

BOOK LIST

Those marked with an asterisk are my current favourites

LGBTQ+

- *Ben **Aaronovitch** (read in order) RIVERS OF LONDON/ MOON OVER SOHO/ WHISPERS UNDER GROUND/ BROKEN HOMES/ FOXGLOVE SUMMER/ THE HANGING TREE/ THE FURTHEST STATION/ LIES SLEEPING/ THE OCTOBER MAN/ FALSE VALUE/ WHAT ABIGAIL DID THAT SUMMER/ AMONGST OUR WEAPONS/ WINTER'S GIFTS/ STONE & SKY
THE MASQUERADES OF SPRING
- *Douglas **Adams** LAST CHANCE TO SEE.../ THE LONG DARK TEA-TIME OF THE SOUL
(read in order) THE HITCH-HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY/ THE RESTAURANT AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE/ LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING/ SO LONG, AND THANKS FOR ALL THE FISH/ MOSTLY HARMLESS/ AND ANOTHER THING
- *Naomi **Alderman** THE POWER/ DISOBEDIENCE/ THE LESSONS/ THE FUTURE
- *Charlie Jane **Anders** THE CITY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
- Hiro **Arikawa** THE TRAVELLING CAT CHRONICLES
- Kristen **Arnett** MOSTLY DEAD THINGS
- Shalom **Auslander** FORESKIN'S LAMENT
- Tash **Aw** THE SOUTH
- Frederick **Backman** THE SCANDAL
- Susan **Barker** OLD SOUL
- Damian **Barr** THE TWO ROBERTS
- Samit **Basu** TURBULENCE
- Doreen **Bates** DIARY OF A WARTIME AFFAIR: THE TRUE STORY OF A SURPRISINGLY MODERN ROMANCE
- Alan **Bennett** THE CLOTHES THEY STOOD UP IN
- Santanu **Bhattacharya** DEVIANTS
- Julia **Blackburn** THIN PATHS
- James **Bowen** A STREET CAT NAMED BOB
- R R **Boxall** (read in order) THE GENERATION ARCHIVES/ THE ABATEMENT MANDATE
- *Mark **Boyle** THE MONEYLESS MAN/ THE MONEYLESS MANIFESTO/ THE WAY HOME
- John **Boyne** THE HEART'S INVISIBLE FURIES/ FIRE
- Cerys **Bray** WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT/ THE MUSEUM OF YOU
- *Christopher **Brookmyre** ONE FINE DAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT/ ALL FUN AND GAMES UNTIL SOMEONE LOSES AN EYE/ THE CRACKED MIRROR/ PLACES IN THE DARKNESS
(read in order) QUITE UGLY ONE MORNING/ COUNTRY OF THE BLIND/ BOILING A FROG/ BE MY ENEMY/ ATTACK OF THE UNSINKABLE RUBBER DUCKS/ THE LAST DAY OF CHRISTMAS/ DEAD GIRL WALKING/ BLACK WIDOW/ WANT YOU GONE
(read in order) A BIG BOY DID IT AND RAN AWAY/ THE SACRED ART OF STEALING/ A SNOWBALL IN HELL/ FALLEN ANGEL
(read in order) WHERE THE BODIES ARE BURIED/ WHEN THE DEVIL DRIVES/ FLESH WOUNDS
- Jessica **Bruder** NOMADLAND
- *Ken **Bruen** (read in order) THE GUARDS/ THE KILLING OF THE TINKERS/ THE MAGDALEN MARTYRS/ THE DRAMATIST/ THE DEAD ROOM/ PRIEST/ CROSS/ SANCTUARY/ THE DEVIL/ HEADSTONE/ PURGATORY/ GREEN HELL/ THE

	EMERALD LIE/ THE GHOSTS OF GALWAY/ IN THE GALWAY SILENCE/ GALWAY GIRL/ A GALWAY EPIPHANY
*Tom Bryan	THE WOLFCLAW CHRONICLES
*John Buchan	THE COMPLETE RICHARD HANNAY (anthology)
Bill Buford	HEAT
Anne Buist	
& Graeme Simsion	THE GLASS HOUSE
John D Burns	BOTHY TALES
Andrew Cartmel	(read in order) THE VINYL DETECTIVE/ THE RUN-OUT GROOVE/ VICTORY DISC/ FLIP BACK/ LOW ACTION/ ATTACK AND DELAY/ WRITTEN IN DEAD WAX
*Becky Chambers	THE LONG WAY TO A SMALL ANGRY PLANET/ A CLOSED AND COMMON ORBIT/ RECORD OF A SPACEBORN FEW/ THE GALAXY, AND THE GROUND WITHIN/ A PSALM FOR THE WILD-BUILT/ A PRAYER FOR THE CROWN-SHY BRIGHT GIRLS/ LEARNING TO SWIM/ THE EDITOR'S WIFE/ SMALL PLEASURES/ SHY CREATURES
*Clare Chambers	
Mavis Cheek	THE LOVERS OF POUND HILL/ AUNT MARGARET'S LOVER/ GETTING BACK BRAHMS
Lee Child	the JACK REACHER series (read in order)
Arthur C Clarke	(read in order) 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY/ 2010: ODYSSEY TWO/ 2061: ODYSSEY THREE/ 3001: THE FINAL ODYSSEY
William Cobbett	COTTAGE ECONOMY
Genevieve Cogman	THE INVISIBLE LIBRARY
John Connolly	EVERY DEAD THING
Kate Davies	IN AT THE DEEP END
Roger Deakin	WATERLOG/ NOTES FROM WALNUT TREE FARM
Daphne Du Maurier	REBECCA
Katherine Dunn	GEEK LOVE
Hamal El-Mohtar	
& Max Gladstone	THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE THE TIME WAR
Tan Twan Eng	THE GARDEN OF EVENING MISTS
Bernardine Evaristo	GIRL, WOMAN, OTHER/ MR LOVERMAN/ HELLO MUM
Percival Everett	WOUNDED
J. Meade Falkner	MOONFLEET
*Jasper Fforde	(read in order) THE EYRE AFFAIR/ LOST IN A GOOD BOOK/ THE WELL OF LOST PLOTS
Helen Fielding	BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON
Thomas Firbank	I BOUGHT A MOUNTAIN
Cal Flyn	ISLANDS OF ABANDONMENT (LIFE IN THE POST-HUMAN LANDSCAPE)
Winifred Foley	BACK TO THE FOREST
Alice Franklin	LIFE HACKS FOR A LITTLE ALIEN
Steven Freeman	GONE FERAL
Kinky Friedman	THE MILE HIGH CLUB/ SPANKING WATSON
Alex Garland	THE BEACH
*Bonnie Garmus	LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY
Lewis Grassic Gibbon	SUNSET SONG
Stella Gibbons	COLD COMFORT FARM/ NIGHTINGALE WOOD
William Gibson	NEUROMANCER
William Goldman	THE PRINCESS BRIDE
Carol Goodman	THE SEDUCTION OF WATER
Alasdair Gray	POOR THINGS

Madeleine Gray	CHOSEN FAMILY
Andrew Sean Greer	LESS: A NOVEL
Lev Grossman	CODEX
Mark Haddon	A SPOT OF BOTHER/ THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME/ THE RED HOUSE
Matt Haig	THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY/ REASONS TO STAY ALIVE/ THE RADLEYS/ HOW TO STOP TIME/ THE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE
*Mohsin Hamid	EXIT WEST/ THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST
*Deborah Harkness	(read in order) A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES/ SHADOW OF NIGHT/ THE BOOK OF LIFE/ TIME'S RETURN/ THE BLACK BIRD ORACLE
Robert Harris	ENIGMA/ THE FEAR INDEX/ THE GHOST
Donald Harstad	(read in order) ELEVEN DAYS/ KNOWN DEAD/ THE BIG THAW/ CODE 61/ THE HEARTLAND EXPERIMENT/ A LONG DECEMBER/ NOVEMBER RAIN
Samantha Harvey	ORBITAL
Annie Hawes	(read in order) EXTRA VIRGIN/ RIPE FOR THE PICKING/ JOURNEY TO THE SOUTH/ A HANDFUL OF HONEY
Hallgrimur Helgason	THE WOMAN AT 1,000 DEGREES
*Lawrence D Hills	FIGHTING LIKE THE FLOWERS
*Peter Høeg	THE QUIET GIRL/ MISS SMILLA'S FEELING FOR SNOW/ THE ELEPHANT KEEPERS' CHILDREN
Gail Honeyman	ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE
*Nick Hornby	HOW TO BE GOOD/ JULIET, NAKED/ HIGH FIDELITY/ A LONG WAY DOWN/ FUNNY GIRL/ ABOUT A BOY/ JUST LIKE YOU/ SLAM
*Jorn Lier Hørst	(read in order) WHEN IT GROWS DARK/ DREGS/ CLOSED FOR WINTER/ THE HUNTING DOGS/ THE CAVEMAN/ ORDEAL/ THE NIGHT MAN/ THE KATHERINA CODE/ THE CABIN/ THE INNER DARKNESS/ A QUESTION OF GUILT
Chloe Michelle Howarth	
	SUNBURN
*John Irving	THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP/ A PRAYER FOR OWEN MEANEY
Jerome K Jerome	THREE MEN IN A BOAT
B S Johnson	CHRISTIE MALRY'S OWN DOUBLE-ENTRY
Tobias Jones	A PLACE OF REFUGE
Genki Kawamura	IF CATS DISAPPEARED FROM THE WORLD
*Claire Keegan	SO LATE IN THE DAY/ SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE/ FOSTER/ THE FORESTER'S DAUGHTER
*Garrison Keillor	LAKE WOBEGON SUMMER 1956/ WOBEGON BOY/ LAKE WOBEGON DAYS
*Douglas Kennedy	THE JOB/ LEAVING THE WORLD/ AFRAID OF THE LIGHT/ THE HEART OF BETRAYAL
Fred Kitchen	BROTHER TO THE OX
Elizabeth Knox	THE ABSOLUTE BOOK
*Laura Lam	GOLDILOCKS
Stieg Larsson	MILLENNIUM I/ II/ III
Laurie Lee	AS I WALKED OUT ONE MIDSUMMER MORNING/ A ROSE FOR WINTER
Elmore Leonard	GET SHORTY
*Malinda Lo	LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB
*Kirsty Logan	THE GRACEKEEPERS/ NOW SHE IS WITCH/ THE GLOAMING/ A PORTABLE SHELTER
James Lovelock	GAIA
Jack Lutz	LONDON IN BLACK
Shena Mackay	HELIGOLAND/ THE ORCHARD ON FIRE

Charlie Mackesy	THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE
Bella Mackie	HOW TO KILL YOUR FAMILY
*Emily St John Mandel	STATION ELEVEN/ LAST NIGHT IN MONTREAL/ THE SINGER'S GUN/ THE LOLA QUARTET/ THE GLASS HOTEL/ SEA OF TRANQUILITY
Kate Mascarenhas	THE PSYCHOLOGY OF TIME TRAVEL
Ferenc Máté	A REASONABLE LIFE
Richard Matheson	I AM LEGEND
* Armistead Maupin	(read in order) TALES OF THE CITY/ MORE TALES OF THE CITY/ FURTHER TALES OF THE CITY/ BABYCAKES/ SIGNIFICANT OTHERS/ SURE OF YOU/ MICHAEL TOLLIVER LIVES/ THE DAYS OF ANNA MADRIGAL/ MAYBE THE MOON (stand-alone) THE NIGHT LISTENER
Richard Maybey	NATURE CURE
James McBride	THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY STORE
Colum McCann	APEIROGON, A NOVEL
Charlotte McConaghy	ONCE THERE WERE WOLVES
Mhairi McFarlane	IT'S NOT ME IT'S YOU/ YOU HAD ME AT HELLO/ WHO'S THAT GIRL?/ LAST NIGHT/ COVER STORY
John McGahern	THE DARK
Robert McGill	THE MYSTERIES
Coco Mellors	CLEOPATRA AND FRANKENSTEIN
Herman Melville	TYPEE
Deborah Moggach	THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL
Elizabeth Moon	SPEED OF DARK
*Erin Morgenstern	THE STARLESS SEA/ THE NIGHT CIRCUS
Bob Mortimer	THE SATSUMA COMPLEX/ AND AWAY.../ THE HOTEL AVOCADO
Nedjma	THE ALMOND
Caleb Azumah Nelson	SMALL WORLDS/ OPEN WATER
* Annalee Newitz	THE TRANSFORMERS/ THE FUTURE OF ANOTHER TIMELINE/ AUTONOMOUS
David Nicholls	YOU ARE HERE/ SWEET SORROWS/ US/ THE UNDERSTUDY/ STARTER FOR TEN/ ONE DAY
William Nicholson	ALL THE HOPEFUL LOVERS/ THE GOLDEN HOUR/ THE SECRET INTENSITY OF EVERYDAY LIFE
*Audrey Niffenegger	THE TIME TRAVELLER'S WIFE/ HER FEARFUL SYMMETRY
Liz Nugent	STRANGE SALLY DIAMOND
* Andrew O'Hagan	MAYFLIES
Jon O'Farrell	THE BEST A MAN CAN GET/ THIS IS YOUR LIFE/ THE MAN WHO FORGOT HIS WIFE/ A HISTORY OF CAPITALISM ACCORDING TO THE JUBILEE LINE/ THERE'S ONLY TWO DAVID BECKHAMS
Adam Oyebanji	BRAKING DAY
Tony Parsons	MAN AND BOY/ MAN AND WIFE/ THE FAMILY WAY
Michael Pedersen	MUCKLE FLUGGA
Sarah Perry	THE ESSEX SERPENT/ ENLIGHTENMENT
Torrey Peters	DETRANSITION, BABY
*Marge Piercy	SUMMER PEOPLE/ BODY OF GLASS
Sylvia Plath	THE BELL JAR
Terry Pratchett	GOOD OMENS: THE NICE AND ACCURATE PROPHECIES OF AGNES NUTTER, WITCH/ THE WEE FREE MEN
*Dan Price	THE MOONLIGHT CHRONICLES/ RADICAL SIMPLICITY
* Natasha Pulley	THE HALF LIFE OF VALERY K/ THE WATCHMAKER OF FILIGREE STREET
Khurram Rahman	EAST OF HOUNSLOW

Derek Raymond	HE DIED WITH HIS EYES OPEN/ HOW THE DEAD LIVE
Leigh Radford	ONE YELLOW EYE
Nora Roberts	ANGELS FALL/ NORTHERN LIGHTS/ THE WITNESS
Christopher Ross	TUNNEL VISIONS
Katherine Rundell	ROOF TOPPERS
Mary Doria Russell	THE SPARROW
Sapper	BULLDOG DRUMMOND
Dorothy L Sayers	CLOUDS OF WITNESS/ WHOSE BODY?/ LORD PETER VIEWS THE BODY/ UNNATURAL DEATH/ FIVE RED HERRINGS/ THE UNPLEASANTNESS AT THE BELLONA CLUB
*V E Schwab	THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF ADDIE LARUE/ BURY OUR BONES IN THE MIDNIGHT SOIL
Mai Sennaar	THEY DREAM IN GOLD
*Elif Shafak	THE ISLAND OF MISSING TREES/ THREE DAUGHTERS OF EVE/ THE BASTARD OF ISTANBUL/ THERE ARE RIVERS IN THE SKY/ 10 MINUTES 38 SECONDS IN THIS STRANGE WORLD/ THE FORTY RULES OF LOVE/ THE ARCHITECT'S APPRENTICE
*Merlin Sheldrake	ENTANGLED LIFE - HOW FUNGI MAKE OUR WORLDS, CHANGE OUR MINDS, AND SHAPE OUR FUTURES
*Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley	FRANKENSTEIN
Sara Sheridan	THE FAIR BOTANISTS
*Graeme Simson	THE BEST OF ADAM SHARP (read in order) THE ROSIE PROJECT/ THE ROSIE EFFECT/ THE ROSIE RESULT
& Anne Buist	(read in order) TWO STEPS FORWARD/ TWO STEPS ONWARD
*Dodie Smith	I CAPTURE THE CASTLE
*Zadie Smith	NW/ SWING TIME/ WHITE TEETH/ THE AUTOGRAPH MAN/ THE EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA/ ON BEAUTY
*Rivers Solomon	AN UNKINDNESS OF GHOSTS/ SORROWLAND
Chris Stewart	DRIVING OVER LEMONS/ THE PARROT AND THE PEPPER TREE/ THREE WAYS TO CAPSIZE A BOAT/ ALMOND BLOSSOM APPRECIATION SOCIETY/ LAST DAYS OF THE BUS CLUB
*Douglas Stewart	SHUGGIE BAIN/ YOUNG MUNGO
*Bram Stoker	DRACULA
*Mari Strachan	THE EARTH HUMS IN B FLAT
Zoë Strachan	EVER FALLEN IN LOVE
Elizabeth Strout	OLIVE, AGAIN
*Mark Sundeen	THE MAN WHO QUIT MONEY/ CAR CAMPING/ THE UNSETTLERS: IN SEARCH OF THE GOOD LIFE IN TODAY'S AMERICA
*Paul Sussman	(read in order) THE LAST SECRET OF THE TEMPLE/ THE LABYRINTH OF OSIRIS
Barton Sutter	COLD COMFORT
Vikas Swarup	SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE/ THE ACCIDENTAL APPRENTICE
David Szalay	FLESH
Mallachy Tallack	THE VALLEY AT THE CENTRE OF THE WORLD
* Jodi Taylor	(read in order) JUST ONE DAMNED THING AFTER ANOTHER/ A SYMPHONY OF ECHOES/ A SECOND CHANCE/ A TRAIL THROUGH TIME/ NO TIME LIKE THE PAST/ WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?/ LIES, DAMNED LIES, AND HISTORY/ AND THE REST IS HISTORY/ AN ARGUMENTATION OF HISTORIANS/ HOPE FOR THE BEST/ PLAN FOR THE WORST/ ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE

*Sheri S **Tepper** THE REVENANTS/ STILL LIFE/ BEAUTY/ SHADOW'S END/ GIBBON'S DECLINE AND FALL/ THE AWAKENERS/ SIX MOON DANCE/ THE MARGARETS
(read in order) GRASS/ RAISING THE STONES/ SIDESHOW
(read in order) THE FLIGHT OF MAVIN MANYSHAPED/ THE SONG OF MAVIN MANYSHAPED/ THE SEARCH OF MAVIN MANYSHAPED/ THE CHRONICLES OF MAVIN MANYSHAPED
(read in order) A PLAGUE OF ANGELS/ THE WATERS RISING/ FISH TAILS

Rosie **Thomas** WHITE/ SUN AT MIDNIGHT/ FOLLIES/ THE POTTER'S HOUSE/ LOVERS & NEWCOMERS/ THE ILLUSIONISTS

Olga **Tokarczuk** DRIVE YOUR PLOW OVER THE BONES OF THE DEAD

*John Kennedy **Toole** A CONFEDERACY OF DUNCES

Joanna **Trollope** BALANCING ACT/ THE CHOIR/ A SPANISH LOVER/ THE MEN AND THE GIRLS/ MARRYING THE MISTRESS/ SECOND HONEYMOON/ THE OTHER FAMILY
(read in order) THE CHALK CIRCLE MAN/ SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR/ HAVE MERCY ON US ALL/ THIS NIGHT'S FOUL WORK/ WASH THIS BLOOD CLEAN FROM MY HAND/ AN UNCERTAIN PLACE/ THE GHOST RIDERS OF ORDEBEC/ A CLIMATE OF FEAR/ THIS POISON WILL REMAIN
(read in order) THE THREE EVANGELISTS/ DOG WILL HAVE HIS DAY/ THE ACCORDIONIST

*Fred **Vargas**

Stephen **Vizinczey** IN PRAISE OF OLDER WOMEN

*Sarah **Waters** TIPPING THE VELVET/ THE PAYING GUESTS/ THE NIGHT WATCH

Jason **Webster** SACRED SIERRA – A YEAR ON A SPANISH MOUNTAIN

*Andy **Weir** ARTEMIS/ THE MARTIAN/ PROJECT HAIL MARY

HG **Wells** THE TIME MACHINE

*Martha **Wells** WITCH KING
(read in order) ALL SYSTEMS RED/ ARTIFICIAL CONDITION

Louise **Welsh** (read in order) A LOVELY WAY TO BURN/ DEATH IS A WELCOME GUEST/ NO DOMINION/ NAMING THE BONES/ THE GIRL ON THE STAIRS/ THE BULLET TRICK/ THE CUTTING ROOM/ THE SECOND CUT/ TAMBURLAINE MUST DIE
AN IMAGINATIVE EXPERIENCE/ THE VACILLATIONS OF POPPY CAREW/ A DUBIOUS LEGACY/ SECOND FIDDLE/ HARNESSING PEACOCKS/ JUMPING THE QUEUE/ THE CAMOMILE LAWN/ NOT THAT SORT OF GIRL/ A SENSIBLE LIFE

Mary **Wesley**

Tara **Westover** EDUCATED

Chris **Whitaker** ALL THE COLOURS OF THE DARK

Colson **Whitehead** ZONE ONE/ THE NICKEL BOYS

Connie **Willis** PASSAGE
(read in order) FIRE WATCH/ DOOMSDAY BOOK/ TO SAY NOTHING OF THE DOG
(read in order) BLACKOUT/ ALL CLEAR

Lorraine **Wilson** MOTHER SEA

Sarah **Winman** TIN MAN/ STILL LIFE

*Jeanette **Winterson** ORANGES ARE NOT THE ONLY FRUIT/ LIGHTHOUSEKEEPING/ THE GAP OF TIME: THE WINTER'S TALE RETOLD/ WHY BE HAPPY WHEN YOU COULD BE NORMAL?/ SEXING THE CHERRY/ THE DAYLIGHT GATE

P G **Wodehouse** RIGHT HO, JEEVES/ THE INIMITABLE JEEVES/ LORD EMSWORTH ACTS FOR THE BEST/ THE BLANDINGS OMNIBUS/ IMPERIAL BLANDINGS

Yael Van Der **Wouden** THE SAFEKEEP

*Ronald **Wright** A SHORT HISTORY OF PROGRESS/ HENDERSON'S SPEAR/ A SCIENTIFIC ROMANCE

Rachel **Yoder** NIGHTBITCH

*Kate **Young** EXPERIENCED

Asako **Yuzuki**
Farahad **Zama**
*Gabrielle **Zevin**

C Pam Zhang

BUTTER
THE MARRIAGE BUREAU FOR RICH PEOPLE
TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMMOROW/ MEMOIRS OF A
TEENAGE AMNESIAC/ THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J.FIKRAY
LAND OF MILK AND HONEY