

## Best of 2013

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*What was the best book you read and/or listened to in 2013? This is what you told us.*

### Adult

[The 100-year-old man who climbed out the window and disappeared: a novel \(audiobook\)](#)

by Jonasson, Jonas

**LISTLIB DISC FICTION JONASSON**

[Across the pond: an Englishman's view of America](#)

by Eagleton, Terry

**306.0973 EAG**

[The age of miracles: a novel](#)

by Walker, Karen Thompson

**FICTION WAL**

[All the little live things](#)

by Stegner, Wallace

**FICTION STE**

[Alone together: why we expect more from technology and less from each other](#)

by Turkle, Sherry

**303.4833 TUR**

[Americanah](#)

by Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi

**FICTION ADI**

[And the mountains echoed](#)

by Hosseini, Khaled

**FICTION HOS**

[Beautiful ruins: a novel](#)

by Walter, Jess

**FICTION WAL**

[Beautiful ruins: a novel \(audiobook\)](#)

by Walter, Jess

**LISTLIB DISC FICTION WALTER**

[Behind the scenes at the museum: a novel](#)

by Atkinson, Kate

**FICTION ATK**

[Bird by bird: instructions on writing and life](#)

by Lamott, Anne

**808.02 LAM**

[The bluest eye](#)

by Morrison, Toni

**FIC MOR**

[Born of silence](#)

by Kenyon, Sherrilyn

**FICTION KEN**

[The botany of desire: a plant's eye view of the world](#)

by Pollan, Michael

**306.45 POL**

[Brewster: a novel](#)

by Slouka, Mark

**FICTION SLO**

[Bring up the bodies: a novel](#)

by Mantel, Hilary

**FICTION MAN**

[Broken Harbor](#)

by French, Tana

**LISTLIB DISC MYSTERY FRENCH**

[Broken Harbor](#)

by French, Tana

**MYSTERY FRE**

[The cat's table](#)

by Ondaatje, Michael

**FICTION OND**

[Change your brain, change your body: use your brain to get and keep the body you have always wanted : boost your brain to improve your weight, skin, heart, energy, and focus](#)

by Amen, Daniel

**613 AME**

[The Circle \(audiobook\)](#)

by Eggers, Dave

**LISTLIB DISC FICTION EGGERS**

[The Circle: a novel](#)

by Eggers, Dave

**FICTION EGG**

[In cold blood: a true account of a multiple murder and its consequences](#)

by Capote, Truman

**364.1523 CAP**

[Cosmos](#)

by Gombrowicz, Witold

**FICTION GOM**

[The creature from Jekyll Island: a second look at the Federal Reserve](#)

by Griffin, G. Edward

**332.1109 GRI**

[The Cuckoo's Calling](#)

by Galbraith (J. K. Rowling), Robert

**MYSTERY GAL**

[Daring greatly: how the courage to be vulnerable transforms the way we live, love, parent, and lead](#)

by Brown, Brené

**158 BRO**

[Drive: the surprising truth about what motivates us](#)

by Pink, Daniel

**153.1534 PIN**

[East of Eden](#)

by Steinbeck, John

**FICTION STE**

*An epic story of good vs evil taking place from coast to coast and over generations. Through rich description the characters come alive as does the landscape. Steinbeck's description of Salinas and the surrounding areas is breathtaking and I gain something new from every read.*

[The eighty-dollar champion: Snowman, the horse that inspired a nation](#)

by Letts, Elizabeth

**798.2507 LET**

[El alquimista](#)

by Coelho, Paulo

**460 COE**

[The elegance of the hedgehog](#)

by Barberry, Muriel

**FICTION BAR**

[The Eye of Go](#)

by Rollins, James

**FICTION ROL**

[Facing the wave: a journey in the wake of the tsunami](#)

by Ehrlich, Gretel

**363.3494 EHR**

[Fifth life of the catwoman : a novel](#)

by Dexter, Kathleen

**FICTION DEX**

[Flight behavior: a novel](#)

by Kingsolver, Barbara

**FICTION KIN**

[A game of thrones](#)

**Series Title:** [Song of ice and fire](#)

by Martin, George R. R.

**PBC SCIENCE FICTION MAR**

[Garden spells](#)

by Allen, Sarah Addison

**FICTION ALL**

[The gifts of imperfection: let go of who you think you're supposed to be and embrace who you are](#)

by Brown, Brené

**158 BRO**

[Go the fuck to sleep](#)

by Mansbach, Adam

**9781617750250**

[God's hotel: a doctor, a hospital, and a pilgrimage to the heart of medicine](#)

by Sweet, Victoria

**BIO SWEET**

[Going clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the prison of belief](#)

by Wright, Lawrence

**299.936 WRI**

[The goldfinch](#)

by Tartt, Donna

**FICTION TAR**

[The golem and the jinni: a novel](#)

by Wecker, Helene

**FICTION WEC**

[Gone girl: a novel](#)

by Flynn, Gillian

**MYSTERY FLY**

[Gone girl: a novel \(audiobook\)](#)

by Flynn, Gillian

**LISTLIB DISC MYSTERY FLYNN**

[Gone with the wind](#)

by Mitchell, Margaret

**FICTION MIT**

[The grapes of wrath](#)

by Steinbeck, John

**FICTION STE**

[Gulp: adventures on the alimentary canal](#)

by Roach, Mary

**612.3 ROA**

[The hare with amber eyes: a hidden inheritance](#)

by De Waal, Edmund

**920 DEW**

[Her: a memoir](#)

by Parravani, Christa

**BIO PARRAVANI**

[Hebrews, Greeks, and Romans: the foundations of Western Civilization \(audiobook\)](#)

by Shutt, Timothy Baker

**LISTLIB DISC 909.0982 SHU**

[The help](#)

by Stockett, Kathryn

**FICTION STO**

[Help, thanks, wow: the three essential prayers](#)

by Lamott, Anne

**242.4 LAM**

[In her shoes: a novel](#)

by Weiner, Jennifer

**FICTION WEI**

[High tide in Tucson: essays from now or never](#)

by Kingsolver, Barbara

**814 KIN**

[The Holy Quran: English translation for Muslims first book](#)

by Alkharraz (tr), Saad Mohammad

**297.122 QUR**

[The hot zone](#)

by Preston, Richard

**614.57 P92**

[Housekeeping](#)

by Robinson, Marilynne

**PBC FICTION**

[How to believe in God: whether you believe in religion or not](#)

by Strand, Clark

## 220.6 STR

### [The husband's secret](#)

by Moriarty, Liane

**FICTION MOR**

### [Inside scientology: the story of America's most secretive religion \(audiobook\)](#)

by Reitman, Janet

**LISTLIB DISC 299.936 REI**

### [Jurassic Park: a novel](#)

by Crichton, Michael

**FICTION CRI**

### [The kite runner](#)

by Hosseini, Khaled

**FICTION HOS**

### [Kon-Tiki: across the Pacific by raft](#)

by Heyerdahl, Thor

**910.9164 HEY**

*"Am going to cross Pacific on a wooden raft to support a theory that the South Sea islands were peopled from Peru. Will you come? ...Reply at once." That is how six brave and inquisitive men came to seek a dangerous path to test a scientific theory. On a primitive raft made of forty-foot balsa logs and named "Kon-Tiki" in honor of a legendary sun king, Heyerdahl and five companions deliberately risked their lives to show that the ancient Peruvians could have made the 4,300-mile voyage to the Polynesian islands on a similar craft. On every page of this true chronicle--from the actual building of the raft through all the dangerous and comic adventures on the sea, to the spectacular crash-landing and the native islanders' hula dances--each reader will find a wholesome and spellbinding escape from the twenty-first century.*

### [Kristin Lavransdatter](#)

by Undset, Sigrid

**FICTION UND**

### [Kushiel's dart](#)

by Carey, Jacqueline

**SCIENCE FICTION CAS**

### [The lacuna: a novel](#)

by Kingsolver, Barbara

**FICTION KIN**

### [The language of emotions](#)

by McLaren, Karla

**152.4 MCL**

### [The language of flowers: a novel](#)

by Diffenbaugh, Vanessa

**FICTION DIF**

[The last Chinese chef](#)

by Mones, Nicole

**FICTION MON**

[The last kiss goodbye: a novel](#)

by Robards, Karen

**FICTION ROB**

[The last lecture](#)

by Pausch, Randy

**BIO PAUSCH**

[Last rituals: an Icelandic novel of secret symbols, medieval witchcraft, and modern murder](#)

by Sigurdardóttir, Yrsa

**MYSTERY YRS**

[The last suppers](#)

by Davidson, Diane Mott

**MYSTERY DAV**

[The lemon tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East](#)

by Tolan, Sandy

**956.9405 TOL**

[Les misérables](#)

by Hugo, Victor

**FICTION HUG**

[In lieu of flowers: a conversation for the living](#)

by Cobb, Nancy

**306.9 COB**

[Life after life: a novel](#)

by Atkinson, Kate

**FICTION ATK**

[Life of Pi: a novel](#)

by Martel, Yann

**FICTION MAR**

[The light between oceans: a novel](#)

by Stedman, M. L.

**FICTION STE**

[Light of the world: a Dave Robicheaux novel](#)

by Burke, James Lee

**MYSTERY BUR #20**

[Lionel Asbo: state of England](#)

by Amis, Martin

**FICTION AMI**

[Little Bee](#)

by Cleave, Chris

**FICTION CLE**

[Longbourn](#)

by Baker, Jo

**MYSTERY BAK**

*American Library Association "Listen List" choice*

[Lost memory of skin](#)

by Banks, Russell

**FICTION BAN**

[The lowland: a novel](#)

by Lahiri, Jhumpa

**FICTION LAH**

[A madness of angels, or, The resurrection of Matthew Swift](#)

**Series Title:** [Matthew Swift](#)

by Griffin, Kate

**SCIENCE FICTION GRI #1**

[Madness, rack, and honey: collected lectures](#)

by Ruefle, Mary

**809.1 RUE**

[The magician king: a novel](#)

by Grossman, Lev

**FICTION GRO**

[The magicians: a novel](#)

by Grossman, Lev

**FICTION GRO**

[Man's search for meaning](#)

by Frankl, Viktor

**150.195 FRA**

[Me before you](#)

by Moyes, Jojo

**FICTION MOY**

*Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident, Louisa struggles with her employer's acerbic moods and learns of his shocking plans before demonstrating to him that life is still worth living.*



[The memoirs of Sherlock Holmes](#)

by Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

**FICTION DOY**

[Moby Dick, or, The white whale](#)

by Melville, Herman

**FICTION MEL**

[Montauk revisited: adventures in synchronicity](#)

**Series Title:** [Montauk](#)

by Nichols, Preston B.

**133.8 NIC**

[Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour bookstore](#)

by Sloan, Robin

**FICTION SLO**

[Mrs. Lincoln's dressmaker: a novel](#)

by Chiaverini, Jennifer

**FICTION CHI**

[Nature and the human soul: cultivating wholeness and community in a fragmented world](#)

by Plotkin, Bill

**155 PLO**

[The Neruda case](#)

by Ampuero, Roberto

**MYSTERY AMP**

[Never go back: a Jack Reacher novel](#)

by Child, Lee

**FICTION CHI**

[The night circus: a novel](#)

by Morgenstern, Erin

**FICTION MOR**

[Night film: a novel](#)

by Pessl, Marisha

**FICTION PES**

[Nineteen eighty-four: a novel](#)

by Orwell, George

**FICTION ORW**

[NOS4A: a novel](#)

by Hill, Joe

**FICTION HIL**

[The ocean at the end of the lane](#)

by Gaiman, Neil

**SCIENCE FICTION GAI**

[Olive Kitteridge](#)

by Strout, Elizabeth

**FICTION STR**

[One hundred years of solitude](#)

by García Márquez, Gabriel

**FICTION GAR**

[In one person: a novel](#)

by Irving, John

**FICTION IRV**

[Oryx and Crake: a novel](#)

by Atwood, Margaret

**SCIENCE FICTION**

[Outliers: the story of success](#)

by Gladwell, Malcolm

**302 GLA**

[Peace like a river](#)

by Enger, Leif

**FICTION ENG**

[The pillars of the earth](#)

by Follett, Ken

**FICTION FOL**

[Play it as it lays: a novel](#)

by Didion, Joan

**FICTION DID**

[The poisonwood bible: a novel](#)

by Kingsolver, Barbara

**FICTION KIN**

[The power of habit: why we do what we do in life and business](#)

by Duhigg, Charles

**158.1 DUH**

[Ready player one](#)

by Cline, Ernest

**FICTION CLI**

[The return of the king: being the third part of The lord of the rings](#)

by Tolkien, J.R.R.

**FICTION TOL**

[A romance on three legs: Glenn Gould's obsessive quest for the perfect piano](#)

by Hafner, Katie

**786.2092 HAF**

[S.](#)

by Dorst, Doug

**FICTION DOR**

[Saving CeeCee Honeycutt: a novel](#)

by Hoffman, Beth

**FICTION HOF**

[Saving fish from drowning](#)

by Tan, Amy

**FICTION TAN**

[Sea of poppies](#)

by Ghosh, Amitav

**FICTION GHO**

[The sense of an ending](#)

by Barnes, Julian

**FICTION BAR**

[The signature of all things](#)

by Gilbert, Elizabeth

**FICTION GIL**

[The storyteller: a novel](#)

by Picoult, Jodi

**FICTION PIC**

[Tattoos on the heart: the power of boundless compassion](#)

by Boyle, Gregory

**277.9494 BOY**

[Team of rivals: the political genius of Abraham Lincoln](#)

by Goodwin, Doris Kearns

**BIO LINCOLN**

[Tell the wolves I'm home: a novel](#)

by Brunt, Carol Rifka

**FICTION BRU**

[Turn of mind](#)

by LaPlante, Alice

**FICTION LAP**

[Unbroken: a World War II story of survival, resilience, and redemption](#)

by Hillenbrand, Laura

**940.5472 HIL**

[The Urantia book](#)

by Urantia Foundation,

**299 URA**

[Visiting Tom: a man, a highway, and the road to roughneck grace](#)

by Perry, Michael

**BIO HARTWIG**

[Waiting to be heard: a memoir](#)

by Knox, Amanda

**BIO KNOX**

[Watership Down](#)

by Adams, Richard

**FICTION ADA**

[Wave](#)

by Deraniyagala, Sonali

**BIO DERANIYAGALA**

[We are water: a novel](#)

by Lamb, Wally

**FICTION LAM**

[Web of debt: the shocking truth about our money system--the sleight of hand that has trapped us in debt and how we can break free](#)

by Brown, Ellen Hodgson

**332.4 BRO**

[When the killing's done](#)

by Boyle, T. Coraghessan

**FICTION BOY**

[Where'd you go, Bernadette: a novel](#)

by Semple, Maria

**FICTION SEM**

*When her notorious, hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled, and agoraphobic mother goes missing, teenage Bee begins a trip that takes her to the ends of the earth to find her.*

[Wild comfort: the solace of nature](#)

by Moore, Kathleen Dean

**508 MOO**

[Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail](#)

by Strayed, Cheryl

**BIO STRAYED**

*In the summer of 1995, at age 26 and feeling at the end of her rope emotionally, Strayed resolved to hike solo the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,663-mile wilderness route stretching from the Mexican border to the Canadian and traversing nine mountain ranges and three states. In this detailed, in-the-moment re-enactment, she delineates the travails and triumphs of those three grueling months. Living in Minneapolis, on the verge of divorcing her husband, Strayed was still reeling from the sudden death four years before of her mother from cancer; the ensuing years formed an erratic, confused time "like a crackling Fourth of July sparkler." Hiking the trail helped decide what direction her life would take, even though she had never seriously hiked or carried a pack before. Starting from Mojave, Calif., hauling a pack she called the Monster because it was so huge and heavy, she had to perform a dead lift to stand, and then could barely make a mile an hour. Eventually she began to experience "a kind of strange, abstract, retrospective fun," meeting the few other hikers along the way, all male; jettisoning some of the weight from her pack and burning books she had read; and encountering all manner of creature and acts of nature from rock slides to snow. Her account forms a charming, intrepid trial by fire, as she emerges from the ordeal bruised but not beaten, changed, a lone survivor. Agent: Janet Silver, Zachary Shuster Harmsworth Agency. (Mar.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.*

[The wild trees: a story of passion and daring](#)

by Preston, Richard

**585.5097 PRE**

[Wingshooters](#)

by Revoyr, Nina

**FICTION REV**

[Without lying down: Frances Marion and the powerful women of early Hollywood](#)

by Beauchamp, Cari

**B MAR**

[Woes of the true policeman](#)

by Bolaño, Roberto

**FICTION BOL**

[Written in red: a novel of the Others](#)

by Bishop, Anne

**SCIENCE FICTION BIS**

[The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali](#)

by Patañjali,

**181.452 PAT**

[Zorba the Greek](#)

by Kazantzakis, Nikos

**FICTION KAZ**

**Teen**

[The archived](#)

by Schwab, Victoria

**YA FICTION SCH**

[Axe Cop. 1](#)

by Nicolle, Malachai

**YA GN FICTION NIC #1**

[Between shades of gray](#)

by Sepetys, Ruta

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION SEP**

[The book thief](#)

by Zusak, Markus

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION ZUS**

[Cinder](#)

by Meyer, Marissa

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION MEY #1**

[Divergent](#)

**Series Title:** [Divergent](#)

by Roth, Veronica

[Fangirl](#)

by Rowell, Rainbow

**YA FICTION ROW**

[The graveyard book](#)

by Gaiman, Neil

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION GAI**

[The Hunger Games](#)

by Collins, Suzanne

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION COL**

**Kids**

[Abominables](#)

by Ibbotson, Eva

**J FICTION IBB**

[Avatar: the last airbender. \[Vol. 1\]](#)

by Montsalvo-Lagos, Tomas

**J GN FICTION AVA**

[Big machine](#)

by Wallace, Karen

**J 624 WAL**

[The clockwork three](#)

by Kirby, Matthew

**J FICTION KIR**

[Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures](#)

by DiCamillo, Kate

**J FICTION DIC**

[Harry Potter and the deathly hallows](#)

by Rowling, J. K.

**J FICTION ROW**

[Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone](#)

by Rowling, J. K.

**J FICTION ROW**

*It's been widely challenged for violence, glorification of witchcraft, and for having a main character who breaks rules and is insubordinate to his elders. My favorite part about this being a "banned" book is that, if you read the book, it's really a story about the perseverance of love and friendship. Harry wouldn't be alive if it weren't for the love of his parents and he wouldn't have made it through the trials of the first book without the aid of his loyal friends (and a little rule-breaking.) People who try to ban Harry Potter have obviously never read it or else they would know that they're trying to deprive the world of such a wonderful and rich story.*

[James and the giant peach: a children's story](#)

by Dahl, Roald

**J FICTION DAH**

[The jungle books](#)

by Kipling, Rudyard

**J FICTION KIP**

[Keeper of the lost cities](#)

by Messenger, Shannon

**J FICTION MES**

[My sister Sif](#)

by Park, Ruth

**J FICTION**

[Primate: the fearless science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas](#)

by Ottaviani, Jim

**J GN 599.8 OTT**

[Ranger's apprentice: the royal ranger](#)

**Series Title:** [Ranger's Apprentice](#)

by Flanagan, John

**J FICTION FLA**

[Tallstar's revenge](#)

**Series Title:** [Warriors](#)

by Hunter, Erin

**J FICTION HUN**

[We are in a book!](#)

by Willems, Mo

**JEASY WIL**

[The Wednesday wars](#)

by Schmidt, Gary D.

**J FICTION**

[When you reach me](#)

by Stead, Rebecca

**J FICTION STE**