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Our Selection of the Best Novels of 2018!

“Fiction is art and art is the triumph over chaos... to celebrate a world that lies spread out around us like a bewildering and stupendous dream.”

— John Cheever

The year’s best novels from across the fiction spectrum, from science fiction to mysteries, best sellers to award-winners and all points in-between!

General Fiction

1. *Children of blood and bone* by **Tomi Adeyemi**
2. *Transcription* by **Kate Atkinson**
3. *The Silence of the Girls* by **Pat Barker**
4. *Love is blind* by **William Boyd**
5. *Milkman* by **Anna Burns**
6. *From the ashes* by **Deborah Challinor** (NZ)
7. *Middle England* by **Jonathan Coe**
8. *The eight mountains* by **Paolo Cognetti**
9. *Kudos* by **Rachel Cusk**
10. *Murmur* by **Will Eaves**
11. *Washington Black* by **Esi Edugyan**
12. *Paris echo* by **Sebastian Faulks**
13. *The Woman in the window* by **AJ Finn**
- 14. *The wych elm* by **Tana French****
- 15. *The mermaid and Mrs Hancock* by **Imogen Hermes Gowar****
16. *Less* by **Andrew Sean Greer** (Pulitzer Prize-winner)

17. *Mazarine* by **Charlotte Grimshaw** (NZ)
18. *Scrublands* by **Chris Hammer**
19. *Red birds* by **Mohammed Hanif**
20. *The great alone* by **Kristin Hannah**
21. *Rotoroa* by **Amy Head** (NZ)
22. *The kiss quotient* by **Helen Hoang**
23. *An American marriage* by **Tayari Jones**
24. *The break* by **Marian Keyes**.
25. *This mortal boy* by **Fiona Kidman** (NZ)
26. *The outsider* by **Stephen King**
27. *Unsheltered* by **Barbara Kingsolver**
28. *Surprise me* by **Sophie Kinsella**
29. *The end* by **Karl Ove Knausgård**
30. *Crudo* by **Olivia Laing**
31. *The Quaker* by **Liam McIlvanney**
32. *Severance* by **Ling Ma**
33. *The winter soldier* by **Daniel Mason**
34. *Nine perfect strangers* by **Liane Moriarty**
35. *The tattooist of Auschwitz* by **Heather Morris**
36. *Still me* by **Jojo Moyes**
37. *Warlight* by **Michael Ondaatje**
38. *All this by chance* by **Vincent O'Sullivan** (NZ)
39. *A year at Hotel Gondola* by **Nicky Pellegrino**
40. *Melmoth* by **Sarah Perry**
41. *Fishing for Māui* by **Isa Pearl Ritchie** (NZ)
42. *Gabriel's bay* by **Catherine Robertson**(NZ)
43. *The long take* by **Robin Robertson**
44. *Normal people* by **Sally Rooney**
45. *Frankenstein in Baghdad* by **Ahmed Saadawi**
46. *Drive your plow over the bones of the dead* by **Olga Tokarczuk**
47. *The seven deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by **Stuart Turton**
48. *Clock dance* by **Anne Tyler**
49. *The shepherd's hut* by **Tim Winton**
50. *Bridge of clay* by **Markus Zusak**

Science Fiction & Fantasy

1. *Lies sleeping* by **Ben Aaronovitch**
2. *Xeelee: redemption* by **Stephen Baxter**
3. *Record of a spaceborn few* by **Becky Chambers**
4. *In the vanishers' palace* by **Aliette de Bodard**
5. *Future home of the living God* by **Louise Erdrich**
6. *The smoke* by **Simon Ing**
7. *The calculating stars: a lady astronaut novel* by **Mary Robinette Kowal**
8. *The poppy war* by **RF Kuang**
9. *The bartered brides* by **Mercedes Lackey**
10. *The rig* by **Roger Levy**
11. *Noumenon Infinity* by **Marina J. Lostetter**
12. *The water cure* by **Sophie Mackintosh**
13. *Fire & blood* by **George R. R. Martin**
14. *Circe* by **Madeline Miller**
15. *Thin air* by **Richard Morgan**
16. *Before Mars* by **Emma Newman**
17. *The body library* by **Jeff Noon**
18. *Vengeful* by **V.E. Schwab**
19. *Empire of sand* by **Tasha Suri**
20. *Rosewater* by **Tade Thompson**

Crime & Thrillers

1. *Give me your hand* by **Megan Abbott**
2. *Brothers in blood* by **Amer Anwar**
3. *Robicheaux* by **James Lee Burke**
4. *Our house* by **Louise Candlish**
5. *Thirteen* by **Steve Cavanagh**
6. *The woman in the woods* by **John Connolly**
7. *Dark sacred night* By **Michael Connelly**
8. *Lethal white* by **Robert Galbraith**
9. *The infinite blacktop* by **Sara Gran**

10. *The Stranger diaries* by **Elly Griffiths**
11. *London rules book* by **Mick Herron**
12. *Social creature* by **Tara Isabella**
13. *The darkness* by **Ragnar Jonasson**
14. *Inspector Chopra and the million-dollar motor car* by **Vaseem Khan**
15. *Fear* by **Dirk Kurbjuweit**
16. *Broken ground* by **Val McDermid**
17. *Let me lie* by **Clare Mackintosh**
18. *The vogue* by **Eoin McNamee**
19. *Money in the morgue* by **Ngaio Marsh & Stella Duffy (NZ)**
20. *Down the river unto the sea* by **Walter Mosley**
21. *Smoke and ashes* by **Abir Mukherjee**
22. *The root of evil* by **Hakan Nesser**
23. *The house on vesper sands* by **Paraic O'Donnell**
24. *Homegrown hero* by **Khurram Rahman**
25. *In a house of lies* by **Ian Rankin**
26. *Resin* by **Ane Riel**
27. *Tombland* by **C.J. Sansom**
28. *Lullaby* by **Leïla Slimani**
29. *The chalk man* by **C.J. Tudor**
30. *To die but once* by **Jacqueline Winspear**