

100 Best Books of the 21st Century Article

100. Tree of smoke- Johnson, Denis

99. How to be Both- Smith, Ali

98. Bel Canto- Patchett Ann

97. Men we reaped- Ward, Jesmyn

96. Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments- Saidiya Hartman

95. Bring Up the Bodies-Hilary Mantel

94. On Beauty- Zadie Smith

93. Station Eleven-Emily St. John Mandel

92. The Days of Abandonment- Elena Ferrante

91. The Human Stain- Philip Roth

90. The Sympathizer-Viet Thanh Nguyen

89. The Return- Hisham Matar

88. The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis

87. Detransition, Baby- Torrey Peters

86. Frederick Douglass- David W. Blight

85. Pastoralia- George Saunders

84. The Emperor of All Maladies Siddhartha Mukherjee

83. When We Cease to Understand the World-Benjamín Labatut

82. Hurricane Season Fernanda Melchor

81. Pulphead- John Jeremiah Sullivan

80. The Story of the Lost Child- Elena Ferrante

79. A Manual for Cleaning Women- Lucia Berlin

78. Septology- Jon Fosse

77. An American Marriage- Tayari Jones

76. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow- Gabrielle Zevin

75. Exit West- Mohsin Hamid

74. Olive Kitteridge- Elizabeth Strout

73. The Passage of Power-Robert Caro

72. Secondhand Time- Svetlana Alexievich

71. The Copenhagen Trilogy- Tove Ditlevsen

70. All Aunt Hagar's Children- Edward P. Jones

69. The New Jim Crow- Michelle Alexander

68. The Friend-Sigrid Nunez

67. Far From the Tree- Andrew Solomon

66. We the Animals- Justin Torres

65. The Plot Against America- Philip Roth

64. The Great Believers-Rebecca Makkai

63. Veronica- Mary Gaitskill

62. 10:04- Ben Lerner

61. Demon Copperhead- Barbara Kingsolver

60. Heavy- Kiese Laymon

59. Middlesex- Jeffrey Eugenides

58. Stay True- Hua Hsu

57. Nickel and Dimed- Barbara Ehrenreich

56. The Flamethrowers- Rachel Kushner

55. The Looming Tower- Lawrence Wright

54. Tenth of December- George Saunders

53. Runaway- Alice Munro

52. Train Dreams- Denis Johnson

51. Life After Life- Kate Atkinson

50. Trust-Hernan Diaz

49. The Vegetarian- Han Kang

48. Persepolis- Marjane Satrapi

47. A Mercy- Toni Morrison

46. The Goldfinch- Donna Tartt

45. The Argonauts- Maggie Nelson

44. The Fifth Season- N.K. Jemisin

43. Postwar- Tony Judt

42. A Brief History of Seven Killings- Marlon James

41. Small Things Like These- Claire Keegan

40. H Is for Hawk- Helen Macdonald

39. A Visit From the Goon Squad- Jennifer Egan

38. The Savage Detectives- Roberto Bolaño

37. The Years- Annie Ernaux

36. Between the World and Me- Ta-Nehisi Coates

35. Fun Home- Alison Bechdel

34. Citizen- Claudia Rankine

33. Salvage the Bones- Jesmyn Ward

32. The Line of Beauty- Alan Hollinghurst

31. White Teeth- Zadie Smith

30. Sing, Unburied, Sing- Jesmyn Ward

29. The Last Samurai-Helen DeWitt

28. Cloud Atlas- David Mitchell

27. Americanah- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

26. Atonement- Ian McEwan

25. Random Family- Adrian Nicole LeBlanc

24. The Overstory- Richard Powers

23. Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage- Alice Munro

22. Behind the Beautiful Forevers- Katherine Boo

21. Evicted- Matthew Desmond

20. Erasure- Percival Everett

19. Say Nothing- Patrick Radden Keefe

18. Lincoln in the Bardo- George Saunders

17. The Sellout- Paul Beatty

16. The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay- Michael

Chabon

15. Pachinko- Min Jin Lee

14. Outline- Rachel Cusk

13. The Road- Cormac McCarthy

12. The Year of Magical Thinking- Joan Didion

11. The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao- Junot Díaz

10. Gilead- Marilynne Robinson

9. Never Let Me Go- Kazuo Ishiguro

8. Austerlitz- W.G. Sebald

7. The Underground Railroad- Colson Whitehead

6. 2666- Roberto Bolaño

5. The Corrections- Jonathan Franzen

4. The Known World- Edward P. Jones

3. Wolf Hall- Hilary Mantel

2. The Warmth of Other Suns- Isabel Wilkerson

1. My Brilliant Friend-Elena Ferrante