



Lists of the Best Books in Each Genre

Fantasy

- **High/Epic Fantasy: The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien**
- **Low Fantasy: The Magicians by Lev Grossman**
- **Urban Fantasy: The Dresden Files by Jim Butcher**
- **Dark Fantasy: The Blade Itself by Joe Abercrombie**
- **Romantasy: A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas**
- **Modern Classics: A Song of Ice and Fire by George R.R. Martin, The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss**

Science Fiction

- **Hard Sci-Fi: The Martian by Andy Weir**

- **Soft Sci-Fi:** **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
- **Dystopian:** **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
- **Space Opera:** **Dune** by Frank Herbert
- **Cyberpunk:** **Neuromancer** by William Gibson
- **Modern Classics:** **Foundation** by Isaac Asimov, **Children of Time** by Adrian Tchaikovsky

Romance

- **Historical Romance:** **Outlander** by Diana Gabaldon
- **Contemporary Romance:** **The Hating Game** by Sally Thorne
- **Paranormal Romance:** **Twilight** by Stephenie Meyer
- **Romantic Suspense:** **The Witness** by Nora Roberts
- **Modern Popular Works:** **It Ends With Us** by Colleen Hoover, **Red, White & Royal Blue** by Casey McQuiston

Mystery & Crime

- **Cozy Mystery:** **Murder at the Vicarage** by Agatha Christie
- **Police Procedural:** **The Cormoran Strike** series by Robert Galbraith

- **Hardboiled:** **The Maltese Falcon** by Dashiell Hammett
- **Thriller/Suspense:** **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** by Stieg Larsson
- **Modern Classics:** **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn, **Big Little Lies** by Liane Moriarty

Historical Fiction

- **Alternate History:** **The Man in the High Castle** by Philip K. Dick
- **Historical Fantasy:** **Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell** by Susanna Clarke
- **Military/Nautical:** **Master and Commander** by Patrick O'Brian
- **Modern Classics:** **Wolf Hall** by Hilary Mantel, **Pillars of the Earth** by Ken Follett

Horror

- **Psychological Horror:** **The Shining** by Stephen King
- **Supernatural Horror:** **The Haunting of Hill House** by Shirley Jackson
- **Body Horror:** **The Troop** by Nick Cutter
- **Gothic Horror:** **Frankenstein** by Mary Shelley

- **Modern Classics:** **Mexican Gothic** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia, **Bird Box** by Josh Malerman

Literary Fiction

- **To the Lighthouse** by Virginia Woolf
- **Beloved** by Toni Morrison
- **Normal People** by Sally Rooney
- **The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt

Young Adult (YA) Fiction

- **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton
- **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas
- **Six of Crows** by Leigh Bardugo

Emerging & Niche Genres

- **Climate Fiction (Cli-Fi):** **The Water Knife** by Paolo Bacigalupi, **Flight Behavior** by Barbara Kingsolver

- **Hopepunk:** **The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet** by Becky Chambers
- **Solarpunk:** **Sunvault** (edited anthology)
- **Romantasy:** **Serpent & Dove** by Shelby Mahurin
- **Cozy Fantasy:** **The House in the Cerulean Sea** by TJ Klune, **The Goblin Emperor** by Katherine Addison

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