

Adult Fiction

For a complete list, go to:
[www.kirkusreviews.com/fiction/
best-century-so-far/books/](http://www.kirkusreviews.com/fiction/best-century-so-far/books/)

- **Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **Life After Life** by Kate Atkinson
- **Oryx and Crake** by Margaret Atwood
- **Arthur & George** by Julian Barnes
- **The Sellout** by Paul Beatty
- **Himawari House** by Harmony Becker (AGN)
- **2666** by Roberto Bolano
- **Milkman** by Anna Burns
- **Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell**
by Susanna Clarke
- **Monica** by Daniel Clowes (AGN)
- **The Netanyahus** by Joshua Cohen
- **Everything Inside** by Edwidge Danticat
- **The Lost Samurai** by Helen Dewitt
- **Trust** by Hernán Díaz
- **The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao**
by Junot Díaz
- **Room** by Emma Donoghue
- **LaRose** by Louise Erdich
- **Middlesex** by Jeffrey Eugenides
- **James** by Percival Everett
- **My Favorite Thing is Monsters**
by Emil Ferris (AGN)
- **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn
- **The Corrections** by Jonathan Franzen
- **Exit West** by Mohsin Hamid
- **The Vegetarian** by Han Kang
- **Get a Life, Chloe Brown** by Talia Hibbert
- **Magpie Murders** by Anthony Horowitz
- **Never Let Me Go** by Kazuo Ishiguro
- **The Fifth Season** by N. K. Jemisin
- **The Known World** by Edward P. Jones
- **Euphoria** by Lily King
- **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver
- **Marrying Winterborne** by Lisa Kleypas
- **Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl**
by Andrea Lawlor
- **Pachinko** by Min Jin Lee
- **Small Island** by Andrea Levy
- **The Three-Body Problem** by Cixin Liu

Adult Fiction

- **Severance** by Ling Ma
- **Her Body and Other Parties**
by Carmen Maria Machado
- **Daring and the Duke** by Sarah MacLean
- **The Great Believers** by Rebecca Makkai
- **Station Eleven** by Emily St. John Mandel
- **Wolf Hall** by Hilary Mantel
- **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store**
by James McBride
- **The Road** by Cormac McCarthy
- **The Ninth Hour** by Alice McDermott
- **Atonement** by Ian McEwan
- **Red, White, & Royal Blue**
by Casey McQuiston
- **All Our Names** by Dinaw Mengestu
- **The Emperor's Children** by Claire Messud
- **Cloud Atlas** by David Mitchell
- **Love** by Toni Morrison
- **1Q84** by Haruki Murakami
- **The Bee Sting** by Paul Murray
- **The Sympathizer** by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- **The Friend** by Sigrid Nunez
- **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett
- **Detransition, Baby** by Torrey Peters
- **The Secret Lives of Church Ladies**
by Deesha Philyaw
- **Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson
- **The Plot Against America** by Philip Roth
- **Tenth of December** by George Saunders
- **On Beauty** by Zadie Smith
- **The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt
- **Brooklyn** by Colm Tóibín
- **We the Animals** by Justin Torres
- **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles
- **A Heart of Blood and Ashes** by Milla Vane
- **On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous**
by Ocean Vuong
- **Beautiful Ruins** by Jess Walter
- **Memorial** by Bryan Washington
- **Fingersmith** by Sarah Waters
- **A Little Life** by Hanya Yanagihara
- **Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow**
by Gabrielle Zevin

Adult Nonfiction

- **Open** by Andre Agassi
- **White Girls** by Hilton Als
- **Gulag** by Anne Applebaum
- **On Immunity** by Eula Biss
- **The Night of the Gun** by David Carr
- **Red Comet** by Heather Clark
- **Between the World and Me**
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- **Nothing to Envy** by Barbara Demick
- **Evicted** by Matthew Desmond
- **King** by Jonathan Eig
- **Five Days at Memorial** by Sheri Fink
- **The Swerve** by Stephen Greenblatt
- **Charles and Emma** by Deborah Heiligman
- **The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Pearce**
by Jeff Hobbs
- **Stay True** by Hua Hsu
- **How We Fight for Our Lives** by Saeed Jones
- **When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi
- **Say Nothing** by Patrick Radden Keefe
- **The Sixth Extinction** by Elizabeth Kolbert
- **Hidden Valley Road** by Robert Kolker
- **Heavy** by Kiese Laymon
- **H is for Hawk** by Helen MacDonal
- **John Adams** by David McCullough
- **The Lost** by Daniel Mandelsohn
- **The Emperor of All Maladies**
by Siddhartha Mukherjee
- **South to America** by Imani Perry
- **In the Heart of the Sea** by Nathaniel Philbrick
- **How to Change Your Mind** by Michael Pollan
- **Seek You** by Kristen Radtke (AGN)
- **Citizen** by Claudia Rankine
- **Stiff** by Mary Roach
- **Fast Food** by Eric Schlosser
- **How to Say Babylon** by Safiya Sinclair
- **How the Word is Passed** by Clint Smith
- **Call Them by Their True Names**
by Rebecca Solnit
- **Wild** by Cheryl Strayed
- **The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee**
by David Treuer
- **Legacy of Ashes** by Tim Weiner

Young Adult

- **America Redux** by Ariel Aberg-Riger (YANF)
- **The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo
- **Saints and Misfits** by S. K. Ali
- **Fever, 1793** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- **The Blood Years** by Elana K. Arnold
- **The Diviners** by Libba Bray
- **Gather** by Kenneth M. Cadow
- **One Great Lie** by Deb Caletti
- **Out of the Blue** by Sophie Cameron
- **Kindling** by Traci Chee
- **The Marrow Thieves** by Cherie Dimaline
- **The Family Romanov**
by Candace Fleming (YANF)
- **Picture Us in the Light** by Kelly Loy Gilbert
- **The Lie Tree** by Frances Hardinge
- **Allegedly** by Tiffany D. Jackson
- **Ask the Passengers** by A. S. King
- **The Things She's Seen**
by Ambelin Kwaymullina
- **Every Day** by David Levithan
- **Last Night at the Telegraph Club**
by Malinda Lo
- **Echoes of Grace**
by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- **Blood Water Paint** by Joy McCullough
- **When the Moon Was Ours**
by Anna-Marie McLemore
- **All That It Ever Meant** by Blessing Musariri
- **Iron Wolf** by Siri Pettersen
- **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds
- **Patron Saints of Nothing** by Randy Ribay
- **Bone Gap** by Laura Ruby
- **The Wednesday Wars** by Gary D. Schmidt
- **Challenger Deep** by Neal Shusterman
- **The 57 Bus** by Dashka Slater (YANF)
- **Nimona** by Noelle Stevenson (YAGN)
- **I'm the Girl** by Courtney Summers
- **The Beast Player** by Nahoko Uehashi
- **Piecing Me Together** by Renée Watson
- **Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth Wein
- **Uglies** by Scott Westerfeld
- **Story of a Girl** by Sara Zarr
- **The Serpent King** by Jeff Zentner