

The Top 4 Books to Read in Each of the Most Popular Literary Genres

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[The Importance of Reading Other Genres](#)*

Action Adventure

- Anansi Boys by Neil Gaiman
- Breakthrough by Michael C. Grumley
- Memory Man by David Baldacci
- The Lies of Locke Lamora by Scott Lynch

Biography

- The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- Night by Elie Wiesel
- Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

Fantasy/ Science Fiction

- All the Birds in the Sky by Charlie Jane Anders
- Thief of Time by Terry Pratchett
- A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire, Book 1) by George R. R. Martin
- The City of Brass (The Daevabad Trilogy) by S. A. Chakraborty

Graphic Novel

- Hilda and the Troll: Book 1 (Hildafolk) by Luke Pearson
- Nimona by Noelle Stevenson
- Scott Pilgrim (of 6) Vol. 1: Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life by Bryan Lee O'Malley
- Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood (Pantheon Graphic Library) by Marjane Satrapi

Historical Fiction

- Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

- The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- The Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badani

Horror

- An Unkindness of Magicians by Kat Howard
- House of Leaves by Mark Z. Danielewski
- Hunted by Darcy Coates
- Penpal by Dathan Auerbach

Humor

- Bitter is the New Black: Confessions of a Condescending, Egomaniacal, Self-Centered Smartass, Or, Why You Should Never Carry A Prada Bag to the Unemployment Office by Jen Lancaster
- Double Whammy by Carl Hiaasen
- The Martian by Andy Weir
- The Sex Lives of Cannibals: Adrift in the Equatorial Pacific by J. Maarten Troost

Literary Fiction

- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure
- The Ragged Edge of Night by Olivia Hawker
- Where the Crawdad Sings by Delia Owens

Magic Realism

- 1Q84 by Haruki Murakami
- The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende

Memoir

- A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway
- Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
- Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
- Out of Africa by Isen Dinesen

Mystery/ Thriller/ Suspense

- The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith

- The Lake House by Kate Morton
- Say You're Sorry by Melinda Leigh
- What Have You Done by Matthew Farrell

Romance

- Sea of Memories by Fiona Valpy
- Crazy Little Thing by Tracy Brogan
- Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
- Matchmaking for Beginners by Maddie Dawson

Young Adult

- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
- The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
- The Paper Magician by Charlie N. Holmberg
- P.S. I Still Love You (To All the Boys I've Loved Before) by Jenny Han

Western

- The Girl on the Mountain by Carol Ervin
- Love on Her Own Terms by Carol Colyer
- News of the World by Paulette Jiles
- No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy