



“Books are the plane, and
the train, and the road.
They are the destination,
and the journey.
They are home.”

– Anna Quindlen



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Book Club in a Bag



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weeks and *cannot* be renewed.

**No two persons ever read
the same book.**

–Edmund Wilson



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New in 2023

Nonfiction Title	Author	NovelList	Goodreads
The Boy on the Wooden Box	Leon Leyson	5	4.38
Traces the story of Holocaust survivor Leon Leyson, who was the youngest child in his family and possibly the youngest of the hundreds of Jews rescued by Oskar Schindler.			
The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio	Terry Ryan	5	3.91
Evelyn Ryan was an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay with wit, poetry, and perfect prose during the "contest era" of the 1950s and 1960s. Standing up to the church, her alcoholic husband, and antiquated ideas about women, Evelyn turned every financial challenge into an opportunity for innovation, all the while raising her six sons and four daughters with the belief that miracles are an everyday occurrence.			
Tunnel 29	Helena Merriman	2	4.5
In a book based on the podcast series, a broadcast journalist tells the unbelievable true story of 22-year-old Joachim Rudolph, who, in 1961, set out to build an escape tunnel under the Berlin Wall and was faced with many obstacles before freeing 29 people.			
When Stars are Scattered	Victoria Jameson & Oman Mohamed	4	4.63
Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp.			

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Between Shades of Gray	Ruta Sepetys	5	4.37
In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family.			
Ella Minnow Pea	Mark Dunn	5	3.92
Recounts what happens when the citizens of an island must rely on all their ingenuity to communicate in an increasingly limited language when the government progressively bans letters from the alphabet.			
A Good Girls Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson	4	4.34
The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. Almost everyone. Having grown up in the small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Adeleke chooses the case as the topic for her final project. But when Pip starts uncovering secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden, what starts out as a project begins to become Pip's dangerous reality...			
The Midnight Library	Matt Haig	5	4
Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? A novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived.			
The Night Circus	Erin Morgenstern	5	4.02
Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways.			
The Only Woman in the Room	Marie Benedict	5	3.85
A beautiful woman escapes her Austrian arms-dealer husband to become Hollywood legend Hedy Lamarr while hiding a secret double life as a Jewish scientist and sharing vital information about the Third Reich.			

as voted on by our patrons

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American Nation	Colin Woodward	4	4.11
The American Plate	Libby O'Connell	2	3.52
Astoria	Peter Stark	3	3.89
Bad Blood	John Carreyou	5	4.38
Being Mortal	Atul Gawande	5	4.44
The Big Burn	Timothy Egan	4	4.02
The Book Collectors	Delphine Minoui	2	4.16
Born a Crime	Trevor Noah	5	4.46
The Boys in the Boat	Daniel Brown	5	4.31
A Chance in the World	Steve Pemberton	4	4.26
The Cruellest Miles	Gail Salisbury	4	4.09
Dead Wake	Erik Larson	5	4.06
The Devil in the White City	Erik Larson	5	3.98
The End of Your Life Book Club	Will Schwalbe	4	3.81
Eva's Story	Eva Schloss	2	4.13
Forty Autumns	Nina Willner	3	4.36
Founding Mothers	Cokie Roberts	5	3.57

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The Gifts of Imperfection	Brene Brown	5	4.25
The Girls of Atomic City	Denice Kiernan	4	3.66
The Glass Castle	Jeanette Walls	5	4.16
Hidden Figures	Margot Lee Shetterly	5	3.93
The Hiding Place	Corrie Ten Boom	5	4.41
A Higher Call	Adam Makos	5	4.25
I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	5	4.04
I Will Always Write Back	Caitlin Alifirenka	5	4.39
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	5	4.05
In the Sanctuary of Outcasts	Neil White	4	3.73
Isaac's Storm	Erik Larson	5	4.04
Just Mercy	Bryan Stevenson	5	4.59
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann	5	4.15
Mennonite in a Little Black Dress	Rhoda Janzen	5	3.15
A Midwife's Tale	Laurel Ulrich	4	3.98
Nothing to Do But Stay	Carrie Young	3	3.94

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The Paper Garden	Molly Peacock	3	3.83
Radium Girls	Kate Moore	4	4.14
The River of Doubt	Candice Millard	5	4.17
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	Jennifer Armstrong	5	3.93
The Splendid and the Vile	Erik Larson	5	4.29
They Called Us Enemy	George Takei	4	4.34
Unbroken	Laura Hillenbrand	5	4.44
A Walk in the Woods	Bill Bryson	5	4.05
The Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson	5	4.26
West with the Night	Beryl Markham	4	4.18
White Fragility	Robin DiAngelo	5	4.18
Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs	Caitlin Doughty	3	4.11
The Woman They Could Not Silence	Kate Moore	4	4.31
A Woman of No Importance	Sonia Purnell	4	4.09
The Woman Who Smashed Codes	Jason Fagone	4	4.02
The Zookeeper's Wife	Diane Ackerman	5	3.48

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The 100-Year-Old Man that Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared	Jonas Jonasson	5	3.79
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian	Sherman Alexie	5	4.07
All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	5	4.25
And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie	5	4.28
Anxious People	Fredrik Backman	5	4.19
The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein	5	4.16
Beautiful Ruins	Jess Walter	5	3.69
Big Little Lies	Liane Moriarty	5	4.27
Blackmoore	Julianne Donaldson	4	4.18
The Blue Castle	L.M. Montgomery	4	4.22
The Book Thief	Marcus Zusack	5	4.39
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek	Kim Michele Richardson	4	4.24
Broken Teaglass	Emily Arsenault	3	3.33
The Buddha in the Attic	Julie Otsuka	5	3.56
Buffalo Coat	Carol Ririe Brink	n/a	4.14
The Cellist of Sarajevo	Steven Galloway	4	4

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Cloud Cuckoo Land	Anthony Doerr	5	4.27
Counting by 7s	Holly Goldberg Sloan	5	4.05
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Mark Haddon	5	3.87
Dancing at the Rascal Fair	Ivan Doig	4	4.2
Elegance of a Hedgehog	Muriel Barberry	5	3.7
The Eleventh Man	Ivan Doig	4	3.48
Emma	Jane Austen	5	3.97
Enchanted April	Elizabeth Von Arnim	4	4
The Four Winds	Kristin Hannah	5	4.3
A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles	5	4.33
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society	Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows	5	4.1
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	5	4.48
The Help	Kathryn Stockett	5	4.47
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	5	4.23
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford	5	3.95
How the Penguins Saved Veronica	Hazel Prior	2	4.11

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Jane Eyre	Charlotte Brontë	5	4.09
The Keeper of Lost Things	Ruth Hogan	4	3.82
Kindred	Octavia E. Butler	5	4.12
Kit & Elizabeth	Karen Tuft	n/a	4
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	5	4.21
The Ladies Auxiliary	Tova Mirvis	4	3.65
A Land More Kind Than Home	Wiley Cash	5	3.85
Last Bus to Wisdom	Ivan Doig	4	4.04
Letters from Yellowstone	Diane Smith	4	3.71
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	5	4.23
Maisie Dobbs	Jacqueline Winspear	5	3.91
A Man Called Ove	Fredrik Backman	5	4.35
March	Geraldine Brooks	5	3.79
The Martian	Andy Weir	5	4.4
Me Before You	Jojo Moyes	5	4.31
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Ransom Riggs	5	3.87

“Books fall open, you fall in.”



-David McCord

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Mr. Penumbra's Book Store	Robin Sloan	5	3.75
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd	Agatha Christie	5	4.26
Murder on the Orient Express	Agatha Christie	5	4.16
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry	Fredrik Backman	5	4.03
The Nightingale	Kristin Hannah	5	4.6
Olive Kitteridge	Elizabeth Strout	5	3.71
Orphan Train	Christina Baker Kline	5	4.16
Persuasion	Jane Austen	5	4.13
Plainsong	Kent Haruf	5	4.02
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	5	4.25
A Proper Scandal	Esther Hatch	n/a	4
Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier	5	4.22
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise	Dan Gemeinhart	4	4.48
The Rent Collector	Camron Wright	4	4.24

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The Rosie Project	Graeme Simison	5	4
Salt to the Sea	Ruta Sepetys	5	4.36
The Secret Keeper	Kate Morton	5	4.14
The Silent Patient	Alex Michaelides	5	4.1
A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	5	3.87
Tending Roses	Lisa Wingate	4	3.91
The Thursday Murder Club	Richard Osman	4	3.93
Till We Have Faces	C.S. Lewis	5	4.19
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	5	4.23
A Town Like Alice	Nevil Shute	4	4.13
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Betty Smith	5	4.22
The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead	5	4.03
Uprooted	Naomi Novik	5	4.06
The War that Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	5	4.45
Water for Elephants	Sara Gruen	5	4.05
Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owen	5	4.47
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	5	4.45