

**BEST
BOOKS
OF 2012**



- 1** *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo
- 2** *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel
- 3** *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- 4** *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain
- 5** *This Is How You Lose Her* by Junot Diaz
- 6** *The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson* by Robert A. Caro
- 7** *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
- 8** *Dear Life: Stories* by Alice Munro
- 9** *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter
- 10** *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

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- 11** *Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe, 1944-1956* by Anne Applebaum
- 12** *NW* by Zadie Smith
- 13** *Building Stories* by Chris Ware
- 14** *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers
- 15** *Canada* by Richard Ford
- 16** *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
- 17** *House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East* by Anthony Shadid
- 18** *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple
- 19** *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity* by Andrew Solomon
- 20** *Arcadia* by Lauren Groff

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Honorable Mentions

- A Hologram for the King*** by Dave Eggers
- Mortality*** by Christopher Hitchens
- The Orphan Master's Son*** by Adam Johnson
- Telegraph Avenue*** by Michael Chabon
- Every Story is a Ghost Story: A Life of David Foster Wallace*** by D.T. Max
- Spillover: Animal Infections and the Next Human Pandemic*** by David Quammen
- Joseph Anton*** by Salman Rushdie
- Age of Miracles*** by Karen Thompson Walker
- The Song of Achilles*** by Madeline Miller
- Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*** by Jeanette Winterson
- At Last*** by Edward St. Aubyn
- Are You My Mother?*** by Alison Bechdel
- Zona: A Book About a Film About a Journey...*** by Geoff Dyer
- Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*** by Jon Meacham
- Sweet Tooth*** by Ian McEwan
- Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*** by Susan Cain
- Why Does the World Exist?: An Existential Detective Story*** by Jim Holt
- May We Be Forgiven*** by A.M. Homes
- The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*** by Ayana Mathis
- The Mansion of Happiness: A History of Life and Death*** by Jill Lepore
- Gods Without Men*** by Hari Kunzru
- Tell the Wolves I'm Home*** by Carol Rifka Brunt
- The Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail — But Some Don't*** by Nate Silver
- The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo*** by Tom Reiss
- Flight Behavior*** by Barbara Kingsolver