Best Books of the Year 2018

Fiction

— Transcription by Kate Atkinson
— Us Against You by Fredrik Backman
— The Fallen by David Baldacci (Memory Man Series #4)
— The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
— The High Season by Judy Blundell
— Brother by David Chariandy
— The Last Cruise by Kate Christensen
— Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
— Happiness by Aminatta Forna
— Florida by Lauren Groff
— Asymmetry by Lisa Halliday
— The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
— The Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang
— Where the Dead Sit Talking by Brandon Hobson
— The Sparsholt Affair by Alan Hollinghurst
— An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
— The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai
— Circe by Madeline Miller
— Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty
— The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
— The Clockmaker’s Daughter by Kate Morton
— There, There by Tommy Orange
— Confessions of the Fox by Jordy Rosenberg
— Winter by Ali Smith
— The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer

Mystery & Thriller

— The Wanted by Robert Crais (Elvis Cole and Joe Pike Series #17)
— The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn
— Sometimes I Lie by Alice Feeney
— Safe Houses by Dan Fesperman
— The Witch Elm by Tana French
— Lethal White by Robert Galbraith
— Look For Me by Lisa Gardner (D.D. Warren Series #9)
— Force of Nature by Jane Harper
— The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen
— Newcomer by Keigo Higashino
— Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell
— The Outsider by Stephen King
— How it Happened by Michael Koryta
— Sunburn by Laura Lippman
— Two Girls Down by Louisa Luna
— The Perfect Mother by Aimee Molloy
— Closer Than You Know by Brad Parks
— The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton
— Kingdom of the Blind by Louise Penny (Inspector Gamache Series #14)
— Rip Crew by Sebastian Rotella
— Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman
— The Perfect Nanny by Leila Slimani
— The 7 1/2 deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton
— The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware

From Literary Darlings to Bestselling Blockbusters! We’ve searched high and low for the best reviewed and most popular releases of 2018.
Nonfiction

— American Prison: A Reporter’s Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment by Shane Bauer
— The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World by Stephen Brusatte
— Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women who Made the Internet by Claire L. Evans
— Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin
— Patriot Number One: American Dreams in Chinatown by Lauren Hilgers
— Brief Answers to the Big Questions by Stephen Hawking
— Girl Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies About Who You Are So You Can Become Who You Were Meant to Be by Rachel Hollis
— Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo” by Zora Neal Hurston
— The Recovering: Intoxication and Its Aftermath by Leslie Jamison
— The Greatest Love Story Ever Told by Megan Mullally & Nick Offerman
— I’ll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara
— How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence by Michael Pollan
— Calypso by David Sedaris
— Fear: Trump in the White House by Bob Woodward
— She Has Her Mother’s Laugh: The Powers, Perversions, and Potential of Heredity by Carl Zimmer

Biography and Memoir

— Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight
— Small Fry by Lisa Brennan-Jobs
— A Higher Loyalty by James Comey
— In Pieces by Sally Field
— The Last Black Unicorn by Tiffany Haddish
— Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life by Jane Sherron De Hart
— I’m Keith Hernandez: A Memoir by Keith Hernandez
— Reporter: A Memoir by Seymour M. Hersh
— Becoming by Michelle Obama
— I Am, I Am, I Am: Seventeen Brushes With Death by Maggie O’Farrell
— Call Me American by Abdi Nor Iftin
— Robin by Dave Itzkoff
— The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King
— This Is Me: Loving the Person You Are Today by Chrissy Metz
— Wallis in Love: The Untold Life of the Duchess of Windsor, The Woman Who Changed the Monarchy by Andrew Morton
— Churchill: Walking With Destiny by Andrew Roberts
— The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After by Clemantine Wamariya
— Educated by Tara Westover

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