



# READERS RESOURCES

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## BOOK REVIEWS AND READERS ADVISORY

### **Goodreads** (<http://goodreads.com/>)

A great site for keeping track of what you have read or want to read. Gives recommendations based on books you enjoy. Also provides detailed book information along with user reviews.

### **The Official Website of Nancy Pearl** (<http://www.nancypearl.com/>)

A site that provides weekly book reviews by Nancy Pearl, the well-known librarian from the Seattle Public Library.

### **The Daily Dose**

(<http://www.powells.com/features/dailydose.html>)

A daily book review provided by Powells' Books, the largest used bookstore west of the Mississippi.

### **BookPage** (<http://bookpage.com/>)

BookPage is a monthly book review publication distributed to bookstores and libraries across the country. Their website contains dozens of book reviews, author interviews and more. Their database allows you to search by genre, author, or keyword.

### **Overbooked** (<http://www.overbooked.com/>)

Contains themed booklists, featured title lists, and hotlists for fiction and non-fiction books.

### **Based on the Book** (<http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/based-book>)

A compilation of novels, short stories and plays that have been made into movies.

### **Cincinnati Public Library Book Lists**

(<http://www.cincinnati.org/spotlight/recommendations.html>)

An extensive and diverse compilation booklists for both fiction and non-fiction titles.

### **What's Next** (<http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/whatsnext.asp>)

The What's Next database, run by the Kent District Library, is a compilation of fiction titles that are part of a series. The database allows you to search by author, title, or series name.

### **Fiction\_L Booklists** (<http://www.mgpl.org/read-listen-view/fl/flbooklists/>)

The Morton Grove Public Library maintains a variety of booklists organized by theme, style, setting, genre, audience and more. The lists have been compiled over the last decade, so a few may be a bit out of date.

### **Allreaders.com** (<http://www.allreaders.com/>)

This site is a compilation of searchable book reviews by readers. In addition to basic author searches, you can search by plot, setting or character. Describe aspects of books you like and the search engines will find books with similar characteristics. The downside of this site is that searches are limited to only the book reviews in their databases.

### **What Should I Read Next?** (<http://whatshouldireadnext.com/>)

Type in a plot, subject, author or title and this database will provide a list of recommended reads from real readers. It is an online project that works based on the books you indicate you've read. The more books that are on your list of favorites, the more targeted the recommendation. You may sign up (free and secure) and save you lists or start new each time.

### **Library Thing** (<http://www.librarything.com/>)

A cataloging and social networking site for readers. You can do many things here, including building a list of books to read. The more information you put in, the more you will get back. Be prepared to spend time learning about the many options. You must create an account, but it is secure and free.

### **“If you like” author search** (<http://www.hclib.org/browse/books/books-adult/if-you-like>)

The Hennepin County Library has a series of searchable lists. Enter an author's name, and if that author has appeared in a list, similar reads will be suggested. Lists are organized by genres to provide more ideas for your next read. The webpage has links to databases only available to Hennepin patrons, but does have links to some other reader's advisory websites.

## **GENERAL INFO**

**NPR** (<http://www.npr.org/books/>) A page on the National Public Radio website that contains links to book related stories, reviews, books in the news, critic's picks, author interviews and more. Updated daily.

### **100 Best Novels** (<http://www.modernlibrary.com/top-100/100-best-novels/>)

This site contains two lists: 1) a list of the 100 best novels drawn up by the editorial board of Modern Library (a division of Random House) and 2) a list drawn from reader's votes.

### **100 Best Non-fiction books**

(<http://www.modernlibrary.com/top-100/100-best-nonfiction/>)

This site is similar to the previous one, but contains two lists of non-fiction books.

## **New York Times**

(<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books/index.html?scp=1-spot&sq=book%20reviews&st=cse>)

The NYT has a wealth of timely book-related information. Links on this site will take you to book related stories, reviews, bestseller lists and more. Updated daily.

## **USA Today** (<http://www.usatoday.com/life/books/>)

This page contains reviews, recent articles, and a link to the top 150 top-selling books of the week.

## **The Washington Post** (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/>)

A weekly section of The Washington Post, this link has articles, reviews, critic's picks, and more.

## **Online Books Page** (<http://www.digital.library.upenn.edu/books/>)

This website hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Libraries "facilitates access to books that are freely readable over the internet." The site has a searchable database.

**Project Gutenberg** ([http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)) "PG is a volunteer effort of digitize and archive cultural works and to encourage the creation of eBooks." Most of the items in the collection are public domain books, and are available in open formats that are readable on any computer. As of this year, nearly 30,000 items are available for download.

## **BOOK AWARDS**

### **National Book Award** (<http://www.nationalbook.org/>)

Administered by the National Book Foundation and given to American writers of literature.

### **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction** (<http://www.pulitzer.org/bycat/Fiction>)

For distinguished fiction by an American author, preferably dealing with American life.

### **Man Booker Prize** (<http://www.themanbookerprize.com/>)

A prize awarded for the best novel written in the English language by a citizen of the Commonwealth of Nations, Ireland, or Zimbabwe.

**Audie Award** (<http://www.audiopub.org/index.asp>) Yearly prizes are given by the Audio Publishers Association for multiple genres, types of books, and for narration and production.

### **Edgar Award** (<http://www.theedgars.com/>)

An award sponsored by the Mystery Writers of America, the Edgar Allan Poe Award is for achievement in the mystery field.

### **Agatha Award** (<http://www.malicedomestic.org/agathaawards.html>)

This award is given by Malice Domestic Ltd. for mystery and crime writers who write via the same method as Agatha Christie (i.e. closed setting, no sex or violence; amateur detective).

### **Anthony Award** (<http://www.bouchercon.info/history.html>)

Literary awards presented yearly and named for one of the founding members of the Mystery Writers of America.

**Duncan Lawrie Dagger** (<http://thecwa.co.uk/the-daggers/>)

Previously known as the Gold Dagger, this British award is given by the Crime Writer's Association for the best crime novel of the year.

**Hugo Award** (<http://www.thehugoawards.org/>) Given each year for the best works in science fiction or fantasy. Nominees and winners are chosen by members of the annual WorldCon.

**Nebula Award** (<http://www.sfwawards.org/nebula-awards/>)

An award given yearly by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America for the best sf/fantasy published in the previous two years.

**RITAs** (<http://www.rwa.org/p/cm/ld/fid=525>)

The Romance Writers of America sponsor these awards to recognize excellence in the Romance genre.

**Bram Stoker Awards** (<http://horror.org/awards/stokers.htm>)

The Horror Writers Association presents yearly awards for achievement in the horror genre.

**Spur Awards** (<http://westernwriters.org/spur-awards/>)

The Western Writers of America give yearly awards for distinguished writing about the American west.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT GENRE-BASED WRITING AND READING**

**Mystery Writers of America** (<http://www.mysterywriters.org/>)

**Romance Writers of America** (<http://www.rwa.org/>)

**Western Writers of America** (<http://www.westernwriters.org/>)

**Horror Writers Association** (<http://www.horror.org/>)