

**BEST  
BOOKS  
OF 2005**



- 1** *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
- 2** *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 3** *The March* by E.L. Doctorow
- 4** *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith
- 5** *The Assassin's Gate: America in Iraq* by George Packer
- 6** *Veronica* by Mary Gaitskill
- 7** *Saturday* by Ian McEwan
- 8** *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami
- 9** *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss
- 10** *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling

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- 11** ***Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*** by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- 12** ***No Country for Old Men*** by Cormac McCarthy
- 13** ***Magic for Beginners*** by Kelly Link
- 14** ***Mao: The Unknown Story*** by Jung Chang & Jon Halliday
- 15** ***1776: America and Britain at War*** by David McCullough
- 16** ***Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*** by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner
- 17** ***Shalimar the Clown*** by Salman Rushdie
- 18** ***Two Lives*** by Vikram Seth
- 19** ***Beyond Black*** by Hilary Mantel
- 20** ***The Tender Bar*** by J.R. Moehringer

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## Honorable Mentions

- Beasts of No Nation*** by Uzodinma Iweala
- Lunar Park*** by Bret Easton Ellis
- The Historian*** by Elizabeth Kostova
- Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*** by Jared Diamond
- Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*** by Malcolm Gladwell
- Black Hole*** by Charles Burns
- 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*** by Charles C. Mann
- The Sea*** by John Banville
- American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*** by Kai Bird & Martin J. Sherwin
- Post-War: A History of Europe Since 1945*** by Tony Judt
- Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*** by Jonathan Safran Foer
- The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln*** by Sean Wilentz
- Small Island*** by Andrea Levy
- The People's Act of Love*** by James Meek
- The Glass Castle*** by Jeannette Walls