

The Community Library's Best of 2023

Curated by our librarians, this 'Best of 2023' list includes some of the worthiest books published this past year. Included are well-known favorites, yet we also strived to include some surprises, both locally and internationally.

We considered a variety of factors, including our staff's favorite books of the year as well as titles that have met with critical acclaim and literary awards. We also looked to bookstores, book clubs, podcasts and magazines for recommendations.

Our sources include: **New York Times, National Book Awards, NPR, Kirkus Reviews, Barnes & Noble, Library Journal, Lit Hub, The Economist, Booker Prize, Pacific Northwest Book Awards, Publisher's Weekly, Reader's Corner** and others.

Fiction

Absolution by Alice McDermott | FICTION McDermott

American Mermaid by Jenifer Langbein | FICTION Langbein

The Bee Sting by Paul Murray | FICTION Murray

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters | FICTION Peters

The Better Half by Alli Frank | FICTION Frank

Chain-Gang All-Stars by Nana Kwane Adjei-Brenyah | FICTION Adjei-Brenyah

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese | FICTION Verghese

Crook Manifesto by Colson Whitehead | FICTION Whitehead

Cross-Stitch by Jazmina Barrera | FICTION Barrera

The Dog of the North by Elizabeth McKenzie | FICTION McKenzie

Eastbound by Maylis de Kerangal | FICTION Kerangal

Family Lore | ***Sabiduría Familiar*** by Elizabeth Acevedo [English | Español]

The Fraud by Zadie Smith

Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea | FICTION Urrea

The Great Reclamation by Rachel Heng | FICTION Heng

Happy Place by Emily Henry | FICTION Henry

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride | FICTION McBride

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano | FICTION Napolitano

Land of Milk and Honey by C Pam Zhang | FICTION Zhang

Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward | FICTION Ward



North Woods by Daniel Mason | FICTION Mason
This Other Eden by Paul Harding | FICTION Harding
Prophet Song by Paul Lynch | FICTION Lynch
The Rachel Incident by Caroline O'Donoghue | FICTION O'Donoghue
Rouge by Mona Awad | FICTION Awad
Sam by Allegra Goodman | FICTION Goodman
Still Born by Guadalupe Nettel | FICTION Nettel
Temple Folk by Aaliya Bilal | FICTION Bilal
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett | FICTION Patchett
The Wildest Sun by Asha Lemmie | FICTION Lemmie
Yellowface by R.F. Kuang | FICTION Kuang

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Nonfiction

The Art Thief by Michael Finkel | 364.162 FIN
The Best Minds by Jonathan Rosen | 616.898 ROS
The Best Strangers in the World by Ari Shapiro | 070.43 SHA
Bottoms Up and The Devil Laughs by Kerry Howley | 352.379 HOW
The Country of the Blind by Andrew Leland | 323.41 LEL
Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg | 791.44 TOT
Doppelganger by Naomi Kline | 302.23 KLE
A Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan | 322.42 EGA
Fire Weather by John Vaillant | 363.379 VAI
I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy | 731.45 MCC
In Sardinia by Jeff Biggers | TRAVEL 914.59 BIG
El Invencible Verano de Liliana by Cristina Rivera Garza [Español] | SPA 364.15 RIV
King: A Life by Johathan Eig | BIOGRAPHY 920 King
The Last Honest Man by James Risen | 973.92 RIS
Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo | 3063362 WOO
My Name is Barbra by Barbra Streisand | BIOGRAPHY 920 Streisand
Ordinary Notes by Christina Elizabeth Sharpe | 305.896 SHA
Places We Left Behind by Jennifer Lang | 306.81 LAN
Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond | 362.509 DES
The Quickening by Elizabeth A. Rush | 998.9 RUS
Red Memory by Tania Branigan | 951.056 BRA

The Rediscovery of America by Ned Blackhawk | 970.004 BLA
Right Kind of Wrong by Amy C. Edmondson | 158.1 EDM
Some People Need Killing by Patricia Evangelista | 364.409 EVA
Sure, I'll Join You Cult by Maria Bamford | 792.7 BAM
The Talk by Ned Bell | GRAPHIC NOVEL 920 Bell
True West by Betsy Gaines Quammen | 973.933 QUA
Unruly by David Mitchell | 941 MIT
The Wager by David Grann | 910.916 GRA
Wolfish by Erica Berry | 152.46 BER
Women We Buried, Women We Burned by Rachel Louise Snyder | BIOGRAPHY 920 Snyder

Some of these titles are still held in our NEW BOOKS area and many are "checked out" so you may need to place a "hold."

