

BEST BOOKS OF 2015
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PATRON FAVORITES
(as chosen by library staff, patrons, volunteers, and librarians in the wild)

Fiction

The Art of Crash Landing by Melissa DeCarlo

A Window Opens by Elisabeth Egan
This is Your Life, Harriet Chance! By Jonathan Evison

Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf
A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
My Sunshine Away by M. O. Walsh

Suspense/Thriller

The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
Vanishing Games by Roger Hobbs
What She Knew by Gilly Macmillan
Place of Treason by Jason Matthews
The Kind Worth Killing by Peter Swanson
X by Sue Grafton

Historical Fiction

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George
Paris Red by Maureen Gibbon
Mademoiselle Chanel by C. W. Gortner
The Magician's Lie by Greer Macallister
Circling the Sun by Paula McLain
Epitaph by Mary Doria Russell
Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Uprooted by Naomi Novik
Sevneves by Neal Stephenson

Oregon Author

Martin Marten by Brian Doyle

Nonfiction

The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck
Eating Viet Nam: Dispatches from a Blue Plastic Table by Graham Holliday
The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo
Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Memoir

Publishing: A Writer's Memoir by Gail Godwin
Home is Burning by Dan Marshall

CRITICS' CHOICE (chosen from editorial sources such as New York Times Book Review, Washington Post, et al, and literary award lists)

Autobiography/Memoir

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald
Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs by Sally Mann

Nonfiction

Rain: A Natural and Cultural History by Cynthia Barnett

Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town by Jon Krakauer
If the Oceans Were Ink by Carla Power

History

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
The Witches: Salem, 1692 by Stacy Schiff

Fiction

The Water Knife by Paolo Bacigalupi
Did You Ever Have a Family by Bill Clegg
The Story of a Lost Child by Elena Ferrante
Best Boy by Eli Gottlieb
Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff
City on Fire by Garth Risk Hallberg
Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal
A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara
The Three-Body Problem by Cixin Liu

Short Stories

In the Country by Mia Alvar
Refund by Karen E. Bender
A Manual for Cleaning Women by Lucia Berlin
The Tsar of Love and Techno by Anthony Marra

Historical Fiction

A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson
The Book of Aron by Jim Shepard

National Book Award Winners

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates (*Nonfiction*)
Fortune Smiles by Adam Johnson (*Fiction*)
Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman (*Young Adult*)

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

The Passenger by Lisa Lutz (*suspense/thriller*)
The Sound of Gravel by Ruth Wariner (*memoir*)
My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout (*literary fiction*)
And Again by Jessica Chiarella (*futuristic*)
Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War by Mary Roach
Redemption Road by John Hart (*suspense/thriller*)
The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth (*weeper*)
The Nest by Cynthia Sweeney (*family dynamics novel*)
American Housewife by Helen Ellis (*snarky short stories*)
Flight of Dreams by Ariel Lawhon (*Hindenburg novel*)

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