Flynn](#)