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OF 2006**



- 1** *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
- 2** *The Lay of the Land* by Richard Ford
- 3** *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11* by Lawrence Wright
- 4** *The Emperor's Children* by Claire Messud
- 5** *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan
- 6** *Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq* by Thomas E. Ricks
- 7** *The Echo Maker* by Richard Powers
- 8** *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel
- 9** *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky
- 10** *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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- 11 ***What is the What*** by Dave Eggers
- 12 ***James Tiptree Jr.*** by Julie Phillips
- 13 ***Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War*** by Nathaniel Philbrick
- 14 ***Black Swan Green*** by David Mitchell
- 15 ***All Aunt Hagar's Children*** by Edward P. Jones
- 16 ***At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years*** by Taylor Branch
- 17 ***Twilight of the Superheroes*** by Deborah Eisenberg
- 18 ***After This*** by Alice McDermott
- 19 ***The Inheritance of Loss*** by Kiren Desai
- 20 ***The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*** by Daniel Mendelsohn

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Honorable Mentions

- Heat: An Amateur's Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook, Pasta-Maker, and Apprentice to a Dante-Quoting Butcher in Tuscany*** by Bill Buford
- Special Topics in Calamity Physics*** by Marisha Pessl
- A Disorder Peculiar to the Country*** by Ken Kalfus
- Everyman*** by Philip Roth
- The Wizard of the Crow*** by Nugi wa Thiong'o
- Absurdistan*** by Gary Shteyngart
- The Night Gardener*** by George Pelacanos
- Theft*** by Peter Carey
- The Places in Between*** by Rory Stewart
- The View from Castle Rock*** by Alice Munro
- The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*** by Sandy Tolan
- Oracle Bones: A Journey Through Time in China*** by Peter Hessler
- The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*** by Timothy Egan
- The Last of Her Kind*** by Sigrid Nunez
- The God Delusion*** by Richard Dawkins