

BEST BOOKS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

We are only in the early part of the 21st century, but there are already a lot of amazing books to read. Whether you're interested in a thriller or a memoir, self-help or YA lit, this chart will help you find great books to enjoy!

START!

Want some good Popular Fiction?

no

Literary Fiction this way

yes

Popular Fiction

Thrillers?

no

Mystery?



Before I Go to Sleep
S. J. Watson



Nineteen Minutes
Jodi Picoult



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
Stieg Larsson



The Lovely Bones
Alice Sebold



The Thirteenth Tale
Diane Setterfield

Family?

no

Fantasy/Horror?



Room
Emma Donoghue



My Sister's Keeper
Jodi Picoult



The Memory Keeper's Daughter
Kim Edwards



The Language of Flowers
Vanessa Diffenbaugh



The Historian
Elizabeth Kostova

Suspense?

no

Time Travel?

no

Romance?



Gone Girl
Gillian Flynn



The Da Vinci Code
Dan Brown



The Time Traveler's Wife
Audrey Niffenegger



11/22/63
Stephen King



The Other Boleyn Girl
Philippa Gregory



Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Lisa See

Literary Fiction

Dystopia?

no

Fantasy?

no

Identity?



The Road
Cormac McCarthy



Oryx and Crake
Margaret Atwood



American Gods
Neil Gaiman



Never Let Me Go
Kazuo Ishiguro



White Teeth
Zadie Smith



The History of Love
Nicole Krauss



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Jonathan Safran Foer



Life of Pi
Yann Martel



Everything is Illuminated
Jonathan Safran Foer



The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
Junot Diaz



The Namesake
Jhumpa Lahiri

Magical Realism?

no

Crime?

no

Comic Books?

History?

no

Family?

no

Looking for Mystery?

Baseball?

no

Discover a New Culture?

yes

Civil Rights



The Help
Kathryn Stockett



The Secret Life of Bees
Sue Monk Kidd



The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
Mary Ann Shaffer, Annie Barrows



The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet
David Mitchell



The Kite Runner
Khaled Hosseini



A Thousand Splendid Suns
Khaled Hosseini

Romance



Water for Elephants
Sara Gruen

War



Fall of Giants
Ken Follett

How about a good Fantasy?

yes

Epic



A Dance With Dragons
George R.R. Martin

Vampires



A Discovery of Witches
Deborah Harkness

Magic



Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell
Susanna Clarke

Literary



Kafka on the Shore
Haruki Murakami

Video Games



Ready Player One
Ernest Cline

Historical



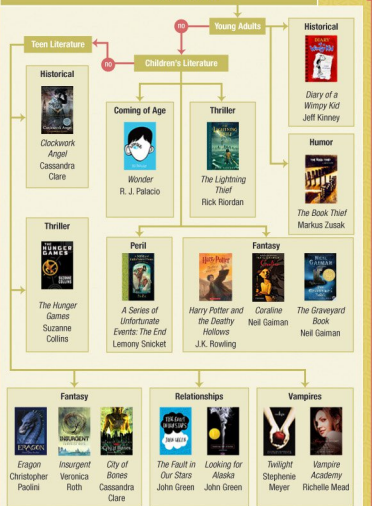
Cloud Atlas
David Mitchell

Romance



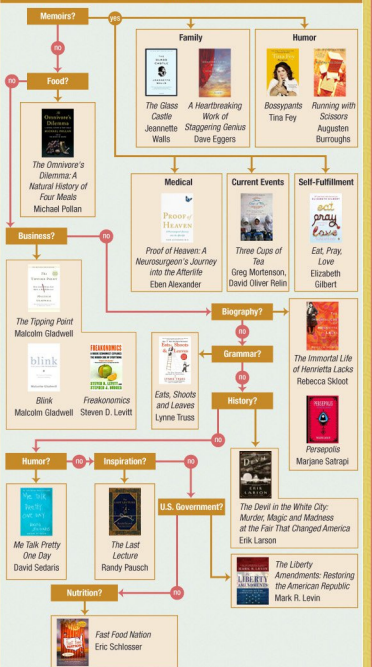
Matched
Ally Condie

Fiction for Kids



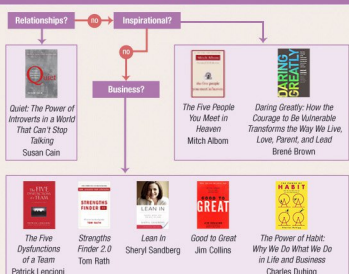
Looking for Nonfiction?

Nonfiction



In need of Advice?

Self-Help



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