

BEST BOOKS OF 2011



- 1** *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht
- 2** *The Marriage Plot* by Jeffrey Eugenides
- 3** *1Q84* by Haruki Murakami
- 4** *Bossypants* by Tina Fey
- 5** *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett
- 6** *Open City* by Teju Cole
- 7** *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes
- 8** *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
- 9** *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* by Manning Marable
- 10** *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach

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11 *The Stranger's Child* by Alan Hollinghurst

12 *Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* by Gabrielle Hamilton

13 *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell

14 *The Pale King* by David Foster Wallace

15 *Pulphed* by John Jeremiah Sullivan

16 *The Tragedy of Arthur* by Arthur Phillips

17 *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

18 *Blue Nights* by Joan Didion

19 *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

20 *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie

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Honorable Mentions

- Lost in Shangri-La*** by Mitchell Zuckoff
- The Leftovers*** by Tom Perrotta
- Buddha in the Attic*** by Julie Otsuka
- The Swerve*** by Stephen Greenblatt
- Ready Player One*** by Ernest Cline
- The Cat's Table*** by Michael Ondaatje
- The Beauty and the Sorrow: An Intimate History of the First World War*** by Peter Englund
- The Submission*** by Amy Waldman
- The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood*** by James Gleick
- The Family Fang*** by Kevin Wilson
- A Dance With Dragons*** by George R.R. Martin
- Destiny of the Republic*** by Candice Millard
- Pym*** by Mat Johnson
- Rules of Civility*** by Amor Towles
- Train Dreams*** by Denis Johnson
- Hemingway's Boat: Everything He Loved in Life, and Lost*** by Paul Hendrickson
- Lost Memory of Skin*** by Russell Banks
- Leaving the Atocha Station*** by Ben Lerner
- Boomerang: Travels in the Third World*** by Michael Lewis
- Binocular Vision*** by Edith Pearlman
- 11/22/1963*** by Stephen King
- To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918*** by Adam Hochschild
- The Sisters Brothers*** by Patrick deWitt
- Townie*** by Andre Dubus III
- We the Animals*** by Justin Torres