

# **P O O N G A B O O K C L U B**

## **ARCHIVES**

A list of all the books  
we have discussed till  
date.

Nov 5th, 2017

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Theme

## General

- Kuruntokai - Compiled and Edited by Jayanthasri Balakrishnan
- Em and the Big Hoom - Jerry Pinto
- If This Be Treason: Translation and its Discontents - Gregory Rabassa
- Bombay Fever - Sidin Vadukut
- One Child - Mei Fong
- A Way of Being Free - Ben Okri

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Theme

# General

- The Goat Thief - Perumal Murugan
- Man's Search for Meaning - Viktor Frankl
- Agatha Christie - And Then There Were None
- Stieg Larsson - The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
- A.S. Byatt - short story "Cold" from the collection 'Elementals : Stories of Fire and Ice'.
- Isabel Allende - In the midst of Winter

Jan 7th, 2018

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Theme

## Africa

- We need New Names - NoViolet Bulawayo.
- Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe
- I Do Not Come to You by Chance - Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani.
- Guns, Germs and Steel - Jared Diamond.
- The God of Small Things - Arundhati Roy
- Karukku - Bama
- Gopalla Gramam - Ki Rajanarayanan

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Theme

## Secession

- India Gnanam: Thedalgai, Purithalgal - Jeyamohan
- Oozhal - Ulavu - Arasiyal - Savuku Shankar
- Thamilaga Varalaru Makkalum Panpadum - KK Pillai
- Fullalove - Gordon Burn
- Sing, unburied, sing - Jesmyn Ward
- I'll always have Paris - Art Buchwald

Mar 4th, 2018

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Theme

## General

- Karukku - Bama
- The Collected Essays of Elizabeth Hardwick
- The golden gate - Vikram Seth
- The course of love - Alain de Botton
- The Seasons of trouble - Rohini Mohan
- The collected poems - Vikram Seth

Apr 1st, 2018

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Theme

## General

- Manto - Selected Short Stories
- Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- My experiments with truth - M.K. Gandhi
- Azhivatrathu - Ashokamithran

May 6th, 2018

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Theme

## Travelogues

- Reading Chekhov - Janet Malcolm
- Collected Poems - Vikram Seth
- Geoff Dyer - Yoga for people who can't be bothered to do it.
- Bombay Stories - Saadat Hasan Manto
- Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Divine Comedy - Poem by Dante Alighieri



Jun 3rd, 2018

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## Bildungsroman

- Justin Torres - We the Animals
- Vekkai - Poomani
- Bell Jar - Sylvia Plath

Jul 1st, 2018

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Theme

## Myths

- Jul 1st, 2018
- Kottravai - Jeyamohan
- Yestertales - Pavithra Srinivasan
- Volgavilirunthu Gangai Varai -  
Rahul Sankrityayan

Aug 5th, 2018

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## Madras

- Vellaiyaanai - Jeyamohan
- Thaneer - Ashokamithran
- Tamarind City: Where Modern India Began - Bishwanath Ghosh

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## Essays

- Elizabeth Hardwick's essay on Jane Carlyle.
- The First and Last Recipe: Ulysses by John Berger
- Walter Benjamin's Unpacking my Library
- Why Read the Classics? By Italo Calvino
- Amateurs: Jane Carlyle by Elizabeth Hardwick
- David Remnick's 'Reporting

Oct 7th, 2018

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## Memoirs

- Isak Dinesen - Out of Africa
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez - Living to Tell the Tale
- Steve Martin - Born Standing Up
- Tove Jansson - Sculptor's Daughter
- Sheila Heti - Motherhood

Nov 4th, 2018

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## Rains

- The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable - Amitav Ghosh

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## Murder

- Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- The City and The City by China Mieville
- The Middle Temple Murder by J.S. Fletcher
- Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie
- Devotion of Suspect X - Keigo Higashino
- Dirty snow - Georges Simenon
- Karaiyellam Shenbagapoo - Sujatha
- Edhaiyum Oru Murai - Sujatha
- Kolaiyuthir kaalam - Sujatha

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## Authoritarianism

- Brave New World - Aldous Huxley
- 1984, Animal Farm - George Orwell
- Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury
- Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie
- The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood
- Umberto Eco's essay on creeping Fascism



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## Love stories

- André Gide - Strait is the Gate
- Mathilukal - Vaikkom Mohammed Basheer
- Love in the time of Cholera - Marquez
- Amundsen - Alice Munro
- Fault in our Stars - John Green
- A walk to remember - Nicolas Sparks

Apr 7th, 2019

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Amitav Ghosh

- The shadow lines
- In an antique land
- The hungry tide
- River of smoke
- Flood of fire
- Sea of poppies
- The Glass Palace

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## Library visit

- A writer's note book - Somerset Maugham
- Venmani - Mythili Sivaraman
- The first teacher - Chinghiz Aitmatov
- 48 laws of power - Robert Greene
- Design of Paul Rand
- Public schools Architecture
- Journey to the end of the night - Louis-Ferdinand Céline
- Collected tales - Nikoloi Gogol
- Chinna Chinna Purakkanippugal - Kousalya Ranganathan

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## Movie Adaptation

- V for Vendetta - graphic novel - Alan Moore
- Hunger Games Trilogy - Suzanne Collins
- The Shining - Stephen King
- Mystic River - Dennis Lehane
- Design of Paul Rand
- Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
- Thalaikeezh Vigithangal - Nanjil Nadan

Jul 7th, 2019

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## Writer's Debut Work

- Basheer Navalgal - Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
- Grimus - Salman Rushdie
- Chai Chai by Bishwanath Ghosh
- Dork - Sidin Vadukut
- Alex Garland - The beach
- Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
- Oru Kadalora Kiramathin Kathai - Thoppil Mohamed Meeran

Aug 4th, 2019

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## 19th Century Books

- Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo
- Henry James - Washington Square
- Emile Zola - Germinal, L'Assommoir, L'oeuvre
- Jules Verne - From the Earth to the Moon

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## Nobel laureates

- Nocturnes - Kazuo Ishiguro
- The Plague - Albert Camus
- The Stranger - Albert Camus
- Selected and Last Poems - Czeslaw Milosz
- Disgrace - Jim Coetzee
- The view from castle rock - Alice Munro
- Second-hand time - Svetlana Alexievich

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## Biographies

- I Am Malala: Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai
- Coming Back to Me - Marcus Trescothick
- Genius: The Life and Science of Richard Feynman
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X
- Born a Crime - Trevor Noah
- Leonardo da Vinci - Walter Isaacson
- A Writer of Our Time: The Life and Work of John Berger
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot



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## General

- Flights - Olga Tokarczuk
- Seabiscuit - Laura Hillenbrand
- Exhalation - Ted Chiang
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X
- A beginners guide to Japan - Pico Iyer
- The collected stories - Roald Dahl

Dec 1st, 2019

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Fantasy

- Rain - Meeting did not happen

## Poetry

- Nabokov's Pale Fire
- Ovid's Metamorphosis
- Dante's Inferno
- Kaga No Chiyo
- Vikram Seth - Golden Gate
- Vikram Seth - All those who sleep tonight
- Li Bai - Drinking alone with the moon
- Bob Dylan - On Busting the Sound Barrier
- Cid Corman - It Isn't For Want
- Walt Whitman - When I heard the Learn'd Astronomer
- Maya Angelou - Caged Bird
- W S Merwin - Separation
- Dorothy Parker - Interview
- Kurunthokai
- Czeslaw Milosz - And yet the books

## Campus Novels

- The Secret History - Donna Tartt
- Stoner - John Williams
- The Class - Erich Segal
- Forbidden Colors - Yukio Mishima(misc)
- Haunted Data - Lisa Blackman(misc)
- Kitchen - Banana Yoshimoto(misc)
- Manfred & The Prisoner of Chillon - Lord Byron(misc)
- Curfewed Night by Basharat Pee(-misc)

## Japan

- Absolutely on Music and Barn Burning - Haruki Murakami
- Zen and the Art of Archery - Eugen Herrigel
- The Way of the Runner - A Journey Into the Fabled World of Japanese Running Adharanand Finn
- The Temple of the Golden Pavilion - Yukio Mishima
- Haunted Data - Lisa Blackman(misc)
- Kitchen - Banana Yoshimoto(misc)
- Spring Snow - Yukio Mishima
- A Beginner's Guide to Japan - Pico Iyer

## Pandemics

- Land of No Rain, Amjad Nasser
- The Years of Rice and Salt - Kim Stanley Robinson
- Mountains Beyond Mountains - Tracy Kidder
- Blindness - José Saramago
- The Decameron - Boccaccio
- The Next Pandemic - Ali S. Khan
- The Plague - Albert Camus
- The Doctors' Plague - Sherwin B. Nuland
- A Planet of Viruses - Carl Zimmer
- Vellaiyaanai - Jeyamohan
- Behave - Robert Sapolsky
- At the Existentialist Cafe - Sarah Bakewell
- The Rice Mother - Rani Manicka
- Andromeda Strain - Michael Crichton
- Prey - Michael Crichton
- J.J.: Sila Kuripugal - Sundara Ramaswamy

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## Music

- Musicophilia - Oliver Sacks
- Sebastian & Sons, A Southern Music - T M Krishna
- The Violin Maker - John Marchese
- Violin Playing as I Teach it - Leopold Auer
- The Fountain Overflows - Rebecca West
- Year of Wonder - Clemency Burton-Hill
- The Joy of Music - Leonard Bernstein
- The Triumph of Music - Tim Blanning
- Absolutely on Music - Haruki Murakami
- How Music Got Free - Stephen Witt
- The Rest is Noise - Alex Ross
- What to Listen for in the World - Bruce Adolphe
- Sound of Silence - Asha Krishnakumar
- Why Dylan Matters - Richard F. Thomas
- Mogamul - Thi. Janakiraman
- The Ground Beneath Her Feet - Salman Rushdie
- J.J.: Sila Kuripugal - Sundara Ramaswamy

## Hard to finish books

- The Count of Monte Cristo - Alexandre Dumas
- A Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens
- Ulysses - James Joyce
- Gravity's Rainbow - Thomas Pynchon
- A Search in Secret India - Paul Brunton
- Revenge - Yoko Ogawa
- Aram - Jeyamohan
- Cormac McCarthy - Blood Meridian
- Finnegans Wake - James Joyce
- Infinite Jest - David Foster Wallace
- The Man Without Qualities - Robert Musil
- Leonardo da Vinci - Walter Isaacson



## 21st century books

- Seven Brief lessons on Physics - Carlo Rovelli
- Infinite Powers - Steven Strogatz
- Superior - Angela Saini
- Bad Blood - John Carreyrou
- Good Economics for Hard Times - Abhijith Banerjee
- Gold In The Water - PH Mullen
- This Blinding Absence of Light - Tahar Ben Jelloun
- Patron Saint of Liars - Ann Patchett
- She Of The Mountains - Vivek Shraya
- The Lost Heroes Series - Rick Riordan
- Harry Potter & Ickabog - J.K.Rowling
- Why We Hate Cheap Things - Alain de Botton
- Sool, Koogai - Cho Dharman

## Translations

- The Man who played with Fire - Stieg Larsson
- Chemmeen - Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai - Anita Nair
- Three Hundred Ramayanas - AK Ramanujan
- Chinese poetry translations - Vikram Seth
- Attoor Ravi Varma's poems - Jeyamohan
- Samskara - U. R. Ananthamurthy
- This Blinding Absence of Light - Tahar Ben Jelloun
- Cobalt Blue - Jerry Pinto
- And Quiet Flows the Don - Mikhail Sholokhov
- The Sound of Things Falling - Juan Gabriel Vásquez
- The Cemetery of Forgotten Books - Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- Thirudan Maniyin Pillai - G. R. Indhugopan
- Le Ton beau de Marot, Surfaces and Essences - Douglas Hofstadter
- Oonai Kulachinnam - Wolf Totem - Jiang Rong

# Australia

- The Secret River - Kate Grenville
- The Thorn birds - Colleen McCullough
- We of the never never - Jeannie Gunn
- Tim - Colleen McCullough
- Breath - Tim Winton
- The Rosie Project - Graeme Simsion
- Down Under - Bill Bryson
- Beyond the black stump - Nevil Shute
- Pied Piper - Nevil Shute
- The Songlines - Bruce Chatwin
- Last continent - Terry Pratchett
- Patrick White - Vivisector
- Neon Pilgrim - Lisa Dempster
- Killing Commendatore - Haruki Murakami (misc)
- Blueprint - Robert Plomin (misc)

## Biography & Memoir

- The Long Road to Stockholm - Peter Mansfield
- Shoe Dog - Phil Knight
- The Ride of a Lifetime - Robert Iger
- Dreams from my Father - Barack Obama
- And Then One Day - Naseeruddin Shah
- The Autobiography of a Yogi - Paramahansa Yogananda
- The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian - Nirad C. Chaudhuri
- Open - Andre Agassi
- The Outsider: My Life in Intrigue - Frederick Forsyth
- Twin Tracks - Roger Bannister
- When Breath Becomes Air - Paul Kalanithi
- Babur Nama - Annette Beveridge
- Down and Out in Paris and London - George Orwell
- Homage to Catalonia - George Orwell
- On Writing - Stephen King
- How I Became a Writer - Gloria Steinem
- A Primate's Memoir - Robert Sapolsky
- Montaigne - Stefan Zweig
- Mountains Beyond Mountains - Tracy Kidder
- Unix - A History and a Memoir - Brian Kernighan
- Florence Nightingale - Laura Elizabeth Richards
- Being Mortal - Atul Gawande
- Shakespeare's Montaigne: The Florio Translation of the Essays, Greenblatt & Platt

## Nature

- Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail - Cheryl Strayed
- H is for Hawk - Helen Macdonald
- A Walk in the Woods - Bill Bryson
- The Voyage of the Beagle - Charles Darwin
- Last Chance to See - Douglas Adams and Mark Carwardine
- The Day of the Triffids - John Wyndham
- The Snow Child - Eowyn Ivey
- Spying on Whales - Nick Pyenson
- Fathoms: The World in the Whale - Rebecca Giggs
- The Peregrine - J.A. Baker
- Everybody Loves a Good Drought - Palagummi Sainath
- Salmon Fishing in the Yemen - Paul Torday
- Poonachi: Or the Story of a Black Goat - Perumal Murugan
- Gopalla Gramam - Ki. Rajanarayanan
- Radiance - Catherynne M. Valente
- Goat Days - Benjamin
- Travels in West Africa - Mary Kingsley
- The Girl Who Drew Butterflies - Joyce Sidman
- How to Be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals - Sy Montgomery
- Around the World in 80 Trees - Jonathan Drori
- The Sixth Extinction - Elizabeth Kolbert
- Lab Girl - Hope Jahren
- The Invention of Nature - Andrea Wulf
- Saayavanam - Sa. Kandasamy
- Life in the Himalayas - Maharaj K Pandit

## Your best read of 2020

- Between the World and Me - Ta-Nehisi Coates
- The Fire Next Time - James Baldwin
- The Fire This Time - Jesmyn Ward
- The Left Hand of Darkness - Ursula K. Le Guin
- Venmurasu - Jeyamohan
- The Brass Notebook: A Memoir - Devaki Jain
- Koolamathari - Perumal Murugan
- Amma Vandhaal - Thi. Janakiraman
- The story of a seaside village - Thoppil Mohammed Meeran
- Memoirs of Hadrian - Marguerite Yourcenar
- Solitude: A Return to the Self - Anthony Storr
- 100 Short Stories - S.Ramakrishnan
- The Psychology of Money - Morgan House
- We Need to Talk: a Memoir about Wealth - Jennifer Risher
- Rivers Remember: The Shocking Truth of a Manmade Flood - Krupa Ge
- Stoner by John Williams

# Feminism

- Difficult Women: A History of Feminism in 11 Fights - Helen Lewis
- We Should All Be Feminists - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Dear Ijeawele - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Inferior - Angela Saini
- The Brass Notebook: A Memoir - Devaki Jain
- The Liberation of Sita - C. Vijayasree, P. Lalita Kumari, and T. Vijay Kumar
- Binti - Nnedi Okorafor
- All About Love: New Visions - Bell Hooks
- How to Suppress Women's Writing - Joanna Russ
- Heroines: Powerful Indian Women of Myth & History - Ira Mukhoty
- Daughters of the Sun: Empresses, Queens and Begums of the Mughal Empire - Ira Mukhoty
- Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men - Caroline Criado-Perez
- All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation - Rebecca Traister
- Status Single: The Truth About Being Single Woman in India - Sreemoyee Piu Kundu
- Eat Sweat Play: How Sport Can Change Our Lives - Anna Kessel
- Essential Feminist Reader - Estelle B. Freedman
- Ntuppuppakkoranendarannu- Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, Kulachal Yusuf (Translator)
- Tharaiyil Irangum Vimanangal - Indhumathi
- Nithya Kanni - M. V. Venkatram
- Saaba vimosanam - Puthumaippitthan
- Esthar - Vannanilavan

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## Romance

- Call Me by Your Name – Aciman
- Wuthering Heights – Emily Brontë
- Inai Paravai – R.Soodamani
- Walking – Thomas Bernhard
- The Blind Assassin – Margaret Atwood
- The Year of Magical Thinking – Joan Didion
- City of Girls – Elizabeth Gilbert
- The English Patient – Michael Ondaatje
- The End of the Affair – Graham Greene
- Em and the Big Hoom – Jerry Pinto
- The Remains of the Day – Novel by Kazuo Ishiguro
- The Constant Gardener – John le Carré
- Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World – Christopher McDougall
- Blue Is the Warmest Color – Jul Maroh
- Sivagamiyin Sapatham – Kalki Krishnamurthy
- A Single Man – Novel by Christopher Isherwood
- The Gift of the Magi – O. Henry
- All the Light We Cannot See – Anthony Doerr
- Season of Crimson Blossoms – Abubakar Adam Ibrahim
- Love in the Time of Cholera – Gabriel García Márquez
- Payanigal Kavanikkavum – Balakumaran
- Jack Holmes and His Friend – Edmund White



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## Hugo Awards Winners

- The Man In The High Castle - Philip K. Dick
- The Left Hand of Darkness - Ursula K. Le Guin
- The Yiddish Policemen's Union - Michael Chabon
- The Paper Menagerie - Ken Lie (Short Story)
- Welcome to Your Authentic Indian Experience - Rebecca Roanhorse (Short Story)
- Binti - Nnedi Okorafor
- The Dispossessed - Ursula K. Le Guin
- Speaker For The Dead - Orson Scott Card
- Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card
- Who Fears Death - Nnedi Okorafor
- Among Others - Jo Walton
- A Scanner Darkly - Philip K. Dick
- Beyond Lies The Wub - Philip K. Dick
- The Big Book of Science Fiction - Ann & Jeff Vandermeer
- The Steampunk Bible - Jeff Vandermeer
- The Ones Who Stay And Fight - N.K.Jemisin
- The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas - Ursula K. Le Guin

## Comics/Graphic Novels

- Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind - Hayao Miyazaki
- Sandman - Neil Gaiman
- Maus - Art Spiegelman
- The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen - Alan Moore & Kevin O'Neill
- V for Vendetta - Alan Moore & David Lloyd
- Buddha series - Osamu Tezuka
- The Arrival - Shaun Tan
- Sapiens : A Graphic History - Yuval Noah Harari, David Vandermeulen, Daniel Casanave
- Aranyaka : Book of the Forest - Amruta Patil & Devdutt Pattanaik
- American Born Chinese - Gene Luen Yang
- Uzumaki - Junji Ito
- Kari - Amruta Patil
- Hitler : Shigeru Mizuki
- Works of Milt Gross
- Good Talk : A memoir in Conversations - Mira Jacob
- This One Summer - Mariko Tamaki & Jillian Tamaki

## Books in Mother Tongue

- Sivagamiyin Sapatham - Kalki Krishnamurthy
- Iravukku Munbu Varuvadhu Maalai - Aadavan
- Sa. Kandasamy - Short Stories
- Pudhumaipithan - Shortstories
- Pin Thodarum Nizhalin Kural - B. Jeyamohan
- Puyalile Oru Thoni - Pa.Singaram

## Banned Books

- Boo - Saadat Hasan Manto
- George - Alex Gino
- 1984 - George Orwell
- Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems by Galileo Galilei
- Harry Potter - J.K. Rowling
- Madame Bovary - Gustave Flaubert
- Satanic Verses - Salman Rushdie

## Crime Thrillers

- The Redbreast - Jo Nesbo
- Headhunters - Jo Nesbo
- Chain of Custody(Inspector Gowda) - Anita Nair
- A Cut-like Wound(Inspector Gowda) - Anita Nair
- The Mousetrap - Agatha Christie
- Mr Majestic! The Tout of Bengaluru - Zac O'Yeah
- The Name of the Rose - Umberto Eco
- And Then There Were None - Agatha Christie
- Case Histories - Kate Atkinson
- Dublin Murder Squad Series - Tana French
- A Drink Before the War - Dennis Lehane
- The Day of the Jackal - Frederick Forsyth
- Julius Winsome - Gerard Donovan
- Shutter Island - Dennis Lehane
- Pale Fire - Vladimir Nabokov

## Books Written by Doctors

- Sometimes Brilliant: The Impossible Adventure of a Spiritual Seeker and Visionary Physician - Larry Brilliant
- The Citadel - A. J. Cronin
- Microbe Hunters - Paul de Kruif
- Arrowsmith - Sinclair Lewis
- The Emperor of All Maladies - Siddhartha Mukherjee
- Poems by William Carlos Williams
- The Checklist Manifesto - Atul Gawande
- When Breath Becomes Air - Paul Kalanithi
- Cutting for Stone - Abraham Verghese
- Phantoms in the Brain: Probing the Mysteries of the Human Mind Book - V. S. Ramachandran
- How we die - Sherwin B. Nuland
- The Doctors' Plague: Germs, Childbed Fever, and the Strange Story of Ignac Semmelweis
- Into the Magic Shop: A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart - James D
- The Diabetes Code: Prevent and Reverse Type 2 Diabetes - Jason Fung

## Books Written by Women in 21st Century

- What We Know about Her - Krupa Ge
- Educated Tara Westover
- The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls
- The Stationery Shop - Marjan Kamali
- Machinehood - S.B. Divya
- Milk Teeth Book - Amrita Mahale
- The Queen of Jasmine Country - Sharanya Manivannan
- Fish In A Dwindling Lake - Ambai
- Greed - Elfriede Jelinek
- Whereabouts - Jhumpa Lahiri
- Sangati - Bama
- Earthlings - Sayaka Murata
- Kaimaru - Sukirtharani
- Circe - Madeline Miller
- Orienting: An Indian in Japan - Pallavi Aiyar

## Cities

- A Moveable Feast - Ernest Hemingway
- Black Friday - S. Hussain Zaidi
- Palestine - Joe Sacco
- Maximum City - Suketu Mehta
- I'll always have Paris - Art Buchwald
- White Teeth - Zadie Smith
- Pettai - Tamil Prabha
- Irumbuk kuthiraikal - Balakumaran
- Karaiyora Mudhalaigal - Balakumaran
- Tamarind City - Bishwanath Ghosh
- Karuppar Nagaram - Karankarkki
- Vellai Yaanai - Jeyamohan
- Unsettling Utopia - Jessica Namakkal
- Ai Superpowers - Kai-Fu Lee
- Insomniac City - Bill Hayes
- Madras in the Olden Time - James Talboys Wheeler



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## Nobel laureates

- VS Naipaul - Among the believers
- VS Naipaul - An area of darkness
- VS Naipaul - A Bend In The River
- VS Naipaul - A house of Mr Biswas
- VS Naipaul - Half a life
- Gabriel García Márquez - No one writes to the general
- Gabriel García Márquez - Love in the time of cholera
- Gabriel García Márquez - The General in His Labyrinth
- Gabriel García Márquez - One hundred years of solitude
- Gabriel García Márquez - Chronicle of a death foretold
- Kazuo Ishiguro - When we were orphans
- Kazuo Ishiguro - An Artist of the Floating World
- Toni Morrison - Beloved
- Toni Morrison - The Bluest eye
- Toni Morrison - Sula
- William Golding - Lord of the flies
- Seamus Heaney - Beowulf
- Alice Munro - Dear Life
- Wisława Szymborska - Map: Collected and Last Poems
- José Saramago - The History of the Siege of Lisbon

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## Memoirs

- Brothers of the Gun - Marwan Hisham & Molly Crabapple
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X - Malcolm X
- The Prisons We Broke - Babytai Kamble
- The Brass Notebook - Devaki Jain
- What I talk about When I talk about Running - Haruki Murakami
- The World of Yesterday - Stefan Zweig
- When Breath becomes Air - Paul Kalanithi
- On The Move - Oliver Sacks
- Living with the Himalayan Masters - Swami Rama
- The Long Road to Stockholm - Peter Mansfield
- The Recovering - Leslie Jamieson
- Itharku Thaane Aasai Pattaai Balakumara - Balakumaran

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## Books that changed your perspective.

- The Makioka Sisters - Junichiro Tanizaki
- Crime & Punishment - Dostoyevsky
- Bitter Chocolate - Pinki Virani
- Book of Evidence - John Banville
- Genghis Khan and the making of the modern world - Jack Weatherford
- Narcissus and Goldmund - Hermann Hesse
- The river of doubt - Candice Millard
- Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver
- All about love - Bell Hooks
- Zen Speaks : Shouts of nothingness - Tsai Chih Chung
- Puyalilae Oru Thoni - Pa. Singaram
- Tharaiyil Irangum Vimaanangal - Indhumathi
- Pen yen adimaiyanal - Periyar E.V.Ramasamy

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## Food

- History of the World in 6 Glasses - Tom Standage
- Whose Samosa is it anyway?: The Story of where 'Indian' food really came from - Sonal Ved
- Following Fish: Travels Around the Indian Coast - Samanth Subramanian
- Antha kaalathil kaapi illai - AR Venkatachalapthy
- The Flavours of Nationalism: Recipes for Love, Hate and Friendship - Nandita Haksar
- Tamilar unavu - collection of essays compiled and edited for Kalachuvadu by Bhakthavatsala Bharathi
- Spoon-Fed: Why Almost Everything We've Been Told About Food is Wrong - Tim Spector
- My Life in France - Julia Child
- Flavors of nationalism- Nandita Haksar
- Eating India by Chitrita Banerjee
- The Book Of Tea - Kakuzo Okakura
- Playing for pizza - John Grisham
- Sottrukanakku - Jeyamohan
- An everlasting meal: cooking with economy and grace - Tamar adler
- The Pleasures of the Table by Brillat-Savarin.
- The Penguin Great Food series;
- The Virago Book of Food - The Joy of Eating
- What Caesar Did for my Salad - Albert Jack
- Cod - Mark Kurlansky; Midnight Chicken by Ella Risbridger
- Chocolat - Joanne Harris
- Tiffin by Rukmini Srinivas

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## Marginal Lives

- Out of the earth Felix Padel and Samarendra das
- The Araya Woman: Kocharethi - Narayanan, Catherine Thankamma translation
- Ezham Ulagam - Jeyamohan
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