

THE 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 21ST CENTURY *The New York Times* Book Review

- 1 **My Brilliant Friend**, by Elena Ferrante
- 2 **The Warmth of Other Suns**, Isabel Wilkerson
- 3 **Wolf Hall**, by Hilary Mantel
- 4 **The Known World**, by Edward P. Jones
- 5 **The Corrections**, by Jonathan Franzen
- 6 **2666**, by Roberto Bolaño
- 7 **The Underground Railroad**, by Colson Whitehead
- 8 **Austerlitz**, by W.G. Sebald
- 9 **Never Let Me Go**, by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 10 **Gilead**, by Marilynne Robinson
- 11 **The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao**, J. Diaz
- 12 **The Year of Magical Thinking**, by Joan Didion
- 13 **The Road**, by Cormac McCarthy
- 14 **Outline**, by Rachel Cusk
- 15 **Pachinko**, by Min Jin Lee
- 16 **Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay** Chabon
- 17 **The Sellout**, by Paul Beatty
- 18 **Lincoln in the Bardo**, by George Saunders
- 19 **Say Nothing**, by Patrick Radden Keefe
- 20 **Erasure**, by Percival Everett
- 21 **21 Evicted**, by Matthew Desmond
- 22 **Behind the Beautiful Forevers**, Katherine Boo
- 23 **Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage**, Munro
- 24 **The Overstory**, by Richard Powers
- 25 **Random Family**, by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc
- 26 **Atonement**, by Ian McEwan
- 27 **Americanah**, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- 28 **Cloud Atlas**, by David Mitchell
- 29 **The Last Samurai**, by Helen DeWitt
- 30 **Sing, Unburied, Sing**, by Jesmyn Ward
- 31 **White Teeth**, by Zadie Smith
- 32 **The Line of Beauty**, by Alan Hollinghurst
- 33 **Salvage the Bones**, by Jesmyn Ward
- 34 **Citizen**, by Claudia Rankine
- 35 **Fun Home**, by Alison Bechdel
- 36 **Between the World and Me**, T. Coates
- 37 **The Years**, by Annie Ernaux
- 38 **The Savage Detectives**, Roberto Bolaño
- 39 **A Visit from the Goon Squad**, J. Egan
- 40 **H Is for Hawk**, by Helen Macdonald
- 41 **Small Things Like These**, Claire Keegan
- 42 **A Brief History of Seven Killings**, James
- 43 **Postwar**, by Tony Judt
- 44 **The Fifth Season**, by N.K. Jemisin
- 45 **The Argonauts**, by Maggie Nelson
- 46 **The Goldfinch**, by Donna Tartt
- 47 **A Mercy**, by Toni Morrison
- 48 **Persepolis**, by M. Satrapi
- 49 **The Vegetarian**, by Han Kang
- 50 **Trust**, by Hernan Diaz
- 51 **Life After Life**, by Kate Atkinson
- 52 **Train Dreams**, by Denis Johnson
- 53 **Runaway**, by Alice Munro
- 54 **Tenth of December**, by George Saunders
- 55 **The Looming Tower**, by Lawrence Wright
- 56 **The Flamethrowers**, by Rachel Kushner
- 57 **Nickel and Dime**, by Barbara Ehrenreich
- 58 **Stay True**, by Hua Hsu
- 59 **Middlesex**, by Jeffrey Eugenides
- 60 **Heavy**, by Kiese Laymon
- 61 **Demon Copperhead**, Barbara Kingsolver
- 62 **10:04**, by Ben Lerner
- 63 **Veronica**, by Mary Gaitskill
- 64 **The Great Believers**, by Rebecca Makkai
- 65 **The Plot Against America**, by Philip Roth
- 66 **We the Animals**, by Justin Torres
- 67 **Far from the Tree**, by Andrew Solomon
- 68 **The Friend**, by Sigrid Nunez
- 69 **The New Jim Crow**, by Michelle Alexander
- 70 **All Aunt Hagar's Children**, Edward Jones
- 71 **The Copenhagen Trilogy**, Tove Ditlevsen
- 72 **Secondhand Time**, by Svetlana Alexievich
- 73 **The Passage of Power**, by Robert A. Caro
- 74 **Olive Kitteridge**, by Elizabeth Strout
- 75 **Exit West**, by Mohsin Hamid
- 76 **Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow** Zevin
- 77 **An American Marriage**, by Tayari Jones
- 78 **Septology**, by Jon Fosse
- 79 **A Manual for Cleaning Women**, by Lucia Berlin
- 80 **The Story of the Lost Child**, by Elena Ferrante
- 81 **Pulphead**, by John Jeremiah Sullivan
- 82 **Hurricane Season**, by Fernanda Melchor
- 83 **When We Cease to Understand the World** Labatut
- 84 **The Emperor of All Maladies**, S. Mukherjee
- 85 **Pastorala**, by George Saunders
- 86 **Frederick Douglass**, by David W. Blight
- 87 **Detransition, Baby**, by Torrey Peters
- 88 **The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis**
- 89 **The Return**, by Hisham Matar
- 90 **The Sympathizer**, by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- 91 **The Human Stain**, by Philip Roth
- 92 **The Days of Abandonment**, by Elena Ferrante
- 93 **Station Eleven**, by Emily St. John Mandel
- 94 **On Beauty**, by Zadie Smith
- 95 **Bring Up the Bodies**, by Hilary Mantel
- 96 **Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments** Hartman
- 97 **Men We Reaped**, by Jesmyn Ward
- 98 **Bel Canto**, by Ann Patchett
- 99 **How to Be Both**, by Ali Smith
- 100 **Tree of Smoke**, by Denis Johnson