

BOOK LIST

Those marked with an **asterisk*** are my current favourites
and **LGBTQ+** for **queer fiction**

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| *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 |
| Kaliane Bradley | THE MINISTRY OF TIME |
| 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
Julie Cohen	SPIRITED
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
*Meg Elison	(read in order) THE BOOK OF THE UNNAMED MIDWIFE/ THE BOOK OF ETTA/ THE BOOK OF FLORA
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
*Trip Galey	A MARKET OF DREAMS AND DESTINY
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
Linda Green	IN LITTLE STARS
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
*Paul E Hardisty	THE FORCING
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
Kazuo Ishiguro	KLARA AND THE SUN
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 TRANQUILLITY
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/ THE MARS HOUSE/ THE BEDLAM STACKS
Khurrum 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
Robert Seethaler	A WHOLE LIFE
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
Shamin Sarif	THE WORLD UNSEEN
*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 Simsion	THE BEST OF ADAM SHARP (read in order) THE ROSIE PROJECT/ THE ROSIE EFFECT/ THE ROSIE RESULT (read in order) TWO STEPS FORWARD/ TWO STEPS ONWARD
& Anne Buist	I CAPTURE THE CASTLE
*Dodie Smith	NW/ SWING TIME/ WHITE TEETH/ THE AUTOGRAPH MAN/ THE EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA/ ON BEAUTY
* Zadie Smith	AN UNKINDNESS OF GHOSTS/ SORROWLAND
* Rivers Solomon	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
Chris Stewart	SHUGGIE BAIN/ YOUNG MUNGO
* Douglas Stewart	DRACULA
*Bram Stoker	THE EARTH HUMS IN B FLAT
*Mari Strachan	EVER FALLEN IN LOVE
Zoë Strachan	OLIVE, AGAIN/ OLIVE KITTERIDGE
Elizabeth Strout	THE MAN WHO QUIT MONEY/ CAR CAMPING/ THE UNSETTLERS: IN SEARCH OF THE GOOD LIFE IN TODAY'S AMERICA
*Mark Sundeen	(read in order) THE LAST SECRET OF THE TEMPLE/ THE LABYRINTH OF OSIRIS COLD COMFORT
*Paul Sussman	
Barton Sutter	

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/ A CATALOGUE OF CATASTROPHE
*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
*Fred Vargas	(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
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
Mary Wesley	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
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	BUTTER
Farahad Zama	THE MARRIAGE BUREAU FOR RICH PEOPLE
*Gabrielle Zevin	TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMMOROW/ MEMOIRS OF A TEENAGE AMNESIAC/ THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J.FIKRAY
C Pam Zhang	LAND OF MILK AND HONEY