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- Geraldine Brooks
- Emma Donoghue
- Richard Flanagan
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- Eowyn Ivey
- Thomas Keneally
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- Cormac McCarthy
- Michael Punke
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- Katy Simpson Smith
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- Mary Elizabeth Braddon
- Samuel Butler
- Thomas Carlyle
- Wilkie Collins
- Joseph Conrad
- Benjamin Disraeli
- Alexandre Dumas
- George Eliot
- Elizabeth Gaskell
- Nathaniel Hawthorne
- George Gissing
- Henry James
- Anthony Trollope
- Ivan Turgenev
- Edith Wharton
- Emile Zola

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If you are looking for elegantly crafted fiction or even a life changing masterpiece, try one of these classic authors.

- John Buchan
- Mikhail Bulgakov
- Albert Camus
- Willa Cather
- Joseph Conrad
- Theodore Dreiser
- Daphne Du Maurier
- William Faulkner
- F. Scott Fitzgerald
- E.M. Forster
- John Galsworthy
- Stella Gibbons
- James Joyce
- Christopher Isherwood
- D.H. Lawrence
- Katherine Mansfield
- Somerset Maugham
- Marcel Proust
- Barbara Pym
- J.D. Salinger
- Muriel Spark
- Kurt Vonnegut
- Evelyn Waugh
- Virginia Woolf

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Historical Military Adventure Fiction

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- James Aitcheson
- Christian Cameron
- Angus Donald
- Robert Fabbri
- Iain Gale
- Adrian Goldsworthy
- Seth Hunter
- Conn Iggulden
- Ben Kane
- Giles Kristian
- Dewey Lambdin
- Allan Mallinson
- Anthony Riches
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- Simon Scarrow
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ADULT & YOUNG ADULT FICTION (YA)

- *Britt-Marie Was Here* by *Fredrik Backman*
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- *American Gods* by *Neil Gaiman*
- *Speak* by *Louisa Hall*
- *Our Souls at Night* by *Kent Haruf*
- *To the Bright Edge of the World* by *Eowyn Ivey*
- *The Broken Earth* series by *N. K. Jemisin*
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- *My Sister Rosa* by *Justine Larbalestier (YA)*
- *Glorious Heresies* by *Lisa McInerney*
- *Eileen* by *Ottessa Moshfegh*
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- **The Bad-ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts** by *Joshua Hammer*
- **Don't Suck, Don't Die: Giving Up Vic Chesnutt** by *Kristin Hersh*
- **Five Presidents** by *Clint Hill*
- **Lab Girl. A Story of Trees, Science and Love** by *Hope Jahren*
- **The Seven Good Years** by *Etgar Keret*
- **First Day of the Somme** by *Andrew Macdonald*
- **Porcelain** by *Moby*
- **The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl** by *Ryan North and Erica Henderson*
- **Fingers in the Sparkle Jar. Lessons in Life and Death** by *Chris Packham*
- **Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief** by *Lawrence Wright*
- **The Beauty in the Beast: Britain's Favourite Creatures and the People Who Love Them** by *Hugh Warwick*
- **First Bite** by *Bee Wilson*

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FILM, MUSIC AND TV

- *Black Lotus by Shogun Orchestra (Music)*
- *45 Years (Film)*
- *Fortitude (TV Series)*
- *Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief (Documentary)*
- *Orphan Black (TV Series)*
- *Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell (TV Series)*
- *Mr Robot (TV Series)*
- *Orange is the New Black (TV Series)*
- *Wolf Hall (TV Series)*
- *Endeavour (TV Series)*