

Books & Reading



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What Reading Means

UNESCO designated Montreal “World Book Capital” for the year 2005, beginning April 23rd. In celebration of this honour, we have created this bibliography for you, the book lovers.

Most of us take the ready availability of books for granted. We read as unconsciously as we eat, enjoying books, getting excited by them, and sharing them with our circle of fellow readers, be they family member, colleague or friend. When we read a good book, we have that experience in common with all others that have done the same with that very title. We give it life as we recommend and pass it on.

As a physical object, a book is merely a bunch of pages bound together between (hopefully) attractive covers. These bits of paper—these vessels—however, change our lives, educate us, alter our perspective, spark our imagination, open our minds, and improve our writing and language skills. They empower the reader, and can alter the course of history.

The books in this list feature the *act* of reading, the self-aware appreciation of the art and passion surrounding books. We urge you to take home one of these or any book that inspires you and savour the delights of the pages within.

Tanya Abramovitch, Public Services Librarian

Books, Bibliophiles, Reading and Libraries

At home with books: how booklovers live with and care for their libraries

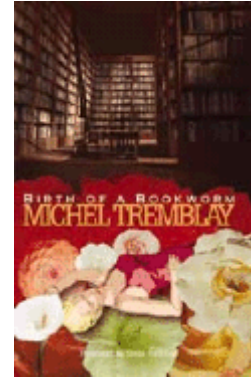
Estelle Ellis, Caroline Seebohm and Christopher Simon Sykes

027.1 E47 1995

Birth of a bookworm

Michel Tremblay

92 T789



The book that changed my life: interviews with National Book Award winners and finalists

Diane Osen, ed.

028 B724

Bookworms: great writers and readers celebrate reading

Laura Furman and Elinore Standard, eds.

028.9 B724

Casanova was a book lover: and other naked truths and provocative curiosities about the writing, selling, and reading of books

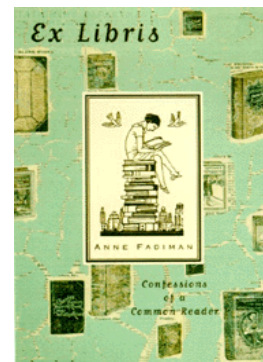
John Maxwell Hamilton

028 H218

Everybody's favourites: Canadians talk about books that changed their lives

Arlene Perly Rae

028.5 E93 1997



Ex libris: confessions of a common reader

Anne Fadiman

028 F145

A gentle madness: bibliophiles, bibliomanes, and the eternal passion for books

Nicholas A. Basbanes

002.075 B297

Great books: my adventures with Homer, Rousseau, Woolf, and other indestructible writers of the Western world

David Denby

809 D391 1996

A history of reading

Alberto Manguel

028 M277

How to read and why

Harold Bloom

028 B653 2000

Library: an unquiet history

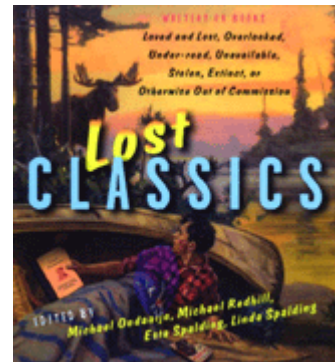
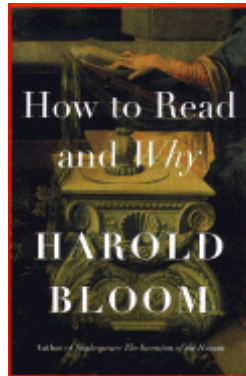
Matthew Battles

027 B336

Library: the drama within

Diane Asséo Griliches

027 G858 1996



Lost classics

Michael Ondaatje, ed. and others

028.9 L881

The most wonderful books: writers on discovering the pleasures of reading

Michael Dorris and Emilie Buchwald, eds.

028 M915

Nothing remains the same: rereading and remembering

Wendy Lesser

028 L638

Outwitting history: the amazing adventures of a man who rescued a million Yiddish books

Aaron Lansky

002.075 L295 2004

A passion for books: a book lover's treasury of stories, essays, humor, lore, and lists on collecting, reading, borrowing, lending, caring for, and appreciating books

Harold Rabinowitz and Rob Kaplan, eds.

028.9 P288 1999



The perilous trade: publishing Canada's writers

Roy MacSkimming

655.4 M175

Patience & fortitude: a roving chronicle of book people, book places, and book culture

Nicholas A. Basbanes

002.075 B297p



Raising a reader: a mother's tale of desperation and delight

Jennie Nash

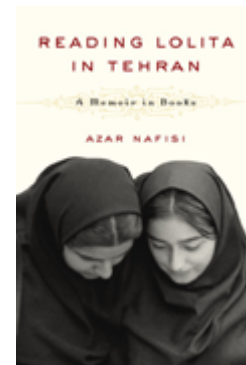
372.4 N251

A reading diary

Alberto Manguel

028 M277r

In the course of a year of carefully reading one book a month, the author leads us on an enthralling adventure in literature and life, and demonstrates how, for the passionate reader, one is utterly inextricable from the other.



Reading Lolita in Tehran

Azar Nafisi

955.054 N146

Shakespeare and Company

Sylvia Beach

92 B365s

Sixpence House: lost in a town of books

Paul Collins

002.075 C712



So many books, so little time: a year of passionate reading

Sara Nelson

028.9 N431

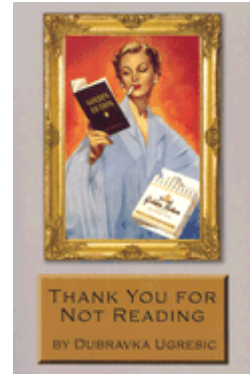
A splendor of letters: the permanence of books in an impermanent world

Nicholas A. Basbanes
002.075 B297s

Thank you for not reading: essays on literary trivia

Dubravka Ugresic
070.5 U27

In this collection of essays, the author dissects the contemporary book industry that operates in a media-saturated world where books are published for the author's sex appeal instead of literary merit, and where readers ignore literature in favour of 'the next big thing.'



Why read?

Mark Edmundson
807 E24

In this important book reconceiving the value and promise of reading, author Edmundson dramatizes what the recent identity crisis of the humanities has effectively obscured: that reading can change your life for the better.

“The test of a book lies in its power to map or transform a life.”

Mark Edmundson



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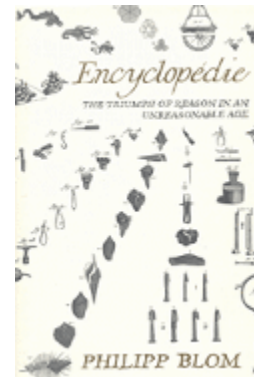
 MARK EDMUNDSON

The Making of Literary Monuments

Encyclopédie: the triumph of reason in an unreasonable age

Philipp Blom

034 B653



God's secretaries: the making of the King James Bible

Adam Nicolson

220.5203 N653

The meaning of everything: the story of the Oxford English Dictionary

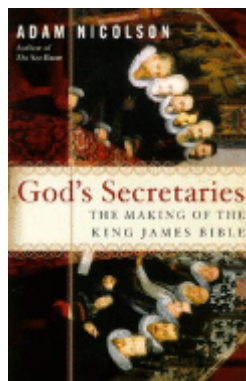
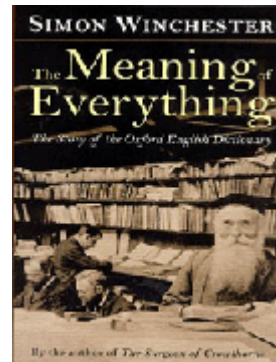
Simon Winchester

423 W759m

The professor and the madman: a tale of murder, insanity, and the making of the Oxford English dictionary

Simon Winchester

423 W759 1998



“The conviction that books are more powerful than bullets is democracy’s leading premise.”

Benjamin Barber

Bibliographies & Recommended Reads

Book lust: recommended reading for every mood, moment, and reason

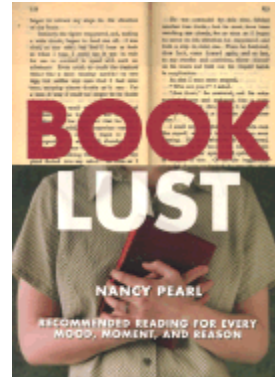
Nancy Pearl
028.1 P3592

A love of reading: reviews of contemporary fiction

Robert Adams
028.1 A216 2001

A love of reading, the second collection: more reviews of contemporary fiction

Robert Adams
028.1 A216s



Making the list: a cultural history of the American bestseller, 1900-1999

Michael Korda
028 K84

The readers' choice: 200 book club favorites

Victoria Golden McMains
028.1 M167 2000

Reading the decades: fifty years of the nation's bestselling books

John Sutherland
028 S966

This work is a portrait of Britain through the books that have inspired, excited and incited us to acquire them, from the 1950s to the present day.



Vintage reading: from Plato to Bradbury: a personal tour of some of the world's best books

Robert Kanigel
028.1 K16 1998

The well-educated mind: a guide to the classical education you never had

Susan Wise Bauer
028.9 B344

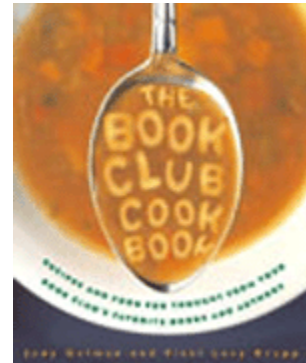
Resources for Book Clubs

The book club cookbook: recipes and food from your book club's favorite books and authors

Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp

641.5 G319

Features recipes and discussion ideas for one hundred popular book club selections. Includes contributions from many of the authors of these books themselves.



The book group book: a thoughtful guide to forming and enjoying a stimulating book discussion group

Ellen Slezak, ed.

028.8 B724 1995

The complete idiot's guide to starting a reading group

Patrick Sauer

028.8 S255 2000

The reading group book: the complete guide to starting and sustaining a reading group, with annotated lists of 250 titles for provocative discussion

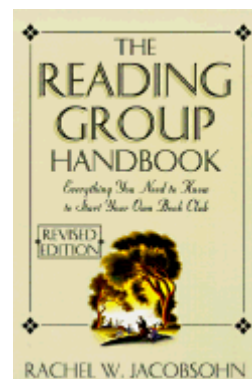
David Laskin and Holly Hughes

028.8 L345 1995

The reading group handbook: everything you need to know to start your own book club

Rachel W. Jacobsohn

028.8 J17 1998



Fiction with Bookish Inclinations

The bestseller

Olivia Goldsmith

F G622b

In an irreverent portrait of the publishing world, five authors and their books--all handled by big-time New York City publishing house Davis and Dash--compete for a position on the New York Times bestseller list.



Book: a novel

Robert Grudin

F G8853b

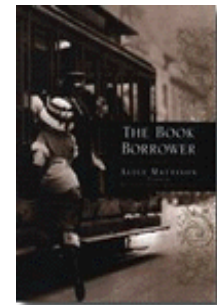
A hilarious college caper lampoons critical theorists, spoofs the New York publishing scene, and parodies seventeen separate literary forms as it follows a search for the missing Professor Adam Snell and his book.

The book borrower: a novel

Alice Mattison

F M4441b 1999

The tale of a twenty-two-year friendship between two women, Toby Ruben and Deborah Laidlaw, begins when Deborah lends Toby a book, a book that follows the two women on their journey through life.



Book case: a John Marshall Tanner mystery

Stephen Greenleaf

M G814b

When publisher Bryce Chatterton acquires a manuscript brimming with sex, money, and scandal, he is certain he has a hit on his hands, but he must depend on private detective Tanner to find out who wrote this novel based on facts that could expose San Francisco's most well-kept secrets.

The book class

Louis Auchincloss

F A898b

A rich tapestry of life, passion, triumph, tragedy, and illumination unfolds against the backdrop of the Book Class, twelve women from the heights of New York society who meet monthly over sixty years to discuss selected literary works.

The bookman's promise: a Cliff Janeway Novel

John Dunning

M D924bp

When Cliff Janeway investigates the provenance of a signed first edition of a memoir by nineteenth-century explorer Sir Richard Burton, he becomes embroiled in a mystery involving a lost library of rare Burton material.

The bookshop

Penelope Fitzgerald

F F5546b PB

Follows a kindhearted English widow's struggle to open a bookshop in a seaside town against the polite, but uncompromising opposition of the town's arbiters of culture.

The destruction of the books

Mel Odom

SF O25d

Jugh, the pint-sized protégé of Wick, the head of a library known as the Vault of All Known Knowledge, and his burly human friend, Raisho, set out on a series of fantastic adventures, centered on a search for a rare volume that Wick wants for the library.

Ex-libris

Ross King

F K542e 1998

Hired to restore a once-magnificent library that had been ravaged during the English Civil War, London bookseller Isaac Inchbold leaves 1660s London to journey to a remote country estate, only to become embroiled in the search for a missing manuscript and a dark conspiracy of spies, smugglers, secret codes, and forgery.

The Eyre affair

Jasper Fforde

M F437e GPB

In a world where one can literally get lost in literature, Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, tries to stop the world's Third Most Wanted criminal from kidnapping characters, including Jane Eyre, from works of literature.

The grand complication

Allen Kurzweil

F K9695g 2001

Confronted by both professional and personal crises, reference librarian Alexander Short gains a new lease on life when he meets Henry James Jesson III, a collector who shares a number of Alexander's unconventional

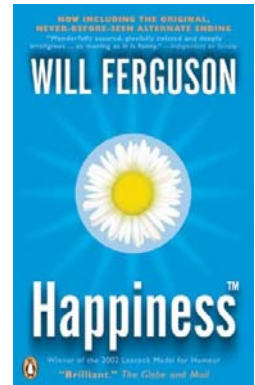
interests and who hires him for some after-hours research into an enigmatic eighteenth-century inventor.

Happiness

Will Ferguson

F F3535h PB

The arrival on his desk of Tupak Soiree's "What I Learned on the Mountain," a manuscript for a new self-help book, has dramatic repercussions for Edwin de Valu, a stressed-out, overworked, underpaid, and cynical New York City editor.



The Jane Austen book club

Karen Joy Fowler

F F786j

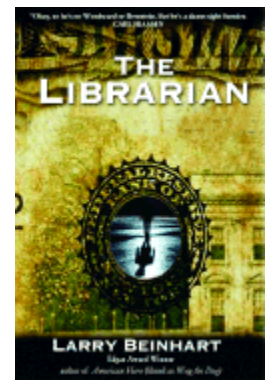
As six Californians get together to form a book club to discuss the novels of Jane Austen, their lives are turned upside down by troubled marriages, illicit affairs, changing relationships, and love.

The last days of publishing : a novel

Tom Engelhardt

F E576L

As the publishing industry goes mega-corporate all around him, small-time editor Rick Koppes hangs on by his fingertips, in this witty, insightful novel about the death of a once-respected profession.



The librarian

Larry Beinhart

F B4223L GPB

University librarian David Goldberg begins a side job as a conservative activist, a position that lands him in hot water with a conspiratorial clique of wealthy right-wingers who want him gone.

The list

Steve Martini

F M3861L

When attorney-turned-novelist Abby Chandlis searches for a charismatic man to pose as Gable Cooper, the phantom author of the blockbuster thriller she has written, she encounters Jack Jermaine, a dangerous man obsessed with writing a best-selling novel.



The logogryph: a bibliography of imaginary books

Thomas Wharton

F W5542L

In a small town in the mountains, a young boy is given a suitcase filled with battered old books, leading to a lifelong pursuit of mysterious riddles of reading that beg for a solution.

Murder at the Frankfurt book fair: a wicked, witty novel about the publishing of an international bestseller

Hubert Monteilhet

M M775m

Publish and be murdered

Ruth Dudley Edwards

M E26p GPB

When Robert Amiss steps in as business manager for a journal owned by a friend, the political editor is found dead and the magazine's editor is murdered, leaving Amiss to solve the mystery.

The reading group

Elizabeth Noble

F N748r



A slip of the tong

Charles Goodrum

M G655s

When staff members in the Asian reading room of the Werner-Bok Library are killed one by one, Crighton Jones, left in charge, enlists her mentor, Edward George, and her old flame, Steve Carson, to help her.

Web Resources for Book Lovers

AllReaders.com

allreaders.com

A site with book reviews and a message board for individual titles. Click on 1 of 6 categories to get a questionnaire to help you identify fiction you would like to read.

Amazon.com: Reading Group Guides

www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/browse/-/292203/102-5857580-8669721

A brief summary and a list of discussion questions for selected titles.

The Book Club Center

www.barnesandnoble.com/bookclubs/RG_cds2.asp?PID=2773&

Barnes & Noble's book club features free online discussions, hosted by the author. Also provided are reading guides and suggested reading.

Book Clubs and Reading Groups Resource

<http://www.book-clubs-resource.com>

Listing of web-based book clubs, email book clubs and chat groups.

Book Crossing

www.bookcrossing.com

A book club with a difference! Members leave books lying around, "releasing" them to be picked up by strangers. The label alerts the finder to make a journal entry on this website.

The Book Group List

www.bookgrouplist.com

An online book club. This site provides a reading schedule, an archive of previous books read and rated, plus lists of award winners, notable books and bestsellers.

Book Reporter

<http://bookreporter.com>

Part of the Book Report Network, this site offers author interviews, book reviews, and feature articles. Focuses on new and current literature.

bookclubs.ca

www.bookclubs.ca

Sponsored by Random House, this site includes readers' guides (a brief summary of the book, plus questions for discussion), an email newsletter and various ideas for book groups.

BookSpot

www.bookspot.com

Provides annotated links to the top book-related sites on the Web.

The Great Books Foundation: Discussion Guides

www.greatbooks.org/library/guides

The Great Books Foundation, an independent, nonprofit educational organization, has joined with Penguin Books to provide discussion guides for Penguin classics.

Mostly Fiction: Recommended Books

mostlyfiction.com/

Books are divided into subject categories (called "bookshelves"). Includes some book reviews and author interviews.

Oprah's Book Club

www.oprah.com/books/books_landing.jhtml

Oprah's book club is back - this time featuring classics.

Overbooked

www.overbooked.org/

"A website for ravenous readers". Includes new books, themed booklists, author web pages, award winners and rave (starred) reviews.

Publisher's Weekly

www.publishersweekly.com/index.asp?layout=channel&channel=bookReviews

Contains reviews from the current issue of Publishers Weekly magazine and the latest edition of their Review Annex. You can also use their interactive book review database to search their archives by title, author, publisher, ISBN and/or review date.

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Book Review Periodicals at the Library

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Globe and Mail Books

Kirkus Review

Lire (en français)

Literary Review

New York Times Book Review

New York Times Review of Books

Notes Bibliographiques (en français)

Times Literary Supplement

ELPL Bibliographies To-Date

(Ask for them at the Reference Desk)

Award-Winning Books

Books and Reading

Books in Translation: A Selection

Chick Lit

Family Stories

From Book to Big Screen: Books That Inspired Movies

Gastronomica: Adventures in Food & Eating

Historical Fiction

Jewish Stories

Rome: The Eternal City

“It’s undeniable that you are what you read, that as a nation and a society, the books we read, from decade to decade, tell us something about ourselves, where we’ve been, who we are, where we’re going.”

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