Take the 2020 WINTER READING CHALLENGE For Adults

Need help getting started on the Winter Reading Challenge? Here are suggested titles for each of the 15 challenges.

Listen to a Book
- *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, read by an all-star cast
- *Educated* by Tara Westover, read by Julia Whelan
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, read by Bahni Turpin
- *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris, read by the author
- *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, read by Jim Dale

First in a Series
- *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson, first in the Walt Longmire mysteries
- *In the Woods* by Tana French, first in the Dublin Murder Squad series
- *The Magicians* by Lev Grossman, first in the Magician trilogy
- *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, first in the Neapolitan novels
- *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley, first in the Flavia de Luce mysteries

Teaches You Something New
- *Because Internet: Understanding the New Rules of Language* by Gretchen McCulloch
- *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present* by David Treuer
- *How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Real-World Problems* by Randall Munroe
- *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates
- *Rome: A History in Seven Sackings* by Matthew Kneale

In Another Time or Place
- *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai
- *The Night Tiger* by Yangsze Choo
- *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Graphic Novel or Comic Book
- *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui
- *Good Talk* by Mira Jacob
- *Hark! A Vagrant* by Kate Beaton
- *My Favorite Thing is Monsters* by Emil Ferris
- *Saga Vol. 1* by Brian K. Vaughan

Book Club Recommendations
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison (Emma Watson)
- *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett (Andrew Luck)
- *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng (Reese Witherspoon)
- *The Water Dancer* by Ta-nehisi Coates (Oprah Winfrey)
- *A Woman is No Man* by Etaf Rum (Jenna Bush Hager)
**Author New To You**
- *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson
- *Ayesha At Last* by Uzma Jalaluddin
- *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* by Abbi Waxman
- *The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls* by Anissa Gray
- *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes

**Outside Your Comfort Zone**
- *The Hollow Kingdom* by Kira Jane Buxton
- *Mark Z. Danielewski’s House of Leaves* by Zampano
- *S.* conceived by J.J. Abrams, written by Doug Dorst
- *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel
- *Triangles* by Ellen Hopkins

**Under 200 Pages**
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Binti* by Nnedi Okorafor
- *The Maid’s Version* by Daniel Woodrell
- *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf
- *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson

**Outside Your Comfort Zone**
- *The Calculating Stars* by Mary Robinette Kowal
- *Every Heart a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire
- *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin
- *The Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss
- *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown

**Author of Color**
- *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke
- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong
- *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *There There* by Tommy Orange

**Winter Setting**
- *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden
- *The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley
- *No Exit* by Taylor Adams
- *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
- *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon

**Always Meant to Read**
- *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin
- *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
- *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

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**Retelling of a Story**
- *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld
- *Jane Steel: a Confession* by Lyndsay Faye
- *March* by Geraldine Brooks
- *A Study in Honor* by Claire O’Dell
- *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire

**Set in an Imaginary World**
- *The Calculating Stars* by Mary Robinette Kowal
- *Every Heart a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire
- *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin
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