

# 100 YEARS<sup>+</sup>

## of Popular Books on Goodreads

This is a fun one: For the collection below, we decided to take a long-arc overview and try to identify the most popular books published over the past 100 years, as determined by Goodreads members' digital shelves. To do this, we went year by year and picked one title from among the top of each pile.

- 1922 Ulysses
- 1923 The Prophet
- 1924 We
- 1925 The Great Gatsby
- 1926 The Sun Also Rises
- 1927 To the Lighthouse
- 1928 The Well of Loneliness
- 1929 Passing
- 1930 As I Lay Dying
- 1931 Joy of Cooking
- 1932 Brave New World
- 1933 In Praise of Shadows
- 1934 Murder on the Orient Express (Hercule Poirot, #9)
- 1935 Gaudy Night (Lord Peter Wimsey, #10)
- 1936 Absalom, Absalom!
- 1937 Their Eyes Were Watching God
- 1938 Rebecca
- 1939 The Grapes of Wrath
- 1940 Native Son
- 1941 The Library of Babel
- 1942 The Stranger
- 1943 The Little Prince
- 1944 Ficciones
- 1945 The Glass Menagerie
- 1946 The Member of the Wedding
- 1947 No Exit
- 1948 I Capture the Castle
- 1949 1984
- 1950 The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- 1951 Foundation (Foundation, #1)
- 1952 Invisible Man
- 1953 Fahrenheit 451
- 1954 The Fellowship of the Ring  
(The Lord of the Rings, #1)
- 1955 The Annotated Lolita
- 1956 Giovanni's Room
- 1957 Doctor Zhivago
- 1958 Things Fall Apart (The African Trilogy, #1)



- 1959 The Haunting of Hill House
- 1960 To Kill a Mockingbird
- 1961 Catch-22
- 1962 Silent Spring
- 1963 The Bell Jar
- 1964 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Charlie Bucket, #1)
- 1965 Dune (Dune, #1)
- 1966 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
- 1967 One Hundred Years of Solitude
- 1968 Slouching Towards Bethlehem
- 1969 I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
- 1970 The Bluest Eye
- 1971 Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
- 1972 Ways of Seeing
- 1973 The Princess Bride
- 1974 Carrie
- 1975 'Salem's Lot
- 1976 The Woman Warrior
- 1977 Song of Solomon
- 1978 The Westing Game
- 1979 Kindred
- 1980 The Name of the Rose
- 1981 Midnight's Children
- 1982 The Color Purple
- 1983 The Queen's Gambit
- 1984 The House on Mango Street
- 1985 The Handmaid's Tale
- 1986 Howl's Moving Castle (Howl's Moving Castle, #1)
- 1987 Watchmen
- 1988 The Alchemist
- 1989 The Pillars of the Earth (Kingsbridge, #1)
- 1990 Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch

- 1991 Outlander (Outlander, #1)
- 1992 The Secret History
- 1993 The Virgin Suicides
- 1994 The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle
- 1995 The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials, #1)
- 1996 A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire, #1)
- 1997 Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies
- 1998 The Poisonwood Bible
- 1999 Girl with a Pearl Earring
- 2000 House of Leaves
- 2001 The Shadow of the Wind (The Cemetery of Forgotten Books, #1)
- 2002 Coraline
- 2003 The Namesake
- 2004 Cloud Atlas
- 2005 Never Let Me Go
- 2006 The Road
- 2007 The Book Thief
- 2008 The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
- 2009 Wolf Hall (Thomas Cromwell, #1)
- 2010 The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
- 2011 The Song of Achilles
- 2012 Gone Girl
- 2013 The Goldfinch
- 2014 Everything I Never Told You
- 2015 Between the World and Me
- 2016 When Breath Becomes Air
- 2017 The Hate U Give (The Hate U Give, #1)
- 2018 Educated
- 2019 Red, White & Royal Blue
- 2020 The Vanishing Half
- 2021 Malibu Rising