

# Best Book List Ever

## Get the Kleenex Ready...

The Elegance of the Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery  
A Tale for the Time Being, Ruth Ozeki  
A Man Named Ove, Fredrik Backman  
Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold  
The Book of Form and Emptiness, Ruth Ozeki

The Goldfinch, Donna Tartt  
The Heart's Invisible Furies, John Boyne  
Lily and the Octopus, Steven Rowley  
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak  
A Widow for One Year, John Irving  
Liesl & Po, Lauren Oliver  
Girl in Pieces, Kathleen Glasgow

## Loved by Kids & Adults

The Missing Piece, Shel Silverstein  
Owls in the Family, Farley Mowat  
The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett  
The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame  
Where the Sidewalk Ends, Shel Silverstein  
Danny the Champion of the World, Roald Dahl  
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Search for WONDOLA, Tony DiTerlizzi

## Real Life Stories...

Untamed, Glennon Doyle  
Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times, Katherine May  
The Glass Castle, Jeannette Walls  
Care Of, Ivan Coyote  
The Year of Magical Thinking, Joan Didion  
Going Solo, Roald Dahl  
Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Wall Kimmerer  
First Spring Grass Fire, Rae Spoon

## Hard to Read but Worth it...

My Life as a Rat, Joyce Carol Oates  
The Book of Ruth, Jane Hamilton  
Mercy Among the Children, David Adams Richards  
God Help the Child, Toni Morrison  
We Need to Talk About Kevin, Lionel Shriver

## When You Need a Chuckle...

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman  
Franny and Zooey, J.D. Salinger  
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed out his Window, Jonas Jonasson  
Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows, Balli Kaur Jaswal

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## An Overall Great Book

100 Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Love in a Time of Cholera, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Strait is the Gate, Andre Gide

Reader on the 6.27, Jean-Paul Didierlaurent

A Complicated Kindness, Miriam Toews

Three Day Road, Joseph Boyden

My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout

Anything Is Possible, Elizabeth Strout

The Midnight Library, Matt Haig

This is How it Always Is, Laurie Frankel

The Dutch House, Ann Patchett

The Burgess Boys, Elizabeth Strout

Olive Kitteridge, Elizabeth Strout

Olive, Again, Elizabeth Strout

Case Histories, Kate Atkinson

A God in Ruins, Kate Atkinson

Life After Life, Kate Atkinson

The Vanishing Half, Brit Bennett

Trickster Trilogy, Eden Robinson

Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, Kim Michele Richardson

State of Wonder, Ann Pratchett

The Imposter Bride, Nancy Richler

The Red Tent, Anita Diamant

White Oleander, Janet Fitch

A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini

This Accident of Being Lost: Songs and Stories, Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats, Jan-Philipp Sendker

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Marry Anne Shaffer & Annie Barrows

The Help, Kathryn Stockett

The Tower, The Zoo, and The Tortoise, Julia Stuart

Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen

## Based on History...

The Book of Lost Names, Kristin Harmel

Book of Negroes, Lawrence Hill

Letters Across the Sea, Genevieve Graham

The Alice Network, Kate Quinn

Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay

## When you Can't Handle Anything Heavy...

The Editor, Steven Rowley

The Cracked Spine Series, Paige Shelton

The Bar Harbour Retirement Home for Famous Writers, Terri-Lynn DeFino

The Memoir Club, Laura Kalpakian

## Writing & Creativity

Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear, Elizabeth Gilbert

The Artist's Way, Julia Cameron

Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life, Anne Lamott

On Writing: A Memoir of Craft, Stephen King