

**BEST
BOOKS
OF 2009**



- 1** *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel
- 2** *The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science* by Richard Holmes
- 3** *Cheever: A Life* by Blake Bailey
- 4** *Lit: A Memoir* by Mary Karr
- 5** *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder
- 6** *A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore
- 7** *Await Your Reply* by Dan Chaon
- 8** *The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel
- 9** *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro
- 10** *Everything Ravaged, Everything Burned* by Wells Tower

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11 *In Other Rooms, Other Wonders* by Daniyal Mueenuddin

12 *Lark and Termite* by Jayne Anne Phillips

13 *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

14 *Jeff in Venice, Death in Varanasi* by Geoff Dyer

15 *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann

16 *Stitches* by David Small

17 *Columbine* by Dave Cullen

18 *Asterios Polyp* by David Mazuchelli

19 *The Children's Book* by A.S. Byatt

20 *The Anthologist* by Nicholson Baker

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Honorable Mentions

- Collected Stories*** by Lydia Davis
- The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*** by T.J. Stiles
- The Help*** by Kathryn Stockett
- The Year of the Flood*** by Margaret Atwood
- The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*** by David Grann
- The Book of Night Women*** by Marlon James
- Inherent Vice*** by Thomas Pynchon
- Lords of Finance: The Banker Who Broke the World*** by Liaquat Ahamed
- A Short History of Women*** by Kate Walbert
- Blame*** by Michelle Huneven
- Under the Dome*** by Stephen King
- Changing My Mind: Occasional Essays*** by Zadie Smith
- Chronic City*** by Jonathan Lethem
- Flannery*** by Brad Gooch
- Love and Summer*** by William Trevor