

## The Great Reading Challenge of 2023

### A

Read a book about an **Adventure**:

Read a book where the main character/subject overcomes **Adversity**:

Read a book by an **African-American author**:

Read a book about **African-American history/issues**:

Read a book where the main character/subject lives with an **Ailment**:

Read a book set in **Alaska**:

Read an **All Iowa Reads** book (adult or teen):

Read a book set where your **Ancestors** came from/lived:

Read a book set during **Ancient** times:

Read a book with an **Animal** on the cover:

Read an **Anthology**:

Read an **Art History** book:

Read a book written by an author from **Australia**:

Read an **Author** you have never read before:

Read a book where the **Author's first name** starts with **A**:

Read an **Autobiography/Memoir**:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **A**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **A**:

Create a category! Any book connected to the letter **A**:

### B

Read a book with the word "**Bad**" in the title:

Read a **Banned Book**:

Read a book with a **Beach** setting:

Read a book written by someone with different **Beliefs** than you:

Read a New York Times/USA Today **Bestseller**:

Read a New York Times/USA Today **Bestseller (#2)**:

Read the **Biography** of an author you admire:

Read the **Biography** of a politician/president you admire:

Read a book with a **Blue** cover:

Read a book set in a **Boarding School**:

Read a book for a Carnegie-Stout **Book Club**:

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Read a "**Book-to-Go**" (found on first floor or on Libby/Overdrive):

Read a book about **Books** (reading, collecting, etc.):

Read a popular "**Booktok**" book:

Read a book that takes place in **Boston**, MA :

Read a book that discusses issues with **Brain Health**:

Read a book with the word "**Bridge/s**" in the title or image on the cover:

Do a **Buddy Read** with a friend/family (both read same book):

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **B**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **B**:

Create a category! Any book connected to the letter **B**:

### C

Read a book set in **Canada**:

Read a book featured on the **Carnegie-Stout** website or Facebook page:

Read a book featuring someone in a **Career** that interests you:

Read a book with a **Cat** on the cover:

Read a book set in **China**:

Read a book where the main character has to make a difficult **Choice**:

Read a book about/set during **Christmas**:

Read a book with a **City** name in the title:

Read a book about the **Civil War**:

Read a book about **Climate Change**:

Read a book with the name of a **Color** in the title: :

Read a book based solely on the **Cover** of the book:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **C**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **C**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **C**:

### D

Read a book with a **Dark Academia** theme:

Read a book with the word "**Dawn**" in the title or series:

Read a book published in the **Decade** that you were born:

Read a book set in **Denmark**:

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Read someone's published <b>Diary</b> :
Read a book where a character wears a <b>Disguise</b> in the book:
Read a <b>DIY</b> (Do-It-Yourself) book:
Read a book with <b>Dragons</b> in it:
Read a book about <b>Dreams</b> :
Read a book by a <b>Dubuque</b> author:
Read a book written by a <b>Dutch</b> author:
Read a book of <b>Dystopian</b> fiction:
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>D</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>D</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>D</b> :
<b>E</b>
Read a book by/about an <b>Educator</b> :
Read a book about/set in <b>Egypt</b> :
Read a book set in/about an <b>Empire</b> :
Read a book set in an <b>English</b> Village:
Read a book about the <b>Environment</b> :
Read an <b>Epic</b> saga novel:
Read an <b>Epistolary</b> novel:
Read a book that is set in <b>Europe</b> :
Read a book about an <b>Expedition</b> :
Read a book where an <b>Eye/Eyes</b> feature prominently on the cover:
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>E</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>E</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>E</b> :
<b>F</b>
Read a <b>Fairytale</b> retelling:
Read a book about a <b>Family</b> :
Read a book about a <b>(found) Family</b> :
Read a book set at or near a <b>Famous Landmark</b> :
Read a book about/featuring <b>Fashion</b> (as an art or lifestyle):
Re-read your <b>Favorite</b> book:

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Read a book that features an <b>FBI Agent</b> :
Read a book with <b>Fire</b> or <b>Flames</b> on the cover:
Read the <b>First</b> book of an established/well-known author:
Read a book that prominently features characters from <b>Folklore</b> :
Read a book set in <b>France</b> :
Read a book a <b>Friend</b> picks out for you:
Read a book set in the <b>Future</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>F</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>F</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>F</b> :
<b>G</b>
Read a book about a <b>Game or Sport</b> :
Read a book about <b>Geography</b> :
Read a book set in <b>Germany</b> :
Read a book that was given to you as a <b>Gift</b> :
Read a book that helps you achieve your personal <b>Goals</b> :
Read a book that won any category in the <b>Goodreads Best Books of 2022</b> :
Read a book with the word " <b>Great</b> " in the title:
Read a book set in <b>Guatemala</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>G</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>G</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>G</b> :
<b>H</b>
Read a book that makes you <b>Happy</b> :
Read a book that takes place in or is about <b>Havana, Cuba</b> :
Read a book about <b>Health</b> :
Read a book that inspires <b>Healthy Habits</b> :
Read a book about a <b>Hero's/Heroine's journey</b> :
Read a book about a little-known <b>Historical Figure</b> :
Read a book of <b>History</b> set during your favorite era:
Read a book that features a <b>Hobby</b> you enjoy:
Read a book set during your favorite <b>Holiday</b> :

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Read a book about/set during the <b>Holocaust</b> :
Read a book that discusses <b>homelessness</b> :
Read a book with a <b>Horse</b> on the cover:
Read a book that won a <b>Hugo Award</b> (Sci-fi/Fantasy):
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>H</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>H</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>H</b> :
<b>I</b>
Read a book written by an <b>Iconic actor</b> :
Read a book about a character's search for <b>Identity</b> :
Read a fiction book written by an <b>Indigenous</b> author:
Read a non-fiction book or memoir written by an <b>Indigenous</b> author:
Read a book that has <b>Illustrated</b> people on the cover:
Read a book that <b>Inspires</b> you:
Read a book about <b>Iowa</b> history:
Read a book by an <b>Iowa</b> author:
Read a book that takes place in <b>India</b> :
Read a book that takes place in <b>Iowa</b> :
Read a book written by an <b>Irish</b> author:
Read a book set on an <b>Island</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>I</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>I</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>I</b> :
<b>J</b>
Read a book that is set during/or about the <b>Jacobite</b> Rising:
Read a book that is set in <b>Jamaica</b> :
Read a book about or set during the <b>Jazz Age</b> :
Read a book about the <b>Jewish</b> experience:
Read a book written by/or about a <b>Journalist</b> :
Read a book about a <b>Journey</b> :
Read a book that inspires <b>Joy</b> :
Read a book that has a character/subject that is a <b>Judge</b> :

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Read a book about a quest for **Justice**:

Read a book of **Juvenile** fiction (over 200 pages long):

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **J**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **J**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **J**:

### K

Read a book that is about or set in **Kenya**:

Read a book with the word "**Kill/er**" in the title:

Read a book that inspires **Kindness**:

Read a book set in a historical **Kingdom**:

Read a book set in a magical/imaginary **Kingdom**:

Read a book about/featuring a **Knight**:

Read a book about a character who **Knits**:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **K**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **K**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **K**:

### L

Read a book that was originally written in another **Language**:

Bonus - (equals 2 books read ) - Read a book in another **Language**:

Read a book featuring a **Latinx** character:

Read a book that makes you **Laugh**:

Read a book in your **Least** favorite genre:

Read a book about the **Legal** system:

Read a **Legal** thriller:

Read a book by an **LGBTQ** author:

Read a book that features a **Librarian**:

Read a book you found in a **Library display**:

Read a book you found in a **Library display** (#2):

Read a book of **Literary** Fiction:

Read a book about **Local History** from your hometown:

Read a **Love** story:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **L**:

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Read a book where the main character's name starts with **L**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **L**:

### M

Read a book that is **Macabre**:

Read a book that features **Magic**:

Read a book that has a **Magical** setting:

Read a **Medical** Thriller:

Read a book about a character in the **Military**:

Read a book set on/near/about the **Mississippi River**:

Read a book set in/about **Morocco**:

Read a book that is set near/on a **Mountain**:

Read a book that was made into a **Movie**:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **M**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **M**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **M**:

### N

Read a book by or about someone connected to **NASA**:

Read a **National Book Award Winner**:

Read a book by a **Native American author**:

Read a book about **Nature**:

Read a **New** book from the new books display at C-SPL:

Read a **New** book from the new books display at C-SPL (#2):

Read a book set in **New Orleans, LA**:

Read a **Nobel Prize** winning book:

Read a book set in **Norway**:

Read a book set in **Nova Scotia, Canada**:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **N**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **N**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **N**:

### O

Read a book that discusses/features **Occult** practices:

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Read a book that has an **Octogenarian** character:

Read a book that features an **Offbeat** character:

Read an entire book in **One day**:

Read a book with a **One word** title:

Read a book about **Organization**:

Read a book about a famous **Outlaw**:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **O**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **O**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **O**:

### P

Read a book about/featuring a **Pandemic**:

Read a **Paperback** book:

Read a book with **Paranormal** elements:

Read a book about a **Pioneer** (in history or in science/business):

Read a full-length **Play**:

Read a book of **Poetry**:

Read a book that features a **Police Officer**:

Read a book about **Politics**:

Read a book whose **Protagonist** is near your age:

Read a **Psychological Thriller**:

Read a book featuring a character who is a **Psychologist**:

Read a **Pulitzer Prize** winning book:

Read a book that has a **Pun** in the title:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **P**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **P**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **P**:

### Q

Read a fiction book featuring a character who is a **Queen**:

Read a non-fiction book about a **Queen**:

Read a book about a **Quest**:

Read a book that makes you **Question** long-held beliefs:

Read a book with the word "**Quiet**" in the title:



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Read a book that you think is **Quirky**:

Read a book of famous **Quotations**:

Read a book that is set in a city or country that starts with or contains the letter **Q**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **Q**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **Q**:

### R

Read a book that has an image of **Rainy** weather on the cover:

Read a book that takes place on a **Ranch**:

Read a book that was **Read** by a movie or TV character on screen:

Read a book that is **Relaxing** to read:

Read a book about/featuring a **Religion** other than your own:

Read a book about/featuring some type of **Revolution**:

Read a **Romantic** book set in the Western part of the US :

Read a **Romantic** book where the main characters have reunited:

Read a book with a **Rude** character:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **R**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **R**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **R**:

### S

Read a book that makes you **Sad**:

Read a book about/featuring a **Sailor**:

Read a book about/featuring a **Scandal**:

Read a book about **Science** (any discipline):

Read a book that encourages **Self-Reflection**:

Read a **Self-published** book:

Read a book where the main character is a **Senior**:

Read a fiction book about **Space**:

Read a non-fiction book about **Space**:

Read a book that is **Spooky**:

Read a book that features a **Superhero**:

Read a book that has a **Surreal** setting:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **S**:

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Read a book where the main character's name starts with **S**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **S**:

### T

Read a book from your **TBR** (to be read) pile:

Read a book about **Technology** (its impact and/or influence):

Read a book set in **Tehran**, Iran:

Read a book that was turned into a **Television Show**:

Read a book set in **Thailand**:

Read a **Thriller**:

Read a book that features **Time Travel**:

Read a book where the **Title is a complete sentence**:

Read a fiction book about **Travel**:

Read a non-fiction book about **Travel**:

Read a book of **Trivia**:

Read a book with a major plot **Twist**:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **T**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **T**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **T**:

### U

Read a book about **UFOs**:

Read a book with author/setting or subject related to **Ukraine**:

Read a book set in an **Undesirable** location:

Read a book with a **Universal** message:

Read a book with an **Upbeat tone or** message:

Read an **Urban Fiction** book:

Read a book with an **Upscale** setting:

Read a book with a **Utopian** setting:

Read a book by an author whose last name starts with **U**:

Read a book where the main character's name starts with **U**:

Create a category! Any book connected to letter **U**:

### V

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Read a book while on <b>Vacation</b> :
Read a book that features a <b>Vampire</b> :
Read a book set in <b>Vermont</b> :
Read a book by/about a <b>Veteran</b> :
Read a book about a character whose life you would like to live through <b>Vicariously</b> :
Read a book set during the <b>Victorian</b> era (1837-1901):
Read a book set in/about <b>Vietnam</b> :
Read a book written by someone with opposing <b>Viewpoint</b> to your own:
Read a book about/that features <b>Vikings</b> :
Read a book with a likeable <b>Villain</b> :
Read a book that features a <b>Volcano</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>V</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>V</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>V</b> :
<b>W</b>
Read a book about/set during a <b>Wagon Train/Trail</b> of the 1800s:
Read a book about/set during a <b>War</b> (real or imaginary):
Read a book that is <b>Wholesome</b> :
Read a book set at/featuring a <b>Wedding</b> :
Read a book with a <b>Welsh</b> character:
Read a book that features a <b>Werewolf</b> character:
Read a book with an outdoor <b>Winter</b> scene on the cover:
Read a book about/that features <b>Witchcraft</b> :
Read a book that features a <b>Wizard</b> :
Read a book where all the main characters are <b>Women</b> :
Read a book about a famous <b>Woman</b> in history:
Read a book set during/about <b>World War I</b> :
Read a book set during/about <b>World War II</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>W</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>W</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>W</b> :
<b>X</b>

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Read a book with the word “ <b>Ex</b> ” in the title:
Read a book where the main character is in <b>Exile</b> :
Read a book set in an <b>Exotic</b> (to you) location:
Read a book by an author who is an <b>Expat (Expatriate)</b> :
Read a book written by an <b>Expert</b> in your "dream profession":
Read a book about/written by an <b>Explorer</b> :
Read a book with an <b>Extravagant</b> setting:
Read a book with a <b>Xenial</b> character (hospitable, esp. to visiting strangers or foreigners):
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with, or contains, the letter <b>X</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with, or contains the letter <b>X</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>X</b> :

### Y

Read a book about a <b>Yankee</b> (sports or history):
Read a book published in the <b>Year</b> you were born:
Read a book published this <b>Year</b> (2023):
Read a book published last <b>Year</b> (2022):
Read a book that is reminiscent of <b>Yesteryear</b> :
Read a <b>Young Adult</b> (YA) book:
Read a book where the main character reminds you of <b>Yourself</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>Y</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>Y</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>Y</b> :

### Z

Read a book about a <b>Zealot</b> :
Read a book with <b>Zombies</b> as characters/villains:
Read a book that features a character who works in a <b>Zoo</b> :
Read a book by an author whose last name starts with <b>Z</b> :
Read a book where the main character's name starts with <b>Z</b> :
Create a category! Any book connected to letter <b>Z</b> :

## BOOK CATEGORIES BY GENRE AND FORMAT:

**Fictional popular genres:**

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Read a Fantasy book:

Read a Fantasy book:

Read a Fiction book:

Read a Fiction book:

Read a Horror book:

Read a Horror book:

Read a Mystery book:

Read a Mystery book:

Read a Romance book:

Read a Romance book:

Read a Science Fiction book:

Read a Science Fiction book:

Read a Western book:

Read a Western book:

Read a Young Adult book:

Read a Young Adult book:

### **Non-Fiction popular genres:**

Read an Autobiography/Memoir:

Read an Autobiography/Memoir:

Read a Biography:

Read a Biography:

Read a Cookbook:

Read a Cookbook:

Read a How-To Book:

Read a How-To Book:

Read a Self-Help Book:

Read a Self-Help Book:

Read a True Crime book:

Read a True Crime book:

### **Popular Formats:**

Listen to a downloadable/digital audiobook:

Listen to a downloadable/digital audiobook:

Read an ebook:

Read an ebook:

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Read a Graphic Novel:

Read a Graphic Novel:

Listen to a CD Audiobook:

Listen to a CD Audiobook:

Read a paperback book:

Read a paperback book:

Read a hardcover book:

Read a hardcover book:

### BOOKS BY THE NUMBER:

Read a book written in the 1600s or before:

Read a book written in the 1700s:

Read a book written in the 1800s:

Read a book written in the 1900s:

Read a book written in the 2000s:

Read a book that is between 100-250 pages long:

Read a book that is between 251-350 pages long:

Read a book that is between 351-450 pages long:

Read a book that is between 451-550 pages long:

Read a book that is between 551-650 pages long (= 2 bks read):

Read a book that is between 651-800 pages long (= 2 bks read):

Read a book that is between 801-999 pages long (= 2 bks read):

Read a book that is 1000+ pages long (= 3 bks read):

Read the **First** book in a series:

Read the **Second** book in a series:

### RANDOM READ CHOICES - BOOKS TO PICK FROM THE LIBRARY SHELF

**This section is for those who like to take a chance and read something new. Follow the directions and commit to reading the random new book that you choose. Caveat: IF the book you randomly choose is part of a series, you can find the first book in the series and read that instead. We're not monsters. (These are just regular reads, counting as one book read.)**

Random Fiction Choice: Pull and read the first Fiction book on the faceout display of the New Fiction section on first floor

Random Biography Choice: Pull and read the third Biography book in the New Biography shelf on second floor.

Random Romance Choice: Pull and read the second Romance book in the New Romance section on first floor

Random Mystery Choice: Pull and read the fourth Mystery book on the second shelf of New Mysteries on first floor

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Random Fantasy/Science Fiction Choice: Pull and read the sixth book on the first shelf of New Sci-Fi/Fantasy on first floor

Random Non-Fiction Choice: Find your favorite part of the Dewey Decimal system, and pull the first book on the fourth shelf.

Random Young Adult Fiction Choice: Pull and read the second book on the top New YA books shelf in the Teen Zone.

### BONUS READS - DO THE ACTIVITY LISTED BELOW AND IT COUNTS AS A BOOK READ

Apply to be a Carnegie-Stout Reader of the Month - counts as one book read (if you already were a R.O.T.M., you can use this now)

Attend an Adult event at Carnegie-Stout - counts as one book read

Check out a Baking Pan and email/send us a pic of your creation for potential use on social media- counts as one book read

Check out an outdoor backpack, game or fitness kit - counts as one book read

Check out a boardgame, puzzle or videogame - counts as one book read

Do a craft in/use the Maker Space - counts as one book read

\*READ ONE BOOK FROM EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET - COUNT AS AN EXTRA TWO BOOKS READ\*

### READING ROULETTE BOOKS FOR 2023:

GRC Reading Roulette is a new reading category, announced each month on our website, Beanstack and social media. If you read a book in that category *during that month*, it counts as two books read for the Great Reading Challenge.

**JANUARY:** *Read a book (novella) that is 200 pages or less*

**FEBRUARY:**

**MARCH:**

**APRIL:**

**MAY:**

**JUNE:**

**JULY:**

**AUGUST:**

**SEPTEMBER:**

**OCTOBER:**

**NOVEMBER:**

**DECEMBER:**

*Remember: Each Reading Roulette book read counts as two books read.*

THANK YOU for being a Great Reading Challenge Participant! HAPPY READING!