

**BEST
BOOKS
OF 2021**



- 1** *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 2** *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
- 3** *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead
- 4** *Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney
- 5** *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* by Patrick Radden Keefe
- 6** *Matrix* by Lauren Groff
- 7** *No One Is Talking About This* by Patricia Lockwood
- 8** *Detransition, Baby* by Torrey Peters
- 9** *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
- 10** *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead

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11 *Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen

12 *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers

13 *Intimacies* by Katie Kitamura

14 *A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance* by Hanif Abdurraqib

15 *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

16 *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* by Clint Smith

17 *The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois* by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers

18 *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

19 *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain: In Which Four Russians Give a Master Class on Writing, Reading, and Life* by George Saunders

20 *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angelina Boulley

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Honorable Mentions

- Afterparties*** by Anthony Veasna So
- Second Place*** by Rachel Cusk
- The Other Black Girl*** by Zakiya Dalila Harris
- The Final Revival of Opal & Nev*** by Dawnie Walton
- The Prophets*** by Robert Jones Jr.
- Malibu Rising*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- Oh William!*** by Elizabeth Strout
- One Last Stop*** by Casey McQuiston
- Somebody's Daughter*** by Ashley C. Ford
- Razorblade Tears*** by S.A. Cosby
- The Promise*** by Damon Galgut
- Project Hail Mary*** by Andy Weir
- The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah
- The Magician*** by Colm Tóibín
- The Push*** by Ashley Audrain
- Open Water*** by Caleb Azumah Nelson
- Beautiful Country*** by Qian Julie Wang
- Assembly*** by Natasha Brown
- Infinite Country*** by Patricia Engel
- Hell of a Book*** by Jason Mott
- All That She Carried*** by Tiya Miles
- Our Country Friends*** by Gary Shteyngart
- Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future*** by Elizabeth Kolbert
- People We Meet on Vacation*** by Emily Henry
- My Monticello*** by Jocelyn Nicole Johnson