Extreme Book Nerd 2023 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. An Alex Award Winner

Suggestions:
- Black Sun by Rebecca Roanhorse (2021)
- The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones (2021)
- A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World by C. A. Fletcher (2020)
- Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston (2020)
- Roughneck by Jeff Lemire (2018)
- In the Country We Love: My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero (2017)
- In Real Life by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang (2016)
- Cinder by Marissa Meyer (2015)
- El Deafo by Cece Bell (2014)

Looking for more suggestions? Check here for a list of all the award winners

2. A book from the bottom shelf/last page online

3. A book with a famous landmark in it

Suggestions:
- A Lady Cyclist’s Guide to Kashgar by Susanne Joinson
- Lonely Planet’s Wonders of the World: 101 Great Sights by Oliver Berry and Joe Bindloss
- 1636: Mission to the Mughals by Eric Flint and Griffin Barber
- Carte Blanche: 007: the New James Bond Novel by Jeffery Deaver
- Meet Me in Atlantis: My Obsessive Quest to Find the Sunken City by Mark Adams
- Heirs of the Motherland by Judith Pella
- Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen by Mary Norris
- Humankind: a Hopeful History by Rutger Bregmenn
- A Deadly Edition by Victoria Gilbert
- Antoni Gaudi, 1852-1926: From Nature to Architecture by Maria Antonietta Crippa
4. A book with a verb in the title
Suggestions:
- *The Night Swim* by Megan Goldin
- *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler
- *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward
- *The Ugly Cry: a Memoir* by Danielle Henderson
- *Something to Talk About* by Meryl Wilsner
- *To Steal a Heart* by Jen Turano
- *When You Read This* by Mary Adkins
- *When No One Is Watching* by Alyssa Cole
- *Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam
- *To Sleep in a Sea of Stars* by Christopher Paolini

5. A book by an author whose name has a color in it
Suggestions:
- *Paper Towns* by John Green
- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- *The Number of Love* by Roseanna White
- *Cleo: The Cat Who Mended a Family* by Helen Brown
- *The Promise of Palm Grove* by Shelley Shepherd Gray
- *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things* by Bryn Greenwood
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Wolf on a String* by Benjamin Black
- *Mary Coin* by Melissa Silver
- *Sister Stardust* by Jane Green

6. A book that features music or a musician
Suggestions:
- *The Beautiful Ones* by Prince
- *Just Kids* by Patti Smith
- *They Can’t Kill Us Until They Kill Us: Essays* by Hanif Abdurraqib
- *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett
- *The Kingdom of Back* by Marie Lu
- *Face It* by Debbie Harry
- *High School* by Sara Quin and Tegan Quin
- *I Am Brian Wilson* by Brian Wilson
- *Born to Run* by Bruce Springsteen
- *How Music Works* by David Byrne

7. A book you are passionate about
8. A book with gemstones or jewelry in it
Suggestions:
- *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan
- *The Lost Jewels* by Kristy Manning
- *Cartier's Hope* by M. J. Rose
- *The Imperfects* by Amy Meyerson
- *Love and Treasure* by Ayelet Waldman
- *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden
- *The Maze at Windermere* by Gregory Blake Smith
- *Black Opal* by Victoria Holt
- *The Curiosity Keeper* by Sarah E. Ladd
- *Chasing the Thrill* by Daniel Barbarisi

9. A book borrowed from a relative or friend

10. A book with a train in it
Suggestions:
- *Strangers on a Train* by Patricia Highsmith
- *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
- *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
- *The Western Star* by Craig Johnson
- *Field Notes on Love* by Jennifer Smith
- *Mrs. Queen Takes the Train* by William Kuhn
- *The Mystery of the Blue Train* by Agatha Christie
- *From Russia, With Love* by Ian Fleming
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- *In the Shadow of Denali* by Tracie Peterson

11. A book with purple on the cover
Suggestions:
- *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré
- *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty
- *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich
- *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell
- *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner
- *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* by Marlon James
- *A Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult
- *Boy Swallows Universe* by Trent Dalton
- *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict
- *Lilac girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
12. A book with a drink on the cover
Suggestions:
- *Three Act Tragedy* by Agatha Christie
- *Whiskey Sour* by Joe Konrath
- *Holidays on Ice* by David Sedaris
- *American Panda* by Gloria Chao
- *Food Anatomy* by Julia Rothman
- *Black Buck* by Mateo Askaripour
- *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- *A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow* by Laura Taylor Namey
- *Last Chance Summer* by Shannon Klare
- *Live and Let Chai* by Bree Baker

13. A book with a road trip in it
Suggestions:
- *The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters* by Balli Kaur Jaswal
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
- *Into the Wild* by Jonh Krakauer
- *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arikawa
- *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill
- *Lake Success* by Gary Shteyngart
- *The Road Trip* by Beth O'Leary
- *The Wangs vs. the World* by Jade Chang
- *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck
- *Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli

14. 1 of 100 Books to be read in your lifetime - pick one

15. A book with no “e” in the title
Suggestions:
- *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare
- *Drown* by Junot Diaz
- *I Almost Forgot About You* by Terry McMillan
- *Jackaby* by William Ritter
- *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy
- *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell
- *Booth* by Karen Joy Fowler
- *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
- *Hanging in Wild Wind* by Ralph W. Cotton

Looking to take this category a step further? This book has no “e” in the title and no “e”s in the entire book! *(Request this book via Interlibrary Loan)*
- *Gadsby* by Ernest Vincent Wright
16. A book set in or by the ocean
Suggestions:

- *Ocean Prey* by John Sandford
- *Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
- *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *The Jetsetters: a novel* by Amanda Eyre Ward
- *Reckless Girls* by Rachel Hawkins
- *The Patron Saint of Pregnant Girls* by Ursula Hegi
- *The Lifeboat: a novel* by Charlotte Rogan
- *In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the U.S.S.* by Jeannette Hampton Sides
- *Titanic Survivor: The Newly Discovered Memoirs of Violet Jessop Who Survived Both the Titanic and Britannic Disasters* by Violet Jessop

17. A book about, by, or featuring a First Lady
Suggestions:

- *Abigail Adams* by Woody Holton
- *The First Lady* by James Patterson
- *The Firebrand and the First Lady* by Patricia Bell-Scott
- *The First Lady and the Rebel* by Susan Higginbotham
- *Betty Ford* by Lisa McCubbin
- *Clementine* by Sonia Purnell
- *Eye on the Struggle* by James McGrath Morris
- *Eleanor and Hick* by Susan Quinn
- *First Women* by Kate Andersen Brower
- *The American Heiress* by Daisy Goodwin

18. A book featuring an Olympic Sport
Suggestions:

- *Olympic Equestrian* by Jennifer Bryant
- *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown
- *Spitting Soup* by Mark Johnson
- *The Lost Art of Running* by Shane Benzie and Tim Major
- *Nazi Games: The Olympics of 1936* by David Large
- *Winners* by Danielle Steel
- *Crossing the Line* by Kareem Rosser
- *Path by Lightning* by David Maraniss
- *Naked Olympics* by Tony Perrottet
- *Total Olympics* by Jeremy Fuchs
Suggestions:
- *Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
- *Jailbird* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *The Day of the Jackal* by Fredrick Forsythe
- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
- *Are you There God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume
- *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter Thompson
- *Gravity's Rainbow* by Thomas Pynchon
- *All the President's Men* by Carl Bernstein
- *Helter Skelter* by Vincent Bugliosi
- *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* by Richard Bach
- *Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown

20. A book wherein the protagonist is a writer
Suggestions:
- *Beach Read* by Emily Henry
- *Misery* by Stephen King
- *True Fiction* by Lee Goldberg
- *The Accidental Tourist* by Anne Tyler
- *The Plot is Murder* by V.M. Burns
- *Jane in Love* by Rachel Givney
- *Writers and Lovers* by Lily King
- *Dreaming of You* by Lisa Kleypas
- *The Master* by Colm Tóibín
- *The Wild Girl* by Kate Forsyth

21. A book about something you would never do

22. A book set in or about the Dust Bowl era
Suggestions:
- *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan
- *Rainwater* by Sandra Brown
- *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver
- *I Will Send Rain* by Rae Meadows
- *The Man Who Walked Backward* by Ben Montgomery
- *Years of Dust: The Story of the Dust Bowl* by Albert Marrin
- *Whose Names are Unknown* by Sanora Babb
- *Death of a Rainmaker: a Dust Bowl Mystery* by Laurie Loewenstein
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
23. A psychological thriller
Suggestions:
- Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam
- Into the Water by Paula Hawkins
- The Maidens by Alex Michaelides
- I'm Thinking of Ending Things by Iain Reid
- Shutter Island by Dennis Lehane
- Ill Will by Dan Chaon
- The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks
- Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo
- The Wives by Tarryn Fisher
- Before I Go to Sleep: a novel by S.J. Watson

24. A book from a genre you wouldn't normally read

25. A book with “snow” in the title
Suggestions:
- The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey
- The Secret of Snow by Viola Shipman
- Snow Crash by Neil Stephenson
- A Snow Country Christmas by Linda Lael Miller
- Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
- Blood on Snow by Jo Nesbø
- Snowbound by Richard Wheeler
- Snow by Orhan Pumuk
- Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
- A Breath of Snow and Ashes by Diana Gabaldon

26. A book featuring an arranged marriage or marriage of convenience
Suggestions:
- Unmarriageable by Soniah Kamal
- Sister of My Heart by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- The Bride of Convenience by Jody Hedlund
- The Duke and I by Julia Quinn
- A Bride Most Begrudging by Deeanne Gist
- Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan
- Arranged by Catherine McKenzie
- Bargaining for the Barrister by Anneka Walker
- An Unfamiliar Duke by Sian Ann Bessey
- The Rules of Arrangement by Anisha Bhatia
27. A book with a non-human as a main character/narrator/protagonist

Suggestions:
- *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk* by David Sedaris
- *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein
- *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *The Lord of the Rings* (series) by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick
- *From Blood and Ash* by Jennifer L. Armentrout
- *King of Battle and Blood* by Scarlett St. Clair

28. A book about someone who works in the food industry (chef, waiter, bartender, etc)

Suggestions:
- *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser
- *Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation* by Michael Pollan
- *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair
- *Blood Bones and Butter* by Gabrielle Hamilton
- *Nobu: A Memoir* by Nobuyuki Matsuhisa
- *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal
- *Mango and Peppercorns* by Tung Nguyen
- *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson
- *Eating Words* by Sandra Gilbert
- *American Seafood* by Barton Seaver

29. A microhistory

*The history of something sort of small or insignificant -- like spoons!*

Suggestions:
- *Wanderlust* by Rebecca Solnit
- *Consider the Fork* by Bee Wilson
- *Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World* by Dan Koeppel
- *At Home* by Bill Bryson
- *Quackery: A Brief History of the Worst Way to Cure Things* by Lydia Kang
- *Red: A History of the Redhead* by Jacky Harvey
- *The Professor and the Madman: Making of the Oxford Dictionary* by Simon Winchester
- *Cubed: A Secret History of the Workplace* by Nikil Saval
- *The Pencil* by Henry Petroski
- *Darjeeling: The Colorful History and Precarious Fate of The World's Greatest Tea* by Jeff Koehler
30. A book about best friends
Suggestions:
- *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton
- *Mom Jeans and Other Mistakes* by Alexa Martin
- *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante
- *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith
- *Sister Stardust: a novel* by Jane Green
- *Sula* by Toni Morrison
- *Big Friendship: How We Keep Each Other Close* by Aminatou Sow and Ann Friedman
- *Fiona and Jane* by Jean Chen Ho
- *Wahala: a novel* by Nikki May
- *I’ll Push You : a Journey of 500 Miles, Two Best Friends, and One Wheelchair* by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck

31. A realistic fiction book
Realistic fiction involves events or places that could be or are real with issues solved in a realistic way.
Suggestions:
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon
- *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- *Billy Summers : a novel* by Stephen King
- *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
- *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy
- *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- *The Silence of the Lambs* by Thomas Harris
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
- *The Art of Racing in the Rain : a novel* by Garth Stein

32. A book by or about a refugee
Suggestions:
- *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* by Clemantine Wamariya
- *Call Me American* by Abdi Nor Iftin
- *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid
- *Enrique’s Journey* by Sonia Nazario
- *The Boat People* by Sharon Bala
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani
- *In the Sea There Are Crocodiles* by Fabio Geda
- *The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Eggers
- *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
- *Love Thy Neighbor* by Ayaz Virji
33. A book on climate change
Suggestions:
- *A History of the World in Seven Cheap Things* by Raj Patel
- *Want* by Cindy Pon
- *American War* by Omar El-Akkad
- *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood
- *Disasters in the First World* by Olivia Claire
- *Odds Against Tomorrow* by Nathaniel Rich
- *Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet* by Mark Lynas
- *Don’t Even Think About It* by George Marshall
- *The Calculating Stars* by Mary Kowal

34. A book about women who changed the world
Suggestions:
- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore
- *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell
- *Civil Rights Queen* by Tomiko Brown-Nagin
- *Sally Ride: America’s First Woman in Space* by Lynn Sherr
- *The New Female Antihero: The Disruptive Women of Twenty-First Century US Television* by Sarah Hagelin
- *Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin
- *Queen of Our Times* by Robert Hardman
- *Elizabeth the Queen: the Life of a Modern Monarch* by Sally Bedell Smith
- *Notorious RBG: the Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsberg* by Irin Carmon

35. A book with a character in your age group

36. A book about someone’s struggles with a serious issue (cancer, homelessness, incarceration, etc.)
Suggestions:
- *The People We Keep* by Allie Larkin
- *Hunger: a Memoir of (My) Body* by Roxane Gay
- *Between Two Kingdoms: a Memoir of a Life Interrupted* by Suleika Jaouad
- *Brain On Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susannah Cahalan
- *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi
- *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe
- *A Street Cat Named Bob: and how he saved my life* by James Bowen
- *This Close to Happy* by Daphne Merkin
- *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: a Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed* by Lori Gottlieb
- *Everything Here is Beautiful* by Mira T. Lee
37. A book with multiple points of view
Suggestions:
- *There, There* by Tommy Orange
- *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman
- *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
- *Trust* by Hernan Diaz
- *The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris
- *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid
- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue
- *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
- *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer

38. A book with the name of a country (real or imagined) in the title
Suggestions:
- *America for Beginners* by Leah Franqui
- *The Last Garden in England* by Julia Kelly
- *Our Darkest Night: a novel of Italy and the Second World War* by Jennifer Robson
- *China Dolls* by Lisa See
- *Murder in Mesopotamia* by Agatha Christie
- *The Russia House* by John Le Carré
- *The Great Zoo of China* by Matthew Reilly
- *The Pirates of Somalia* by Jay Bahadur
- *Villa America* by Liza Klaussmann
- *Canada* by Richard Ford

39. A work of fanfiction
A work of fiction inspired by a particular TV series, movie, book, etc., often featuring the same characters, places or events.
Suggestions:
- *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell
- *Pride, Prejudice and Zombies* by Seth Grahame-Smith
- *The Aeneid* by Virgil
- *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare
- *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* by Seth Grahame-Smith
- *The Clockwork Scarab* by Colleen Gleason
- *The Beekeeper’s Apprentice* by Laurie R. King
- *Star Wars: Brotherhood* by Mike Chen
- *Longbourn* by Jo Baker
- *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas
- Any non-published online work of fanfiction
40. A book everyone is talking about
Suggestions:
- *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover
- *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
- *The Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer
- *The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood
- *Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller
- *Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas
- *Normal People* by Sally Rooney
- *People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry

41. A book often taught in highschool
Suggestions:
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger
- *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
- *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

42. A debut novel
The first novel an author ever published.
Suggestions:
- *Something Wild* by Hanna Halperin
- *Dear Miss Metropolitan* by Carolyn Ferrell
- *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan
- *Damnation Spring* by Ash Davidson
- *Sistersong* by Lucy Holland
- *The Family* by Naomi Krupitsky
- *A Marvellous Light* by Freya Marske
- *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan
- *The Ballerinas* by Rachel Kapelke-Dale
- *Four Treasures of the Sky* by Jenny Tinghui Zhang
43. A book with a love triangle
Suggestions:
- *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas
- *An American Marriage: a novel* by Tayari Jones
- *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk
- *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Heller
- *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before* by Jenny Han
- *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel García Márquez
- *The Marriage Plot* by Jeffrey Eugenides
- *Bridget Jones’s Diary: a novel* by Helen Fielding
- *My Sister, the Serial Killer: a novel* by Oyinkan Braithwaite
- *Where the Forest Meets the Stars* by Glendy Vanderah

44. A book involving revenge
Suggestions:
- *For Your Own Good* by Samantha Downing
- *True Grit* by Charles Portis
- *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson
- *Vicious* by V. E. Schwab
- *Sadie* by Courtney Summers
- *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich
- *The Thousand Crimes of Ming Tsu* by Tom Lin

45. A book that intimidates you

46. A best seller from 2021
Suggestions:
- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune
- *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich
- *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
- *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner
- *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
- *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Heller
- *Where the Forest Meets the Stars* by Glendy Vanderah
- *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead
47. A book written by someone under 30
Suggestions:

- *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman
- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *The Naked and the Dead* by Norman Mailer
- *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath
- *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin
- *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith
- *The Tiger’s Wife* by Téa Obreht
- *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *Legend* by Marie Lu
- *Tomorrow Will Be Different* by Sarah McBride

48. A book with bad or mixed reviews
Suggestions:

1. *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern
2. *Winter’s Tale* by Mark Helprin
3. *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert
4. *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
5. *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
6. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt
7. *Half Bad* by Sally Green
8. *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Ronald Pirsig
9. *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid
10. *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold

49. A book with a title that makes you laugh

50. A book with a speech in it
Suggestions:

- *No One is Too Small to Make a Difference* by Grete Thunberg
- *Congratulations, By the Way* by George Saunders
- *Undelivered: Never-Heard Speeches That Would Have Rewritten History* by Jeff Nussbaum
- *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami
- *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *Words that Ring Through Time* by Terry Golway
- *Dune* by Frank Herbert
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
- *Dare Not Linger* by Nelson Mandela
- *Elmet* by Fiona Mozley