

# 2017

## **JANUARY**

*Thank Heaven Fasting* EM Delafield  
*The Nine Tailors* Dorothy L. Sayers (reread)  
*My Name Is Leon* Kit de Waal  
*Lolly Willowes* Sylvia Townsend Warner  
*Born to Run* Bruce Springsteen  
*Amnesia* Michael Ridpath

## **FEBRUARY**

*Testament of Youth* Vera Brittain  
*The Awkward Age* Francesca Segal  
*Homegoing* Yaa Gyasi  
*Waking Lions* Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

## **MARCH**

*The End of Eddy* Edouard Louis  
*Idaho* Emily Ruskovich  
*Mothering Sunday* Graham Swift  
*Golden Hill* Francis Spufford

## **APRIL**

*Five Rivers Met on a Wooded Plain* Barney Norris  
*The Hate U Give* Angie Thomas  
*The Improbability of Love* Hannah Rothschild

## **MAY**

*Chasing the Stars* Malorie Blackman  
*The Waters and the Wild* DeSales Harrison  
*The Siege* Helen Dunmore

## **JUNE**

*Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* Gail Honeyman  
*Stay with Me* Ayobami Adebayo  
*The Dark Circle* Linda Grant  
*The Lie of the Land* Amanda Craig

## **JULY**

*Poor Caroline* Winifred Holtby  
*Hillbilly Elegy* JD Vance  
*Persuasion* Jane Austen  
*Missing, Presumed* Susie Steiner  
*Caleb's Crossing* Geraldine Brooks

## **AUGUST**

*Persons Unknown* Susie Steiner  
*The Fact of a Body* Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich  
*I Am, I Am, I Am* Maggie O'Farrell\*\*

*Diary of a Wartime Affair* Doreen Bates  
*The Good People* Hannah Kent  
*The Dry* Jane Harper

#### **SEPTEMBER**

*The Natural Way of Things* Charlotte Wood  
*The Resurrection of Joan Ashby* Cherise Wolas  
*Sugar Money* Jane Harris  
*Line of Sight* AC Konig

#### **OCTOBER**

*My Absolute Darling* Gabriel Tallent  
*What We Lose* Zinzi Clemmons  
*La Belle Sauvage* Philip Pullman  
*Home Fire* Kamila Shamsie

#### **NOVEMBER**

*Dear Mrs Bird* AJ Pearce  
*Anna* Niccolo Ammaniti  
*Reunion* Fred Ulman  
*A Spell of Winter* Helen Dunmore

#### **DECEMBER**

*Missing Fay* Adam Thorpe  
*Conversations with Friends* Sally Rooney  
*How Hard Can It Be?* Allison Pearson  
*The Dark Is Rising* Susan Cooper (reread)  
*Reservoir 13* Jon McGregor\*  
*The Shepherd's Hut* Tim Winton

\*my book of the year

\*\*my runner-up book of the year

## 2016

#### **JANUARY**

*Shirley* Charlotte Bronte  
*Different Class* Joanne Harris  
*Exposure* Helen Dunmore

#### **FEBRUARY**

*The Loney* Andrew Michael Hurley  
*The Bronte Myth* Lucasta Miller  
*Vinegar Girl* Anne Tyler

#### **MARCH**

*The Lie Tree* Frances Hardinge  
*The Mandibles* Lionel Shriver

*My Name Is Lucy Barton* Elizabeth Strout

*This Must Be the Place* Maggie O'Farrell

#### APRIL

*The Year of the Runaways* Sunjeev Sahota

*At Hawthorne Time* Melissa Harrison

*News of the World* Paulette Jiles

*The Butcher's Hook* Janet Ellis

#### MAY

*The Trouble with Goats and Sheep* Joanna Cannon

*Eligible* Curtis Sittenfeld

*Unexploded* Alison Macleod

*The Gustav Sonata* Rose Tremain

*Preparation for the Next Life* Atticus Lish

#### JUNE

*The Green Road* Anne Enright

*Madonna in a Fur Coat* Sabahattin Ali

*The Essex Serpent* Sarah Perry

*Sister Sebastian's Library* Phil Whitaker

#### JULY

*Anatomy of a Soldier* Harry Parker

*1599: A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare* James Shapiro

*The Outrun* Amy Liptrot

#### AUGUST

*Notes from No Man's Land* Eula Biss

*The Muse* Jessie Burton

*Enemy Women* Paulette Jiles (reread)

#### SEPTEMBER

*The Girl in the Red Coat* Kate Hamer

*Nutshell* Ian McEwan

*The Wonder* Emma Donoghue

*Signs Preceding the End of the World* Yuri Herrera

#### OCTOBER

*Take Courage: Anne Bronte and the Art of Life* Samantha Ellis

*Hag-Seed* Margaret Atwood

*Commonwealth* Ann Patchett

*The Secret Garden* Frances Hodgson Burnett

#### NOVEMBER

*The Underground Railroad* Colson Whitehead

*The Vegetarian* Han Kang

*The Optician of Lampedusa* Emma Jane Kirby\*

*Days Without End* Sebastian Berry\*\*

#### DECEMBER

*The Sellout* Paul Beatty

*Rhapsody in Green* Charlotte Mendelson  
*Greenbanks* Dorothy Whipple  
*Hostages to Fortune* Elizabeth Cambridge

\*My nonfiction book of the year

\*\*My novel of the year

## 2015

### JANUARY

*H Is for Hawk* Helen Macdonald  
*The Professor* Charlotte Bronte  
*Jane Eyre* Charlotte Bronte (reread)

### FEBRUARY

*Prayers for the Stolen* Jennifer Clement  
*My Brilliant Friend* Elena Ferrante  
*Villette* Charlotte Bronte  
*Gilead* Marilyn Robinson

### MARCH

*Agnes Grey* Anne Bronte  
*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* Anne Bronte  
*Wuthering Heights* Emily Bronte (reread)

### APRIL

*All My Puny Sorrows* Miriam Toews  
*Re Jane* Patricia Park  
*How to Be a Heroine* Samantha Ellis

### MAY

*Neither Here Nor There* Miriam Drori  
*Nora Webster* Colm Toibin  
*The Story of a New Name* Elena Ferrante  
*The Life of Charlotte Bronte* Elizabeth Gaskell

### JUNE

*How to Be Both* Ali Smith  
*Outline* Rachel Cusk  
*The Good Liar* Nicholas Searle  
*Wonder* R.J. Palacio

## JULY

*Twin of Blackness: A Memoir* Clifford Thompson  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* Harper Lee (reread)  
*Go Set a Watchman* Harper Lee  
*Do No Harm* Henry Marsh  
*The Ballad of Peckham Rye* Muriel Spark  
*Canada* Richard Ford  
*Pride and Prejudice* Jane Austen (reread)

## AUGUST

*All the Light We Cannot See* Anthony Doerr  
*The Bronte Cabinet* Deborah Lutz  
*A God in Ruins* Kate Atkinson  
*The Girl on the Train* Paula Hawkins

## SEPTEMBER

*The Red Notebook* Antoine Laurain  
*A Little Life* Hanna Yanigihara  
*The Driver's Seat* Muriel Spark  
*The Gap of Time* Jeanette Winterson

## OCTOBER

*Suite Francaise* Irene Nemirovsky (reread)  
*South Sea Tales* Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The Versions of Us* Laura Barnett

## NOVEMBER

*The Story of the Lost Child* Elena Ferrante  
*All the Birds, Singing* Evie Wyld  
*Grief Is the Thing with Feathers* Max Porter  
*My Name Is Shylock* Howard Jacobson  
*The Road to Little Dribbling* Bill Bryson

## DECEMBER

*Charlotte Bronte: A Life* Claire Harman  
*Jane Steele* Lyndsay Faye  
*Sisterland* Curtis Sittenfeld

# 2014

## **JANUARY**

*The Luminaries* Eleanor Catton  
*Longbourn* Jo Baker  
*The Invention of Wings* Sue Monk Kidd

## **FEBRUARY**

*Happenstance* Carol Shields  
*Skios* Michael Frayn  
*The Bees* Laline Paull  
*Alias Grace* Margaret Atwood (reread)

## **MARCH**

*The Night Guest* Fiona McFarlane  
*Mrs Hemingway* Naomi Wood  
*Bark* Lorrie Moore  
*The Woman Upstairs* Claire Messud

## **APRIL**

*We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* Karen Joy Fowler  
*The Professor of Poetry* Grace McCleen  
*Touched* Joanna Briscoe  
*The Pinecone* Jenny Uglow

## **MAY**

*The Town* Conrad Richter  
*The Fault in Our Stars* John Green  
*American Rust* Philipp Meyer  
*Me Before You* Jojo Moyes  
*Mother's Milk* Edward St. Aubyn

## **JUNE**

*Elizabeth Is Missing* Emma Healey  
*My Salinger Year* Joanna Rakoff  
*Americanah* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*How to Be a Woman* Caitlin Moran

## **JULY**

*Her* Harriet Lane  
*The Miniaturist* Jessie Burton  
*Us* David Nicholls

## **AUGUST**

*The Paying Guests* Sarah Waters  
*All True Not a Lie in It* Alix Hawley  
*Wuthering Heights* Emily Bronte (reread)  
*Othello* William Shakespeare (reread)

## **SEPTEMBER**

*A Girl in Winter* Philip Larkin  
*Neverhome* Laird Hunt  
*Swimming Studies* Leanne Shapton  
*The Rosie Effect* Graeme Simson

## **OCTOBER**

*The Taxidermist's Daughter* Kate Mosse  
*Station Eleven* Emily John St Mandel  
*The Secret Place* Tana French  
*On the Banks of Plum Creek* Laura Ingalls Wilder (reread)  
*By the Shores of Silver Lake* Laura Ingalls Wilder (reread)

## **NOVEMBER**

*The Long Winter* Laura Ingalls Wilder (reread)  
*Little Town on the Prairie* Laura Ingalls Wilder (reread)  
*These Happy Golden Years* Laura Ingalls Wilder (reread)  
*The First Four Years* Laura Ingalls Wilder (reread)  
*Prairie Girl* (autobiography) Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Charlotte Bronte: A Passionate Life* Lyndall Gordon

## **DECEMBER**

*Being Mortal* Atul Gawande  
*To Rise Again at a Decent Hour* Joshua Ferris  
*Selected Letters of Charlotte Bronte* (going through a CB kick)  
*A Spool of Blue Thread* Anne Tyler

## 2013

*The Innocents* Francesca Segal  
*Bring Up the Bodies* Hilary Mantel  
*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* Rachel Joyce  
*Flight Behaviour* Barbara Kingsolver  
*Where'd You Go, Bernadette* Maria Semple  
*The White Princess* Philippa Gregory  
*Life After Life* Kate Atkinson  
*The Road Home* Rose Tremain (reread)  
*Apple Tree Yard* Louise Doughty  
*May We Be Forgiven* AM Homes  
*The Son* Philipp Meyer  
*Stoner* John Williams  
*The Interestings* Meg Wolitzer  
*Gossip from the Forest* Sara Maitland  
*The Goldfinch* Donna Tartt  
*City of Thieves* David Benioff  
*Burial Rites* Hannah Kent  
*Sedition* Katharine Grant  
*Sense and Sensibility* Joanna Trollope  
*The Silent Wife* ASA Harrison

## 2012

### JANUARY

*The Art of Fielding* Chad Harbach  
*The Land of Decoration* Grace Mcleen  
*Capital* John Lanchester  
*The Old Curiosity Shop* Charles Dickens

### FEBRUARY

*The Radleys* Matt Haig  
*Alys, Always* Harriet Lane

## MARCH

*There But For The* Ali Smith  
*Await Your Reply* Dan Chaon  
*Pure* Andrew Miller

## APRIL

*How I Live Now* Meg Rosoff (reread)  
*Alone in Berlin* Hans Fallada  
*The Lifeboat* Charlotte Rogan  
*Anatomy of a Disappearance* Hisham Matar

## MAY

*To the End of the Land* David Grossman

## JUNE

*Foreign Bodies* Cynthia Ozick

## JULY

*The Age of Miracles* Karen Thompson Walker  
*Wuthering Heights* Emily Bronte (reread)  
*The Colour of Milk* Nell Leyshon

## AUGUST

*Run* Ann Patchett  
*The Book in the Viola* (US: *The House at Tyneford*) Natasha Solomons  
*A Monster Calls* Patrick Ness  
*Important Artifacts and Personal Property from the Collection of Lenore Doolan and Harold Morris* Leanne Shapton  
*The Hunger Games* Suzanne Collins  
*The Dinner* Herman Koch

## SEPTEMBER

*Mrs. Robinson's Disgrace* Kate Summerscale  
*Merival* Rose Tremain  
*Swimming Home* Deborah Levy

## OCTOBER

*The Yellow Birds* Kevin Powers  
*The Shock of the Fall* Nathan Filer  
*Big Brother* Lionel Shriver

## NOVEMBER

*The Tree: A Natural History* Colin Tudge  
*The Go-Between* L.P. Hartley  
*Tigers in Red Weather* Liza Klausmann  
*The Sound of Things Falling* Juan Gabriel Vasquez

## DECEMBER

*Motherland* William Nicholson  
*The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* Muriel Spark  
*Instructions for a Heatwave* Maggie O'Farrell  
*Gone Girl* Gillian Flynn  
*Behind the Beautiful Forevers* Katherine Boo

## 2011

### JANUARY

Until May I will be reading books as a judge for the Orange Prize. There are too many to list here.

### MAY

*Huckleberry Finn* (reread) Mark Twain

### JUNE

*A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry  
*The Wilder Life* by Wendy McClure (a must-read for Laura Ingalls Wilder fans!)  
*In-Flight Entertainment* (short stories) by Helen Simpson

### JULY

*The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid  
*Dissolution* by C.J. Sansom

### AUGUST

*The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell  
*Wench* by Doren Valdez-Perkins  
*Gillespie and I* by Jane Harris (excellent!)

### SEPTEMBER

*The Submission* by Amy Waldman  
*The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick de Witt  
*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

### OCTOBER

*Tony and Susan* by Austin Wright  
*The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes  
*The Butterfly Isles* by Patrick Barkham

### NOVEMBER

*State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

### DECEMBER

*Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal?* by Jeanette Winterson  
*Charles Dickens: A Life* by Claire Tomalin  
*The House of Silk* by Anthony Horowitz

## 2010

### JANUARY

*The Girl Who Played with Fire* - Stieg Larsson  
*Song Yet Sung* - James McBride  
*The Help* - Kathryn Stockett  
*People of the Book* - Geraldine Brooks

### FEBRUARY

*The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* by Stieg Larsson  
*Beloved* by Toni Morrison (reread)  
*Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It* by Maile Meloy

### MARCH

*Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann  
*The Rehearsal* by Eleanor Catton

### APRIL

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
*Solar* by Ian McEwan  
*The Double Comfort Safari Club* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe (reread)

## 2009

### JANUARY

*The Suspicions of Mr Whicher* Kate Summerscale  
a bit of *Don Quixote*  
(my New Year's resolution is to read it throughout the year, and finish it)  
*Emergency Sex (and Other Desperate Measures): True Stories from a War Zone* Heidi Postlewait, Kenneth Cain and Andrew Thomson

### FEBRUARY

*Believe Me* by Nina Killham  
*Coal Black Horse* by Robert Olmstead

*Couples* by John Updike

MARCH

*The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry

*The Post Office Girl* by Stefan Zweig

APRIL

*One Big Damn Puzzle* by John Harding

*Girl in a Blue Dress* by Gaynor Arnold

*A Mercy* by Toni Morrison

MAY

*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stig Larssen

*The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters

*Hearts and Minds* by Amanda Craig

JUNE

*Molly Fox's Birthday* by Deirdre Madden

*March* by Geraldine Brooks

JULY

*Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger

*Listening Below the Noise* by Anne LeClaire

*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

AUGUST

*The Children's Book* by A.S. Byatt

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

*Small Wars* by Sadie Jones

*One Day* by David Nicholls

*The Solitude of Prime Numbers* by Paolo Giordano

*A Book of Silence* by Sara Maitland

SEPTEMBER

*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

*Dirt Music* by Tim Winton

*A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore

*Deaf Sentence* by David Lodge

## OCTOBER

*Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel

## NOVEMBER

*Adrian Mole: The Prostrate Years* by Sue Townsend

*The Hare and the Tortoise* by Elizabeth Jenkins

*Animals in Translation* by Temple Grandin

*Any Human Heart* by William Boyd

*The 10pm Question* by Kate de Goldi

## DECEMBER

*When Will There Be Good News?* by Kate Atkinson

*Legend of a Suicide* by David Vann

*Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

*The Hand That First Held Mine* by Maggie O'Farrell

*The Elephant Keeper* by Christopher Nicholson

# 2008

## JANUARY

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

*The Behaviour of Moths* by Poppy Adams

(in US as *The Sister*)

*The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy

## FEBRUARY

*The Outcast* by Sadie Jones

first half of *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens

## MARCH

second half of *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens

*The Monsters of Templeton* by Lauren Groff

*The Ballad of Dorothy Wordsworth* by Frances Wilson

## APRIL

*Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

*Blue Shoes and Happiness* by Alexander McCall Smith

*Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan  
first eighth of *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes

#### MAY

*Once upon a Time in the North* by Philip Pullman  
*Dry Store Room No.1: The Secret Life of the Natural History Museum* by Richard Fortey  
*The Spare Room* by Nancy Garner  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

#### JUNE

*The Custom of the Country* by Edith Wharton  
*The Private Lives of Pippa Lee* by Rebecca Miller  
*No Great Mischief* by Alistair MacLeod

#### JULY

*One Good Turn* by Kate Atkinson  
*When We Were Romans* by Matthew Kneale  
*English* by Wang Gang  
*Fat Girl* by Judith Moore  
*Horseman, Pass By* by Larry McMurtry

#### AUGUST

*The People on Privilege Hill* by Jane Gardam  
*Eve Green* by Susan Fletcher  
*Angel* by Elizabeth Taylor  
*Away* by Amy Bloom

#### SEPTEMBER

*Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill  
*How to Be Good* by Nick Hornby

#### OCTOBER

*Emma* by Jane Austen (reread)  
*The White Bone* by Barbara Gowdy

#### NOVEMBER

*A Pair of Blue Eyes* by Thomas Hardy  
*I, Coriander* by Sally Gardner

#### DECEMBER

*Annie's Box: Charles Darwin, His Daughter and Human Evolution* by Randal Keynes (an excellent introduction to Darwin, esp if you struggle with the science; it talks about Darwin via his relationship with his daughter, who died age 10)  
*The Believers* by Zoe Heller  
*Nothing to Be Frightened Of* by Julian Barnes  
*Shakespeare* by Bill Bryson

# 2007

## JANUARY

*Oscar and Lucinda* by Peter Carey  
*Other Sorrows, Other Joys* by Janet Warner

## FEBRUARY

*Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky  
*Father and Son* by Edmund Gosse  
*Just in Case* by Meg Rosoff

## MARCH

second half of *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens  
*The Monsters of Templeton* by Lauren Groff  
*The Ballad of Dorothy Wordsworth* by Frances Wilson

## APRIL

*The Secret History of Lost Things* by Sheridan Hay  
*The Post-Birthday World* by Lionel Shriver  
*The Tent* by Margaret Atwood  
*On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan

## MAY

*The Golden Compass* (aka *Northern Lights*) by Philip Pullman (reread)  
*The Subtle Knife* by Philip Pullman (reread)  
*A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers* by Xiaolu Guo  
*A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Baeh  
*The Spellman Files* by Lisa Lutz  
*In the Dark* by Deborah Moggach  
I was on a book tour of the US, and had a lot of time to read in airports!

## JUNE

*Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*The Lollipop Shoes* by Joanne Harris  
*Michael Tolliver Lives* by Armistead Maupin  
*The Headless Cupid* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder (reread; a favorite book and author from my childhood)

## JULY

*The Road Home* by Rose Tremain  
*The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles  
*The Tenderness of Wolves* by Stef Penney

## AUGUST

*Persuasion* by Jane Austen (reread)  
*Alberta and Jacob* by Cora Sandel  
*Alberta and Freedom* by Cora Sandel  
*Annette Vallon* by James Tipton

#### SEPTEMBER

*Astrid and Veronika* by Linda Olsson  
*Mr. Pip* by Lloyd Jones  
*Alberta Alone* by Cora Sandel  
*The English Patient* by Michael Ondaatje (reread)

#### OCTOBER

*Nursery Crimes* by Ayelet Waldman  
*The Year of the Hare* by Arto Paasilinna  
*Far from the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy  
*The Frozen Thames* by Helen Humphreys  
*Sepulchre* by Kate Mosse

#### NOVEMBER

*The Journal of Dora Damage* by Belinda Starling

(Funny how some months I read several books, others just one. Maybe I'm slowing down because it's getting colder - does one's reading metabolism change the way our physical metabolism does?)

#### DECEMBER

*Restless* by William Boyd  
*Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson  
*The Kiwi's Egg: Charles Darwin and Natural Selection* by David Quammen  
*The Map That Changed the World* by Simon Winchester

## 2006

#### JANUARY

*On Beauty* by Zadie Smith  
*Constitutional* (short stories) by Helen Simpson  
*A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka  
*The Lambs of London* by Peter Ackroyd

#### FEBRUARY

*The Night Watch* by Sarah Waters  
*Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

*Close Range* (short stories) by Annie Proulx

*Rapture* (poems) by Carol Ann Duffy

#### MARCH

*The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien (reread, aloud with my son)

*The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy

*Paradise Lost* by John Milton

#### APRIL

*Spies* by Michael Frayn

*Disobedience* by Naomi Alderman

*The Dark Room* by Rachel Seiffert

*Stuart: A Life Backwards* by Alexander Masters

#### MAY

*So Many Ways to Begin* by Jon McGregor

*Digging to America* by Anne Tyler

*Vernon God Little* by D.B.C. Pierre

#### JUNE

*Beyond Black* by Hilary Mantel

*Touching the Rock: An Experience of Blindness* by John T. Hul

#### JULY

*A Factory of Cunning* by Philippa Stockley

*Theft* by Peter Carey

#### AUGUST

*Gentlemen and Players* by Joanne Harris

*Special Topics in Calamity Physics* by Marisha Pessl

*Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

*On Writing* by Stephen King

#### SEPTEMBER

*The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith

*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery (reread – comfort read!)

half of *Untold Stories* by Alan Bennett

#### OCTOBER

*A Vicious Circle* by Amanda Craig

*The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

*The Vanishing of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell

## NOVEMBER

*Thomas Hardy: The Time-Torn Man* (biography) by Claire Tomalin

*When We Were Bad* (not yet published) by Charlotte Mendelson

## DECEMBER

*Hannibal Rising* by Thomas Harris (had to read it for a cultural radio program)

*The Accidental* by Ali Smith

*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

# 2005

## JANUARY

I am currently judging a literary prize and so won't list the books I am reading during these two months.

## FEBRUARY

*Small Island* by Andrea Levy

*The Men in My Country* by Marilyn Abildskov

*The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory

*The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith

*In the Company of Cheerful Ladies* by Alexander McCall Smith

## MARCH

*Sleep with Me* by Joanna Briscoe

*Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver

*The Price of Water in Finistere* by Bodil Malmsten

*Saturday* by Ian McEwan

*London Born* by Sidney Day

## APRIL

*The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger

*Under the Skin* by Michel Faber

*Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver

## MAY

*The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks

*Labyrinth* by Kate Mosse

## JUNE

*Mounting Desire* by Nina Killham  
*Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich

## JULY

*Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell  
*The Wonder Spot* by Melissa Banks  
*Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott

## AUGUST

*Havoc in Its Third Year* by Ronan Bennett  
*The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss

## SEPTEMBER

*Third Girl on the Left* by Martha Southgate  
*Larry's Party* by Carol Shields  
*Reading, Writing, and Leaving Home* by Lynne Freed  
*Bookmark Now*, edited by Kevin Smokler

## OCTOBER

*The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova  
*Restoration* by Rose Tremain (reread)  
*Our Hidden Lives: The Everyday Diaries of a Forgotten Britain* by Simon Garfield

## NOVEMBER

*The Great Fire* by Shirley Hazzard  
*The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers (reread)

## DECEMBER

*We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver (Not for the faint-hearted!)  
*The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth  
*Arthur and George* by Julian Barnes  
*Tattycoram* by Audrey Thomas

# 2004

## JANUARY

*Dispatches from a Not-So-Perfect Life* by Faulkner Fox  
*Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson

## FEBRUARY

*L’Affaire* by Diane Johnson  
*Negotiating with the Dead* by Margaret Atwood  
*Eats, Shoots and Leaves* by Lynne Truss

#### MARCH

*What Was She Thinking? Notes on a Scandal* by Zoe Heller  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (reread)  
*Blake* by Peter Ackroyd

#### APRIL

*The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown  
*Jarhead* by Anthony Swofford  
*These Foolish Things* by Deborah Moggach

#### MAY

*So Many Books* by Gabriel Zaid  
*Stradivarius* by Toby Faber  
*The Sewing Circles of Herat* by Christina Lamb  
*Venus as a Boy* by Luke Sutherland

#### JUNE

*According to Queeney* by Beryl Bainbridge  
*Something Might Happen* by Julie Myerson  
*The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant

#### JULY

*Candyfreak* by Steve Almond  
*Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen  
*The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Jay Fowler  
*Passion* by Jude Morgan

#### AUGUST

*How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff  
*The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

#### SEPTEMBER

*A Few Short Notes on Tropical Butterflies* (short stories) by John Murray  
*Daughters of Jerusalem* by Charlotte Mendelson

#### OCTOBER

*Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi  
*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett

#### NOVEMBER

*Jane Austen* by Claire Tomalin  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle (reread)  
*Lionboy* by Zizou Corder  
*The Sad Truth about Happiness* by Anne Giardin

## DECEMBER

I am currently judging a literary prize and so won't list the books I am reading during this month.

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### JANUARY

*The Gift* by Danielle Steele (er, just checking out the competition!)

*The Accomplice* by Kathryn Heyman

*English Passengers* by Matthew Kneale

### FEBRUARY

*The Nautical Chart* by Arturo Perez-Reverte

*Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

*Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain

### MARCH

*The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood

*The Gift* by David Flusfeder

### APRIL

*The Bitch in the House*, edited by Cathy Hanauer (most likely to appeal to women 30-50; everyone else will be irritated)

*Ragtime* by E.L. Doctorow (reread)

### MAY

*Come Home, Timoleon Vieta* by Dan Rhodes

*Over Sea, Under Stone* by Susan Cooper

(Reread - this was a favorite during my childhood, and is set in Cornwall, where I was just on vacation)

*Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood

### JUNE

*The Colour* by Rose Tremain

*The Devil Wears Prada* by Lauren Weisberger

*The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson

*The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper (reread, for nostalgia; it's kind of overwrought but I still love it)

### JULY

*The Voices* by Susan Elderkin

*Property* by Valerie Martin

*Brick Lane* by Monica Ali

*Mr Golightly's Holiday* by Salley Vickers

## AUGUST

*The Preservationist* by Dave Maine  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon  
*Old Man Goya* by Julia Blackburn  
*Tears of the Giraffe* by Alexander McCall Smith

## SEPTEMBER

*Starter for Ten* by David Nicholls  
*Morality for Beautiful Girls* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*Caravaggio* (a novel) by Christopher Peachment

## OCTOBER

*If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things* by Jon McGregor  
*The Flanders Panel* by Arturo Perez-Reverte  
*The Kalahari School of Typing for Men* by Alexander McCall Smith

## NOVEMBER

*The Human Stain* by Philip Roth  
*Astonishing splashes of Colour* by Clare Morall  
*The Full Cupboard of Life* by Alexander McCall Smith

## DECEMBER

*The Fortress of Solitude* by Jonathan Lethem  
*Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
*Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller

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## MARCH

*Fingersmith* by Sarah Waters  
*The Orchard on Fire* by Shena Mackay  
*Little Boy Lost* by Marganita Lasky  
*Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri  
*The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket  
*Northern Lights* (aka *The Golden Compass*) by Philip Pullman

## APRIL

*The Subtle Knife* by Philip Pullman  
*The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman

## MAY

*The House of Mirth* by Edith Wharton  
*Driving over Lemons* by Chris Stewart  
*Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie

#### JUNE

*The Nanny Diaries* by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus  
*The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason

#### JULY

*Everything Is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer  
*Disturbance of the Inner Ear* by Joyce Hackett  
*Daughter of Venice* by Donna Jo Napoli  
*A Parrot in the Pepper Tree* by Chris Stewart

#### AUGUST

*Affinity* by Sarah Waters  
*I Don't Know How She Does It* by Allison Pearson  
*We Made a Garden* by Margery Fish

#### SEPTEMBER

*Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles  
*About the Author* by John Colapinto  
*Embers* by Sandor Marai

#### OCTOBER

*Bad Blood* by Lorna Sage  
*The Children Who Lived in a Barn* by Eleanor Graham  
*The Necropolis Railway* by Andrew Martin

#### NOVEMBER

*The Little Friend* by Donna Tartt  
*Life of Pi* by Yann Martell

#### DECEMBER

*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen  
*The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*Under the Eagle's Shadow* by Mark Hertsgaard  
*The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton