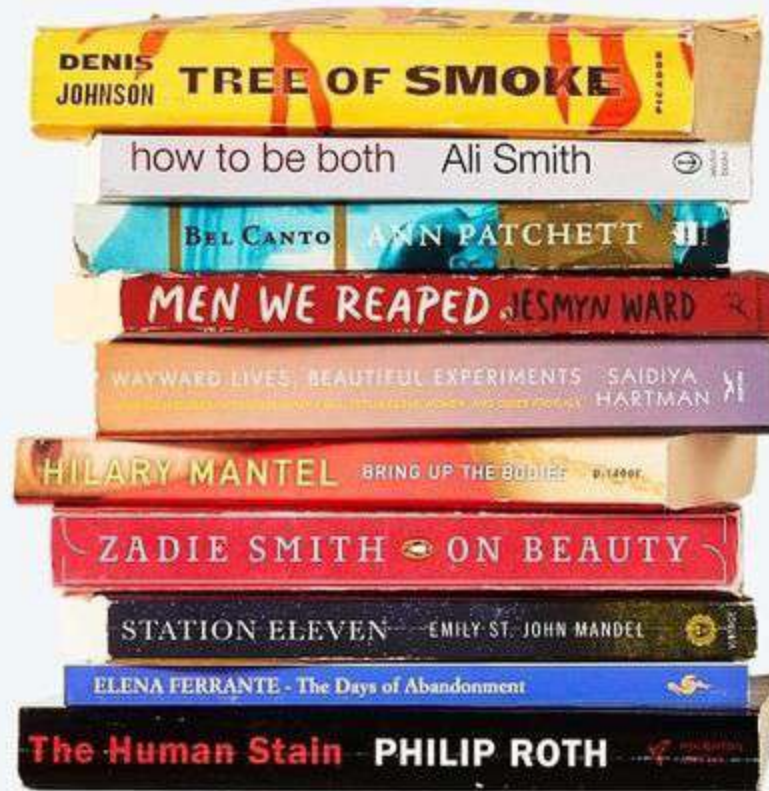


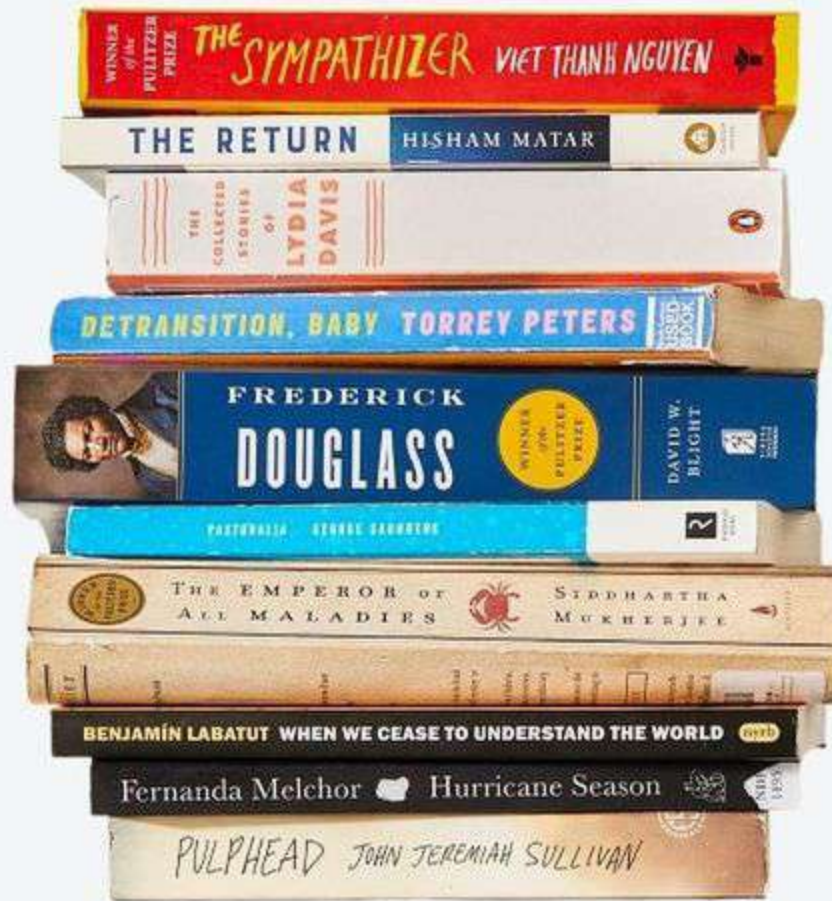
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| 100. Tree of Smoke
Denis Johnson, 2007 | 95. Bring Up the Bodies
Hilary Mantel, 2012 |
| 99. How to Be Both
Ali Smith, 2014 | 94. On Beauty
Zadie Smith, 2005 |
| 98. Bel Canto
Ann Patchett, 2001 | 93. Station Eleven
Emily St. John Mandel, 2014 |
| 97. Men We Reaped
Jesmyn Ward, 2013 | 92. The Days of Abandonment
Elena Ferrante; translated by Ann Goldstein, 2005 |
| 96. Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments
Saidiya Hartman, 2019 | 91. The Human Stain
Philip Roth, 2000 |

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90-81



90. The Sympathizer

Viet Thanh Nguyen, 2015

89. The Return

Hisham Matar, 2016

88. The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis

Lydia Davis, 2010

87. Detransition, Baby

Torrey Peters, 2021

86. Frederick Douglass

David W. Blight, 2018

85. Pastoralia

George Saunders, 2000

84. The Emperor of All Maladies

Siddhartha Mukherjee, 2010

83. When We Cease to Understand the World

Benjamín Labatut; translated by Adrian Nathan West, 2021

82. Hurricane Season

Fernanda Melchor; translated by Sophie Hughes, 2020

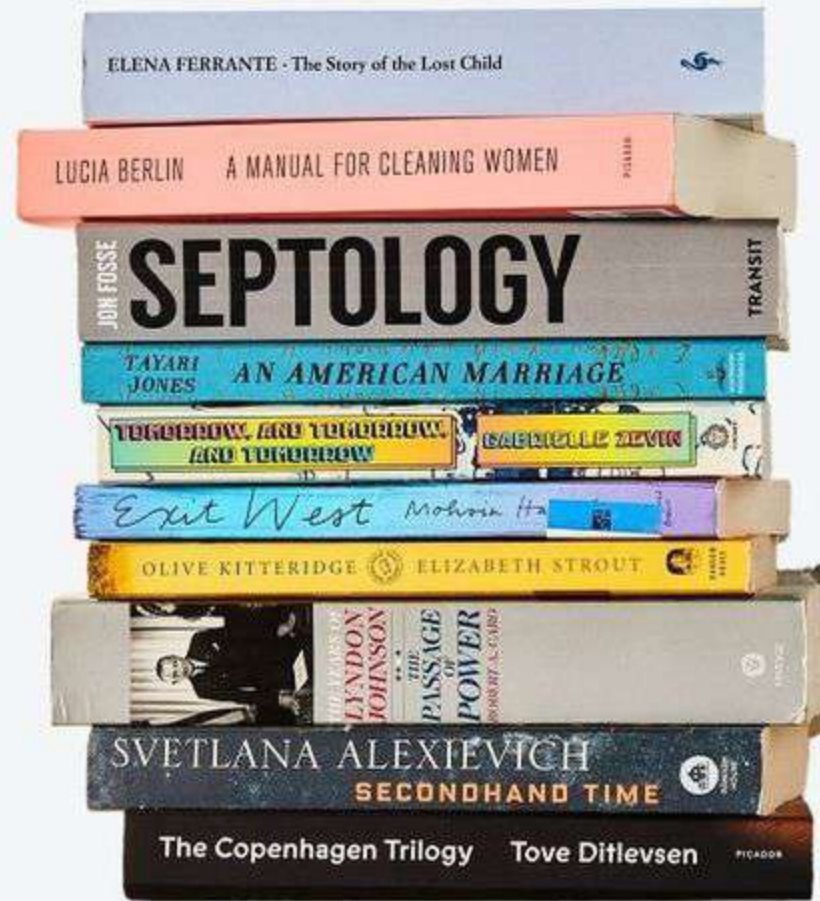
81. Pulphead

John Jeremiah Sullivan, 2011



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80-71



80. The Story of the Lost Child

Elena Ferrante; translated by Ann Goldstein, 2015

79. A Manual for Cleaning Women

Lucia Berlin, 2015

78. Septology

Jon Fosse; translated by Damion Searls, 2022

77. An American Marriage

Tayari Jones, 2018

76. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

Gabrielle Zevin, 2022

75. Exit West

Mohsin Hamid, 2017

74. Olive Kitteridge

Elizabeth Strout, 2008

73. The Passage of Power

Robert Caro, 2012

72. Secondhand Time

Svetlana Alexievich; translated by Bela Shayevich, 2016

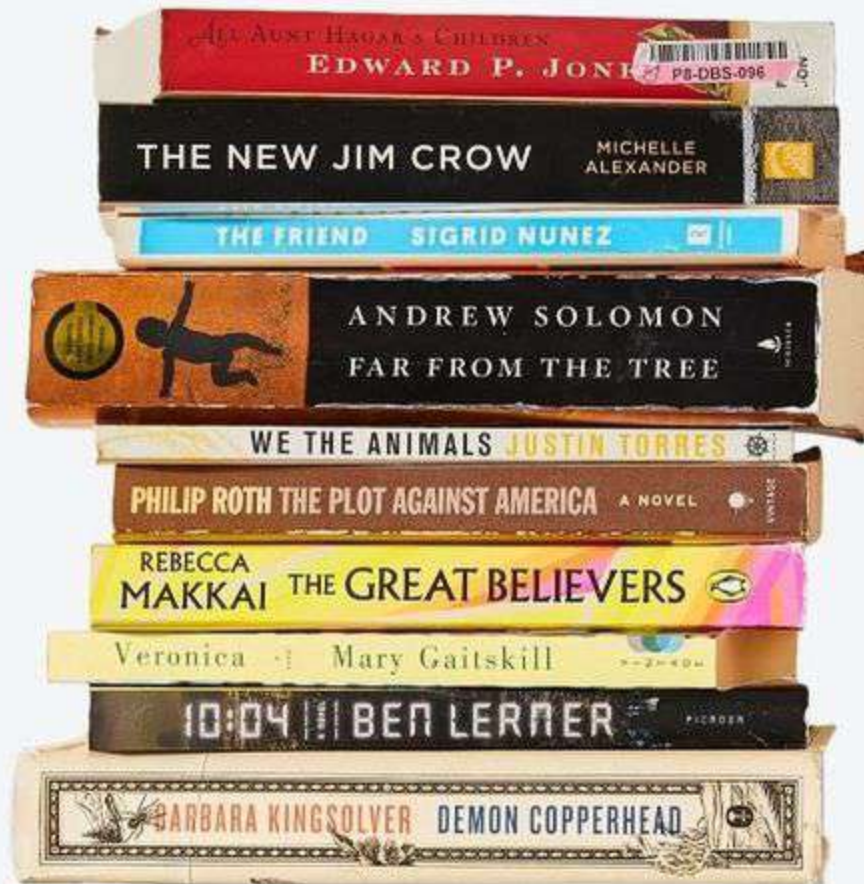
71. The Copenhagen Trilogy

Tove Ditlevsen; translated by Tiina Nunnally and Michael Favala Goldman, 2021



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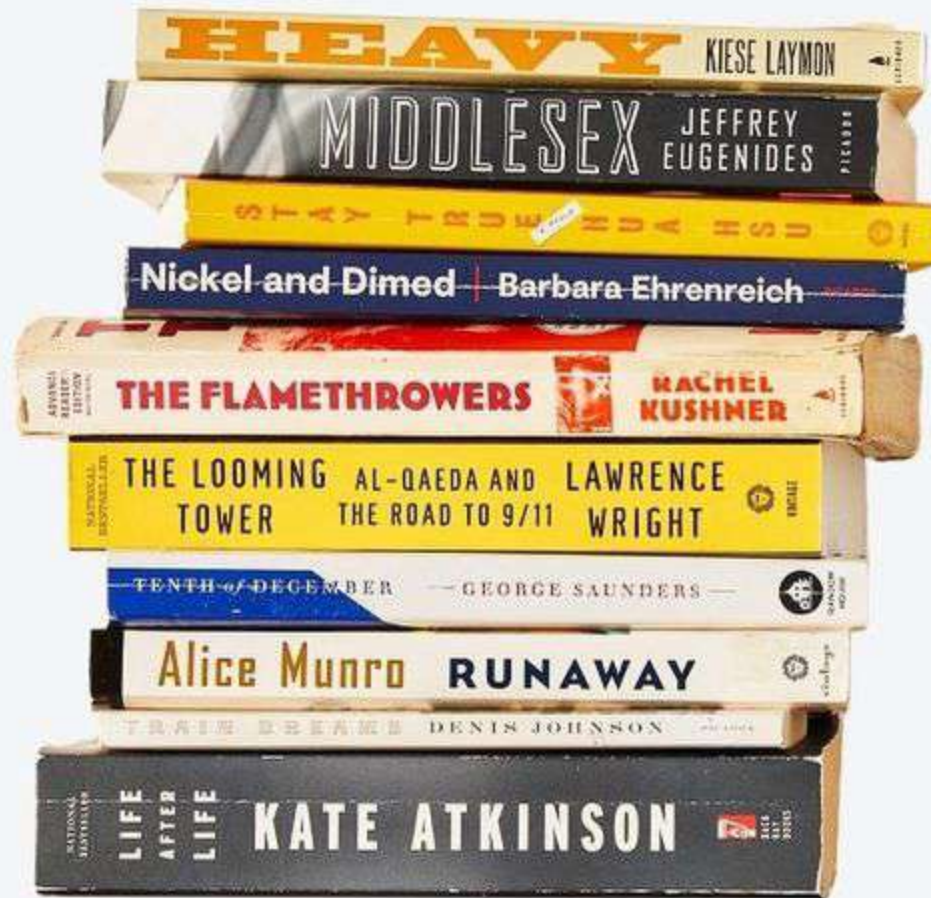
70-61



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| 70. All Aunt Hagar's Children
Edward P. Jones, 2006 | 65. The Plot Against America
Philip Roth, 2004 |
| 69. The New Jim Crow
Michelle Alexander, 2010 | 64. The Great Believers
Rebecca Makkai, 2018 |
| 68. The Friend
Sigrid Nunez, 2018 | 63. Veronica
Mary Gaitskill, 2005 |
| 67. Far From the Tree
Andrew Solomon, 2012 | 62. 10:04
Ben Lerner, 2014 |
| 66. We the Animals
Justin Torres, 2011 | 61. Demon Copperhead
Barbara Kingsolver, 2022 |

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60-51



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| 60. Heavy
Kiese Laymon, 2018 | 55. The Looming Tower
Lawrence Wright, 2006 |
| 59. Middlesex
Jeffrey Eugenides, 2002 | 54. Tenth of December
George Saunders, 2013 |
| 58. Stay True
Hua Hsu, 2022 | 53. Runaway
Alice Munro, 2004 |
| 57. Nickel and Dimed
Barbara Ehrenreich, 2001 | 52. Train Dreams
Denis Johnson, 2011 |
| 56. The Flamethrowers
Rachel Kushner, 2013 | 51. Life After Life
Kate Atkinson, 2013 |

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50-41



50. Trust

Hernan Diaz, 2022

49. The Vegetarian

Han Kang; translated by Deborah Smith, 2016

48. Persepolis

Marjane Satrapi, 2003

47. A Mercy

Toni Morrison, 2008

46. The Goldfinch

Donna Tartt, 2013

45. The Argonauts

Maggie Nelson, 2015

44. The Fifth Season

N.K. Jemisin, 2015

43. Postwar

Tony Judt, 2005

42. A Brief History of Seven Killings

Marlon James, 2014

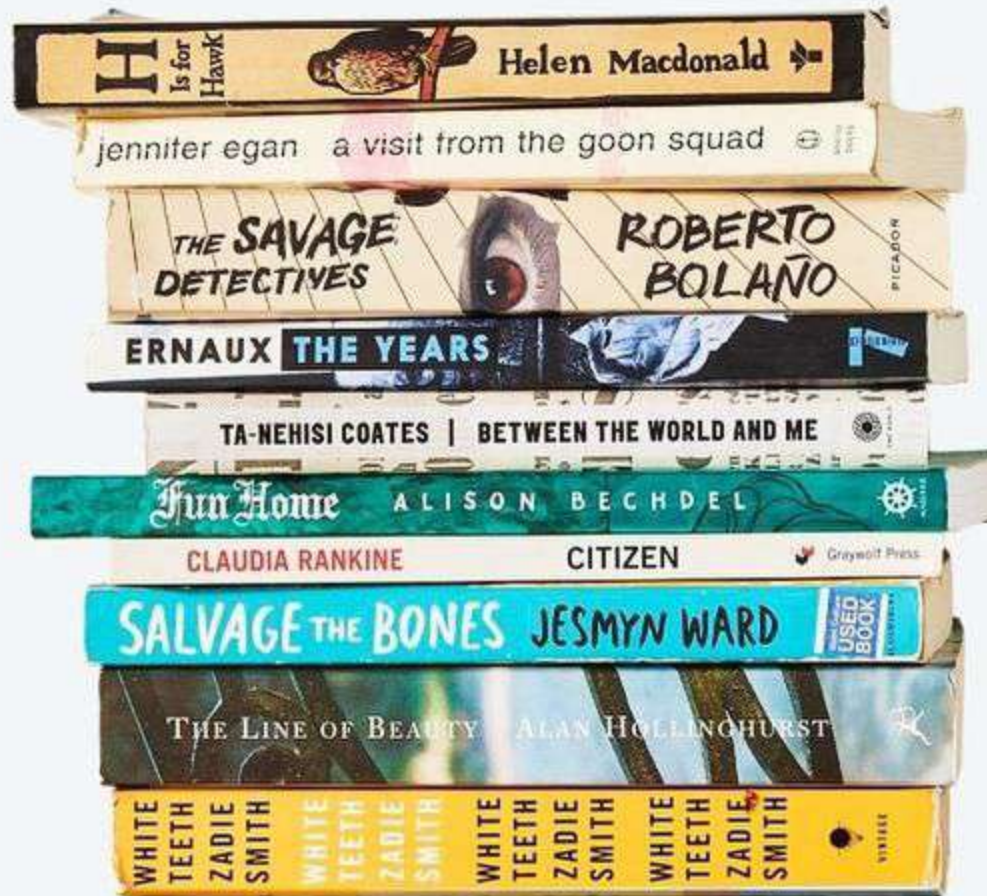
41. Small Things Like These

Claire Keegan, 2021



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40-31



40. H Is for Hawk

Helen Macdonald, 2015

39. A Visit From the Goon Squad

Jennifer Egan, 2010

38. The Savage Detectives

Roberto Bolaño; translated
by Natasha Wimmer, 2007

37. The Years

Annie Ernaux; translated
by Alison L. Strayer, 2018

36. Between the World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015

35. Fun Home

Alison Bechdel, 2006

34. Citizen

Claudia Rankine, 2014

33. Salvage the Bones

Jesmyn Ward, 2011

32. The Line of Beauty

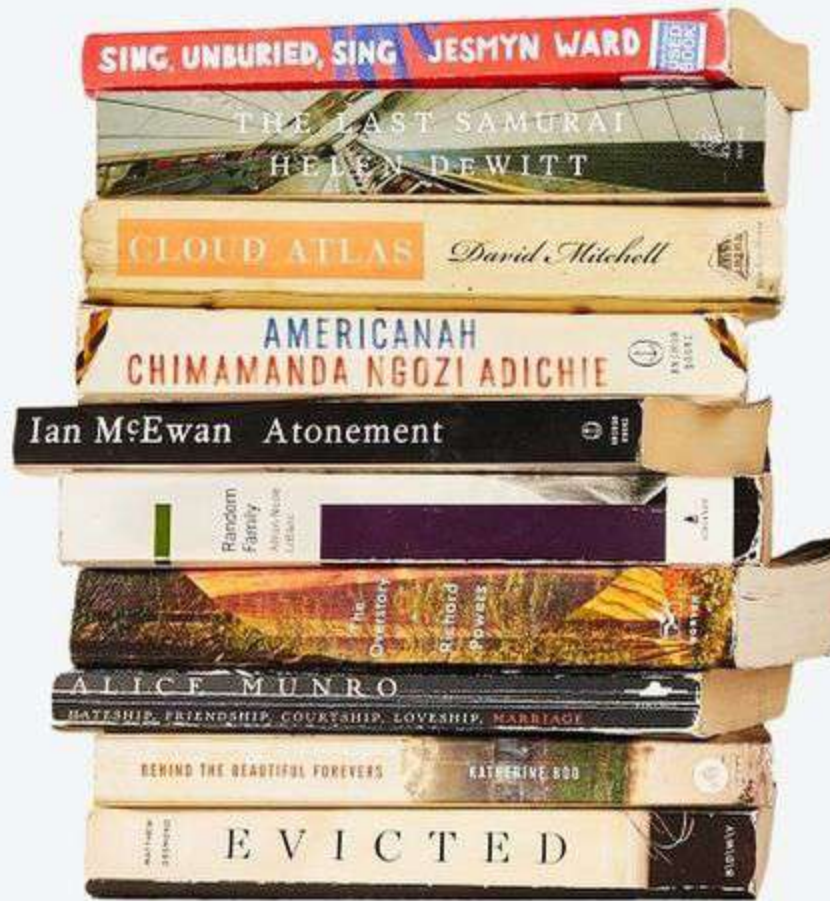
Alan Hollinghurst, 2004

31. White Teeth

Zadie Smith, 2000

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30-21



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| 30. Sing, Unburied, Sing
Jesmyn Ward, 2017 | 25. Random Family
Adrian Nicole LeBlanc, 2003 |
| 29. The Last Samurai
Helen DeWitt, 2000 | 24. The Overstory
Richard Powers, 2018 |
| 28. Cloud Atlas
David Mitchell, 2004 | 23. Hateship, Friendship,
Courtship, Loveship,
Marriage
Alice Munro, 2001 |
| 27. Americanah
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie,
2013 | 22. Behind the Beautiful
Forever
Katherine Boo, 2012 |
| 26. Atonement
Ian McEwan, 2002 | 21. Evicted
Matthew Desmond, 2016 |

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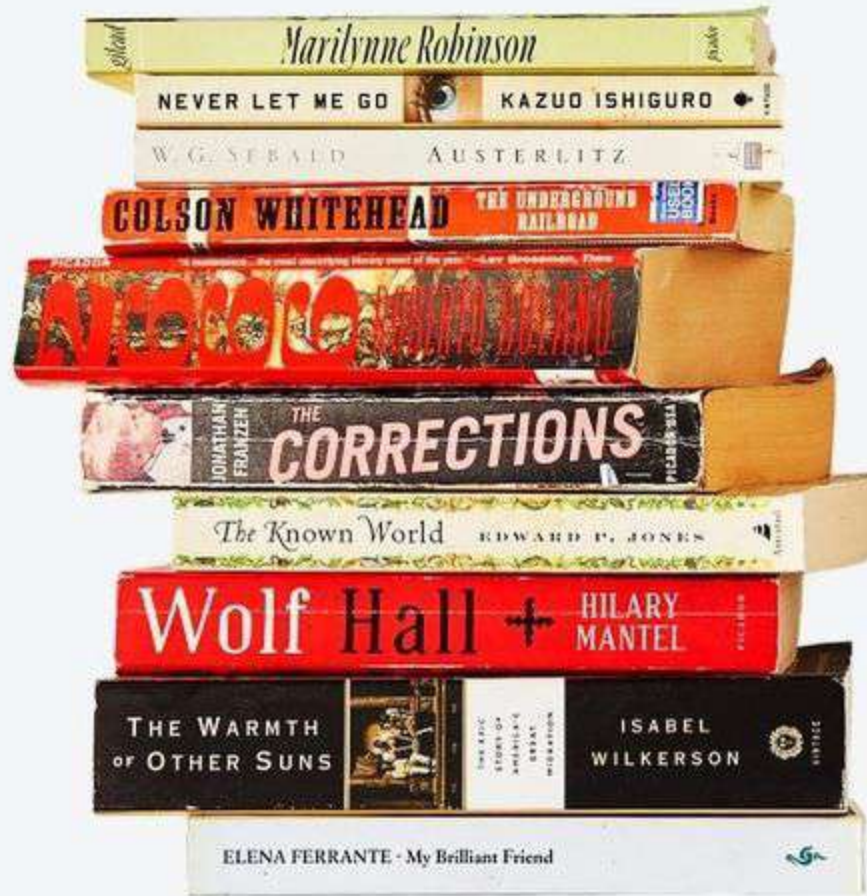
20-11



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| 20. Erasure
Percival Everett, 2001 | 15. Pachinko
Min Jin Lee, 2017 |
| 19. Say Nothing
Patrick Radden Keefe, 2019 | 14. Outline
Rachel Cusk, 2015 |
| 18. Lincoln in the Bardo
George Saunders, 2017 | 13. The Road
Cormac McCarthy, 2006 |
| 17. The Sellout
Paul Beatty, 2015 | 12. The Year of Magical Thinking
Joan Didion, 2005 |
| 16. The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay
Michael Chabon, 2000 | 11. The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
Junot Díaz, 2007 |

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- 10. Gilead**
Marilynne Robinson, 2004
- 9. Never Let Me Go**
Kazuo Ishiguro, 2005
- 8. Austerlitz**
W.G. Sebald; translated by Anthea Bell, 2001
- 7. The Underground Railroad**
Colson Whitehead, 2016
- 6. 2666**
Roberto Bolaño; translated by Natasha Wimmer, 2008
- 5. The Corrections**
Jonathan Franzen, 2001
- 4. The Known World**
Edward P. Jones, 2003
- 3. Wolf Hall**
Hilary Mantel, 2009
- 2. The Warmth of Other Suns**
Isabel Wilkerson, 2010
- 1. My Brilliant Friend**
Elena Ferrante; translated by Ann Goldstein, 2012