

2018 Best Books THE LIST OF BEST BOOKS LISTS

In which we hope to mitigate the arbitrary nature of year-end “best books” lists by bringing the results together into one big arbitrary list.

TOTAL	New Yorker (Katy Waldman)	Publishers Weekly	Huffington Post (Claire Fallon)	AV Club	Washington Post	Chicago Tribune	New York Times (Janet Maslin)	Newsday	Christian Science Monitor	Oregonian	Time	NPR (Maureen Corrigan)	San Francisco Chronicle	Slate (Laura Miller)	Bustle	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Paste magazine	The Atlantic	Entertainment Weekly	O, Oprah	Vogue
FICTION																					
ASYMMETRY LISA HALLIDAY	8	•	•	•						•	•				•				•	•	
THERE THERE TOMMY ORANGE	8		•		•						•	•	•					•	•	•	
MY YEAR OF REST AND RELAXATION OTTESSA MOSHFEGH	7			•	•						•			•	•		•		•		
THE LARGESSE OF THE SEA MAIDEN DENIS JOHNSON	6		•		•		•					•					•				
CIRCE MADELINE MILLER	6				•						•				•		•	•	•		
WASHINGTON BLACK ESI EDUGYAN	6				•						•	•		•	•				•		
AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE TAYARI JONES	6						•		•	•					•			•	•		
HEADS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE NAFISSA THOMPSON-SPIRES	5		•			•									•			•	•		
FLORIDA LAUREN GROFF	4	•									•				•			•			
SEVERANCE LING MA	4		•	•											•		•				
THE INCENDIARIES R. O. KWON	4			•											•		•	•			
THE OVERSTORY RICHARD POWERS	4				•	•					•									•	
LAKE SUCCESS GARY SHTEYNGART	4						•				•	•								•	
THE GREAT BELIEVERS REBECCA MAKKAI	4						•				•				•				•		
THE MARS ROOM RACHEL KUSHNER	4									•	•	•							•		
MELMOTH SARAH PERRY	3	•													•		•				
COMEMADRE ROQUE LARRAQUY	3		•	•													•				
THE FRIEND SIGRID NUNEZ	3														•		•			•	
CONFESSIONS OF THE FOX JORDY ROSENBERG	2	•	•																		
CONVENIENCE STORE WOMAN SAYAKA MURATA	2	•													•						
KUDOS RACHEL CUSK	2	•													•						
FRESHWATER AKWAEKE EMEZI	2	•													•						
RED CLOCKS LENI ZUMAS	2		•															•			
THE PISCES MELISSA BRODER	2		•												•						
THE GONE WORLD TOM SWETERLITSCH	2			•													•				
NONFICTION																					
EDUCATED: A MEMOIR TARA WESTOVER	5	•					•			•							•			•	
FREDERICK DOUGLASS: PROPHET OF FREEDOM DAVID W. BLIGHT	4				•		•			•	•										
BARRACOOON ZORA NEALE HURSTON	4							•		•	•						•				
HEAVY: AN AMERICAN MEMOIR KIESE LAYMON	3	•										•							•		
HOW TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL: ESSAYS ALEXANDER CHEE	3	•								•							•				
REAGAN: AN AMERICAN JOURNEY BOB SPITZ	3	•						•	•												
THESE TRUTHS: A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES JILL LEPORE	3						•			•								•			
ALL YOU CAN EVER KNOW: A MEMOIR NICOLE CHUNG	3						•			•							•				
BAD BLOOD: SECRETS AND LIES IN A SILICON VALLEY STARTUP JOHN CARREYROU	3								•	•							•				
I'LL BE GONE IN THE DARK MICHELLE MCNAMARA	3										•		•				•				