

Best of 2024

Curated by our librarians, this 'Best of 2024' list includes some of the worthiest books published this past year. Our list includes both critically acclaimed literary picks, readers favorites and award-nominated reads. We strive to offer options across cultures and continents, encouraging a broad approach to reading. You can find more reading ideas for free online at: [NPR](#), [Kirkus Reviews](#), [The Guardian](#), [Reddit](#) and [Goodreads](#) among [others](#).

Fiction

[Ædnan](#) by Linnea Axelson | FICTION Axelsson ~ Indigenous Cultures, Family
[All Fours](#) by Miranda July | FICTION July ~ Midlife Crisis
[The Cliffs](#) by J. Courtney Sullivan | FICTION Sullivan ~ Gothic
[Cahokia Jazz](#) by Francis Spufford | FICTION Spofford ~ Historical/Speculative
[Creation Lake](#) by Rachel Kushner | FICTION Kushner ~ Thriller/Espionage
[The Fertile Earth](#) by Ruthvika Rao | FICTION Rao ~ Love, Family
[Fire Exit](#) by Morgan Talty | FICTION Talty ~ Contemporary
[Funny Story](#) by Emily Henry | FICTION Henry ~ Romance
[The God of the Woods](#) by Liz Moore | FICTION Moore ~ Thriller
[Gather](#) by Kenneth M. Cadow | YA FIC CAD ~ Coming-of-Age, Poverty
[Great Expectations](#) by Vinson Cunningham ~ FICTION Cunningham ~ Political, Social
[James](#) by Percival Everett | FICTION Everett ~ Historic Fiction/Literary
[The Kamogawa Food Detectives](#) by Hisashi Kashiwai | FICTION Kashiwai ~ Family, Food
[Long Island](#) by Colm Toibin | FICTION Toibin ~ Historical, Family
[Loot](#) by Tania James | FICTION James ~ Historical, Colonial
[Playground](#) by Richard Powers | FICTION Powers ~ Speculative, Nature
[Piglet](#) by Lottie Hazell | FICTION Hazel ~ Weddings, Relationship
[Prima Facie](#) by Suzie Miller | FICTION Miller ~ Criminal Justice, Legal
[Margo's Got Money Troubles](#) by Ruffi Thorpe | FICTION Thorpe ~ Life Experience
[Martyr!](#) By Kaveh Akbar | FICTION Akbar ~ Literary Fiction, LGBT
[The Mighty Red](#) by Louise Erdrich | FICTION Erdrich ~ Native American
[The Ministry of Time](#) by Kaliane Bradley | FICTION Bradley ~ Science Fiction
[Real Americans](#) by Rachel Khong | FICTION Khong ~ Contemporary, Magical Realism
[The Safekeep](#) by Yael Van Der Wouden | FICTION Wouden ~ Period ('60s), Holland
[Salmon Moon](#) by Julie Weston | MYSTERY Weston ~ Western/Local Interest
[Shock Induction](#) by Charles Palahniuk | FICTION Palahniuk ~ Dystopian, Education
[Swift River](#) by Essie Chambers | FICTION Chambers ~ Coming-of-Age
[Table for Two](#) by Amor Towles | FICTION Towles ~ Short Stories/Novella
[Tell Me Everything](#) by Elizabeth Strout | FICTION ~ Olive Kitteridge Series
[Time of the Child](#) by Niall Williams | FICTION Williams ~ Family, Ireland
[The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah | FICTION Hannah ~ Period ('60s), Viet Nam
[You Dreamed of Empires](#) by Alvaro Enrigue | FICTION Enrigue ~ Speculative, Mexico

Nonfiction

[*The Anxious Generation*](#) by Jonathan Haidt | 305.23 HAI ~ Psychology, Childhood
[*The Backyard Bird Chronicles*](#) by Amy Tan | 813.54 TAN ~ Author Memoir, Nature
[*Be Ready When the Luck Happens*](#) by Ina Garten | Biography 920 Garten ~ Chef Memoir, Abuse
[*Bone of the Bone: Essays*](#) by Sarah Smarsh | 305.562 SMA ~ Poverty, American Culture
[*Burn Book: A Tech Love Story*](#) by Kara Swisher | 338.47 SWI ~ Tech Memoir, Journalism
[*Challenger: ...Disaster on the Edge*](#) by Adam Higginbotham | 363.124 HIG ~ Space Exploration
[*Didion and Babitz*](#) by Lili Anolik | 813.54 ANO ~ Author/Artist Memoir
[*Freedom: Memories 1954-2021*](#) by Angela Merkel | Biography 920 Merkel ~ Political, Europe
[*Memories of Distant Mountains*](#) by Orhan Pamuk | 894.35 PAM ~ Memoir, Writing/Arts
[*Here After: A Memoir*](#) by Amy Lin | 155.937 LIN ~ Loss & Grieving
[*How to Win an Information War*](#) by Peter Pomerantsev | 979.4 MAR ~ Period (WW II)
[*John Lewis: A Life*](#) by David Greenberg | Biography 920 Lewis ~ Civil Rights
[*John Lewis: ...Beloved Community*](#) by Raymond Arsenault | Biography 920 Lewis ~ Civil Rights
[*Kingmaker: Pamela Harriman*](#) by Sonia Purnell | 973.9 PUR ~ Historical, Influencer
[*Knife: Meditations After An Attempted Murder*](#) by Salman Rushdie | Biography 920 Rushdie
[*The Last Fire Season: A Personal History*](#) by Manjula Martin | 979.4 MAR ~ Memoir, Environment
[*The Message*](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates | 070.92 COA ~ Social History, Journalism
[*My Beloved Monster: Masha*](#) by Caleb Carr | 636.8 CAR ~ Pets/Cats, Aging
[*Nexus: ...Stone Age to AI*](#) by Yuval Noah Harari | 001.09 HAR ~ Technology
[*Nuclear War*](#) by Annie Jacobsen | 355.021 JAC ~ Military Policy, Warfare
[*Patriot*](#) by Aleksie Navalny | Biography 920 Navalny ~ Russian, Political Prisoner
[*Power Metal*](#) by Vince Beiser | 333.85 BEI ~ Resources, Economics
[*The Showman: ...Zelensky*](#) by Simon Shuster | 947.708 SHU ~ Current Affairs, Biography
[*The Small and the Mighty*](#) by Sharon McMahon | 920.02 MCM ~ Women's History
[*Smoke and Ashes: Opium's Hidden Histories*](#) by Amitav Ghosh | 338.473 GHO ~ Opium Trade
[*The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*](#) by Elisabeth Tova Bailey | 594.38 BAI ~ Nature, Aging
[*Supercommunicators*](#) by Charles Duhigg | 153.6 DUH ~ Communication, Business
[*An Unfinished Love Story*](#) by Doris Kearn Goodwin | Biography 920 Goodwin ~ Period ('60s)
[*Unshrinking*](#) by Kate Manne | 305.908 MAB ~ Weight, Discrimination
[*Who's Afraid of Gender*](#) by Judith Butler | 305.3 BUT ~ Sociology, Gender
[*The Wide Wide Sea: ...Captain James Cook*](#) by Hampton Sides | 910.92 SID ~ Historical
[*War*](#) by Bob Woodward | 973.934 WOO ~ International Affairs, Current Events
[*Whiskey Tender*](#) by Deborah Jackson Taffa | 978.98 TAF ~ Memoir, Native American

Graphic Novels

[*Cormac McCarthy's The Road*](#) by Manu Larcenet | Graphic Novel 741.5 LAR
[*The Examiner*](#) by Janice Hallett | Graphic Novel FICTION Hallett
[*Into the Uncut Grass*](#) by Trevor Noah | Graphic Novel FICTION Noah
[*Past Tense: Facing Family Secrets*](#) by Sacha Mardou | Graphic Novel 362 MAR
[*The Summer We Crossed Europe*](#) in the Rain by Kazuo Ishiguro | Graphic Novel 782.42 ISH

Poetry

[*Latino Poetry: the Library of America Anthology*](#) by Rigoberto Gonzalez | 811.6 GON
[*No One Will Know You Tomorrow*](#) by Najwan Darwish | 892.71 DAR

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