

**BEST  
BOOKS  
OF 2004**



- 1** *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson
- 2** *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth
- 3** *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell* by Susanna Clarke
- 4** *Chronicles: Volume 1* by Bob Dylan
- 5** *The Master* by Colm Tóibín
- 6** *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell
- 7** *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare* by Stephen Greenblatt
- 8** *The Line of Beauty* by Alan Hollinghurst
- 9** *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle
- 10** *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow

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- 11 ***Snow*** by Orhan Pamuk
- 12 ***Runaway*** by Alice Munro
- 13 ***The 9/11 Commission Report*** by ———
- 14 ***Little Children*** by Tom Perrotta
- 15 ***War Trash*** by Ha Jin
- 16 ***de Kooning: An American Master*** by Mark Stevens & Annalyn Swan
- 17 ***Washington's Crossing*** by David Hackett Fischer
- 18 ***America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction*** by Jon Stewart
- 19 ***You Remind Me of Me*** by Dan Chaon
- 20 ***Transmission*** by Hari Kunzru

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## Honorable Mentions

- Chain of Command: The Road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib*** by Seymour M. Hersh
- Persepolis 2: The Story of a Return*** by Marjane Satrapi
- Aloft*** by Chang-rae Lee
- Nightingales: The Extraordinary Upbringing and Curious Life of Miss Florence Nightingale*** by Gillian Gill
- The Working Poor: Invisible in America*** by David K. Shiper
- An Unfinished Season*** by Ward Just
- Case Histories*** by Kate Atkinson
- Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*** by David Sedaris
- Eats, Shoots, and Leaves*** by Lynne Trusse
- His Excellency, George Washington*** by Joseph J. Ellis
- Heir to the Glimmering World*** by Cynthia Ozick
- Truth and Beauty*** by Ann Patchett
- The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin*** by Gordon S. Wood
- Happy Baby*** by Stephen Elliott
- Our Kind*** by Kate Walbert