

# extreme reader



year-long reading challenge

# A sad book

## Adult Fiction

- **Stay with Me** by Ayobami Adebayo
- **The Last Ballard** by Wiley Cash
- **The Hours** by Michael Cunningham
- **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr
- **Madame Bovary** by Gustave Flaubert
- **The End of the Affair** by Graham Greene
- **Exit West** by Mohsin Hamid
- **The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah
- **Jude the Obscure** by Thomas Hardy
- **The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini
- **We Were the Lucky Ones** by Georgia Hunter
- **Their Eyes Were Watching God**  
by Zora Neale Hurston
- **Never Let Me Go** by Kazuo Ishiguro
- **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline
- **The Road** by Cormac McCarthy
- **The Ninth Hour** by Alice McDermott
- **Atonement** by Ian McEwan
- **Beloved** by Toni Morrison
- **Me Before You** by Jojo Moyes
- **Us** by David Nicholls
- **The Time Traveler's Wife**  
by Audrey Niffenegger
- **Cry, the Beloved Country** by Alan Paton
- **My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult
- **The Bell Jar** by Sylvia Plath
- **1984** by George Orwell
- **Atlas Shrugged** by Ayn Rand
- **The Reader** by Bernhard Schlink
- **On the Beach** by Nevil Shute
- **The Jungle** by Upton Sinclair
- **The Art of Racing in the Rain** by Garth Stein
- **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck
- **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck
- **Johnny Got His Gun** by Dalton Trumbo
- **The Color Purple** by Alice Walker
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- **The Rape of Nanking: the Forgotten Holocaust of World War II** by Iris Chang
- **Rabbit Howls: The Troops for Truddi Chase** by Truddi Chase
- **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- **When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi
- **Acedia & Me: a Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life** by Kathleen Norris
- **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot
- **Maus: a Survivor's Tale** by Art Spiegelman
- **The Sociopath Next Door: the Ruthless Versus the Rest of Us** by Martha Stout
- **Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Love and Life from Dear Sugar** by Cheryl Strayed
- **A Beautiful, Terrible Thing: a Memoir of Marriage and Betrayal** by Jen Waite

## Teen

- **Wintergirls** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- **If There's No Tomorrow** by Jennifer Armentrout
- **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** by John Boyne
- **If I Stay** by Gayle Forman
- **We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves** by Karen Joy Fowler
- **Lord of the Flies** by William Golding
- **The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green
- **Flowers for Algernon** by Daniel Keyes
- **The Leavers** by Lisa Ko
- **We Were Liars** by E. Lockhart
- **Cut** by Patricia McCormick
- **A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness
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