

# Best Books of 2009



## **Fiction**

**Ackroyd, Peter**

The Casebook of Victor Frankenstein

F A182ca

**Atwood, Margaret**

The Year of the Flood

F A887y

**Austen, Jane and Seth Grahame-Smith**

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: The Classic Regency Romance – Now with Ultraviolet Zombie Mayhem!

F G7422p

**Auster, Paul**

Invisible

F A934inv

**Baillie, Martha**

The Incident Report

F B157i

**Baker, Nicholson**

The Anthologist

F B168a

**Ballard, J.G.**

The Complete Stories of J.G. Ballard

F B189c

**Bradley, Alan**

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

M B811s

**Brown, Dan**

The Lost Symbol

F B8778L

**Burnard, Bonnie**

Suddenly

F B963s

**Byatt, A.S.**

The Children's Book

F B9933c

**Chaon, Dan**

Await Your Reply

F C4615aw

**Child, Lee**

Gone Tomorrow

M C536g

**Cohen, Robert**

Amateur Barbarians

F C679a

**Connelly, Michael**

Nine Dragons

M C7525ni

**Connelly, Michael**

The Scarecrow

M C7525s

**Coupland, Douglas**

Generation A

F C857g

**Crowley, John**

Four Freedoms

F C9535f

**Crummey, Michael**

Galore

F C9562g

**D'Erasmus, Stacey**

The Sky Below

F D4272s

**Dexter, Pete**

Spooner

F D527s

**Doctorow, E.L.**

Homer & Langley

F D637h

**Dunant, Sarah**

Sacred Hearts

F D897s

**Dyer, Geoff**

Jeff in Venice Death in Varanasi

F D9965j

**Eichner, Hans**

Kahn & Engelmann

F E34k

**Ellroy, James**

Blood's a Rover

F E479b

**Evanovich, Janet**

Finger Lickin' Fifteen

M E925fi

**Evans, Richard**

The Third Reich at War

F 943.086 E92w

**Fallada, Hans**

Every Man Dies Alone

F F1944e

**Gabaldon, Diana**

An Echo in the Bone

F G112e

**Gabriele, Lisa**

The Almost Archer Sisters

F G118a

**Gaitskill, Mary**

Don't Cry: Stories

F G144d

**Gregory, Philippa**

The White Queen

F G8235wh

**Griggs, Terry**

Thought You Were Dead

M G857t

**Grisham, John**

The Associate

F G8692as

**Grossman, Lev**

The Magicians

SF G8789m

**Hall, Sarah**

How to Paint a Dead Man

F H179ho

**Harding, Paul**

Tinkers

F H263t

**Harris, Charlaine**

Dead and Gone

M H3135dg

**Harris, Charlaine**

A Touch of Dead

M H3135t

**Heller, Zoe**

The Believers

F H4776b

**Hely, Steve**

How I Became a Famous Novelist

F H4864h

**Hemon, Aleksandar**

Love and Obstacles

F H4892Lo

**Holmqvist, Ninni**

The Unit

F H747u

**Hornby, Nick**

Juliet, Naked

F H814j

**Irving, John**

Last Night in Twisted River

F I725L

**Ishiguro, Kazuo**

Nocturnes: Five Stories of Music and

Nightfall

F I795no

**Jacobson, Howard**

The Act of Love

F J178a

**Jiles, Paulette**

The Color of Lightning

F J613c

**Jordan, Robert**

The Gathering Storm

SF J82gs

**King, Stephen**

Under the Dome

F K54u

**Kingsolver, Barbara**

The Lacuna

F K552L

**Kinsella, Sophie**

Twenties Girl

F K562t

**Lamb, Wally**

The Hour I First Believed

F L2181h

**Larsson, Stieg**

The Girl Who Played With Fire

F L3346gp

**Lethem, Jonathan**Chronic City

F L647c

**Li, Yiyun**The Vagrants

F L693v

**Littell, Jonathan**The Kindly Ones

F L7773k

**Lively, Penelope**Family Album

F L784fa

**Lodato, Victor**Mathilda Savitch

F L821m

**Lynch, Jim**Border Songs

F L9871b

**Lynes, Jeanette**The Factory Voice

F L9882f

**Lyon, Annabel**The Golden Mean

F L9914g

**Martin, Valerie**The Confessions of Edward Day

F M3833c

**MacIntyre, Linden**The Bishop's Man

F M1528b

**Mantel, Hilary**Wolf Hall

F M292w

**McAdam, Colin**Fall

F M1132f

**McCall Smith, Alexander**Tea Time for the Traditionally Built

F M1224te

**McCann, Colum**Let the Great World Spin

F M1221L

**McInerney, Jay**How it Ended: New and Collected Stories

F M1525h

**Meloy, Maile**Both Ways is the Only Way I Want It

F M5284b

**Meyer, Philipp**American Rust

F M6134a

**Michaels, Anne**The Winter Vault

F M6216w

**Mieville, China**The City & The City

SF M618c

**Moore, Lisa**February

F M8223f

**Moore, Lorrie**A Gate at the Stairs

F M8225g

**Morgan, C.E.**All the Living

F M8472a

**Mueenuddin, Daniyal**In Other Rooms, Other Wonders

F M945i

**Munro, Alice**Too Much Happiness

F M968t

**Nelson, Antonya**Nothing Right

F N424n

**Pamuk, Orhan**The Museum of Innocence

F P185mu

**Patterson, James**The 8<sup>th</sup> Confession

M P3175e

**Phillips, Arthur**The Song is You

F P5582s

**Phillips, Jayne Anne**

Lark and Termite

F P561L

**Picoult, Jodi**

Handle With Care

F P599h

**Powers, Richard**

Generosity: An Enhancement

F P8882ge

**Proulx, Monique**

Wildlives

F P9685w

**Pullinger, Kate**

The Mistress of Nothing

F P9822m

**Rankin, Ian**

Complaints

M R211c

**Reichs, Kathy**

206 Bones

M R352t

**Roberts, Nora**

Vision in White

F R646vi

**Roberts, Nora**

Bed of Roses

F R646b

**Robertson, Ray**

David

F R6517d

**Robinson, Peter**

The Price of Love and Other Stories

M R6631pr

**Rollins, James**

The Doomsday Key

F R754d

**Rooke, Leon**

The Last Shot

F R7773L

**Rotenberg, Robert**

Old City Hall

F R8435o

**Rothman, Claire Holden**

The Heart Specialist

F R8465h

**Ruiz Zafón, Carlos**

The Angel's Game

F R934a

**Scott, Joanna**

Follow Me

F S4273f

**Silva, Daniel**

The Defector

F S5863de

**Smith, Wilbur**

Assegai

F S663a

**Stockett, Kathryn**

The Help

F S8644h

**Sweatman, Margaret**

The Players

F S974p

**Thompson, Jean**

Do Not Deny Me: Stories

F T473d

**Toibin, Colm**

Brooklyn

F T646br

**Tower, Wells**

Everything Ravaged, Everything Burned

F T7383e

**Trevor, William**

Love and Summer

F T816Lo

**Trofimuk, Thomas**

Waiting for Columbus

F T843w

**Tropper, Jonathan**

This is Where I Leave You

F T856t

**Updike, John**

My Father`s Tears and Other Stories

F U66my

**Verghese, Abraham**

Cutting for Stone

F V496c

**Walbert, Kate**

A Short History of Women

F W151s

**Walls, Jeannette**

Half Broke Horses

F W215h

**Waters, Sarah**

The Little Stranger

F W331L

**Weiner, Jennifer**

Best Friends Forever

F W4233b

**Whitehead, Colson**

Sag Harbor

F W592s

**Wray, John**

Lowboy

F W943L

**Non-Fiction****Ackerman, Diane**

Dawn Light

508.2 A182

**Agassi, Andre**

Open: An Autobiography

796.342 A262

**Ahamed, Liaquat**

Lords of Finance

332.1 A285

**Albom, Mitch**

Have a Little Faith

212.1 A339

**Anderson, Chris**

Free: The Future of a Radical Price

658.8 A545f

**Armstrong, Karen**

The Case for God

211 A736c

**Avison, Margaret**

Listening: The Last Poems of Margaret

Avison

819.1 A958

**Bailey, Blake**

Cheever: A Life

810.92 C515

**Balakian, Grigoris**

Armenian Golgotha

956.62 P154

**Borel, Kathryn**

Corked

914.4 B731

**Boyt, Susie**

My Judy Garland Life: A Memoir

92 G233b

**Brett, Brian**

Trauma Farm: A Rebel History of Rural Life

630.9 B845

**Brinkley, Douglas**

The Wilderness Warrior

973.911 R781b

**Brown, Ian**

The Boy in the Moon: A Father`s Search for His Disabled Son

616.8588 B881b

**Brownstone, Harvey**

Tug of War: A Judge's Verdict on Separation, Custody Battles, and the Bitter Realities of Family Court

346.71 B885

**Bruni, Frank**

Born Round

641.013 B896

**Buckley, Christopher**

Losing Mum and Pup: A Memoir

92 B9243

**Calder, Laura**

French Taste: Elegant Everyday Eating

641.5944 C146f

**Chabon, Michael**

Manhood for Amateurs: The Pleasures and Regrets of a Husband, Father, and Son

810.92 C428

**Choy, Wayson**

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92 C552

**Clarkson, Adrienne**

Extraordinary Canadians Norman Bethune  
92 B563c

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394.12 W941

**Connelly, Karen**

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915.91 C752

**Crawford, Matthew B.**

Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work  
331 C899

**Crawford, Robert**

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820.92 B967c

**Cullen, David**

Columbine  
364.1523 C967

**Davis, Wade**

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809.85 D265

**Dawkins, Richard**

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576.8 D271g

**Dent, Harry S.**

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330.973 D414g

**Dickstein, Morris**

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973.91 D554

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510.92 R961d

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158.1 D996e

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976.335 E29

**English, John**

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971.0644 T866e

**Farmelo, Graham**

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530.092 D597f

**Ferguson, Will**

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914.16 F353

**Fiennes, William**

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92 F464

**Finkel, David**

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956.70443 F499

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796.962 F618

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Eating Animals  
363.85 F654

**Fox, Justin**

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332.6 F792

**Fox, Michael J.**

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92 F7932a

**Friedman, George**

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303.49 F911

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92 G468a

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304.663 G618

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591.68 G646

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920 L736g

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770.92 L274g

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307.76 G753

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306.0971 G786

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646.77 H342

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302.23 H453

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355.0092 H654

**Hillier, Rick**

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364.3499 H785

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591.563 H873

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962.404 J26

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540.92 P949j

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363.757 K15

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92 K185Li

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781.65 M745k

**Kennedy, Edward M.**

True Compass: A Memoir  
973.92 K352

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613.2 K42

**Kidder, Tracy**

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967.572 K46

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306.3 L188

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323.0971 L655

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330 L666s

**Lillien, Lisa**

Hungry Girl: 200 Recipes Under 200 Calories  
641.5635 L729

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Martha Stewart`s Cupcakes: 175 Inspired Ideas for Everyone`s Favorite Treat  
641.8653 S851

**Mazzucchelli, David**

Asterios Polyp  
741.5 M478

**Menzies, Heather**

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616.831 M551

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363.7 M681s

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869.092 L771m

**Moyo, Dambisa**

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92 M981

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92 Q3

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641.5 R178

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338.2 R896

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641.5 R933

**Sen, Professor Amartya**

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320.01 S474

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Schriever and the Ultimate Weapon  
355.0092 S379

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92 S635

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Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our  
Health  
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819.1 S686

**Solnit, Rebecca**

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364.348 S688

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92 S9724

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796.357 T689

**Turner, Natasha**

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Live Younger Longer  
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Extraordinary Canadians Lucy Maud  
Montgomery  
819.092 M787u

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971 V222

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915.4 V337

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Great Panic  
332.0423 W515

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The Evolution of God  
200.9 W952

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791.43092 A468z