

**BEST
BOOKS
OF 2003**



- 1** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- 2** *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali
- 3** *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones
- 4** *Fortress of Solitude* by Jonathan Lethem
- 5** *Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, & Coming of Age in the Bronx* by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc
- 6** *Drop City* by T.C. Boyle
- 7** *The Great Fire* by Shirley Hazzard
- 8** *They Marched Into Sunlight: War and Peace Vietnam and America October 1967* by David Maraniss
- 9** *Gulag: A History* by Anne Applebaum
- 10** *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson

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- 11 ***Any Human Heart*** by William Boyd
- 12 ***Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood***
by Marjane Satrapi
- 13 ***The Time of Our Singing*** by Richard Powers
- 14 ***Khrushchev: The Man and His Era*** by
William Taubman
- 15 ***Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game***
by Michael Lewis
- 16 ***Oryx and Crake*** by Margaret Atwood
- 17 ***Old School*** by Tobias Wolff
- 18 ***American Woman*** by Susan Choi
- 19 ***Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*** by
Walter Isaacson
- 20 ***Pattern Recognition*** by William Gibson

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Honorable Mentions

- Living to Tell the Tale*** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Bounty: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty*** by Caroline Alexander
- Monster of God: The Man-Eating Predator in the Jungles of History and the Mind*** by David Quammen
- Waxwings*** by Jonathan Raban
- Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy*** by Carlos Eire
- The Time Traveler's Wife*** by Audrey Niffenegger
- The Master Butcher's Singing Club*** by Louise Erdrich
- Rising Up and Rising Down*** by William T. Vollman
- The Namesake*** by Jhumpa Lahiri
- A Short History of Nearly Everything*** by Bill Bryson
- Giving Up the Ghost*** by Hilary Mantel
- W.B. Yeats*** by R.F. Foster
- Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers*** by Mary Roach
- The Da Vinci Code*** by Dan Brown
- Krakatoa: The Day the World Explored: August 27, 1883*** by Simon Winchester