



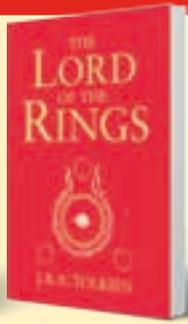
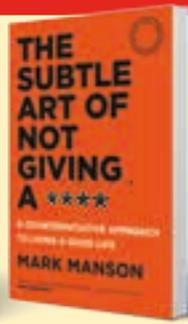
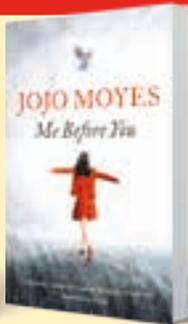
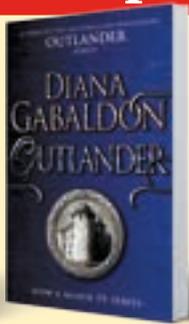
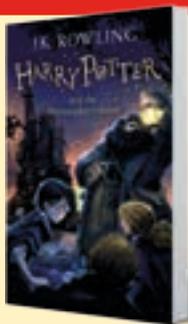
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Books

New List as voted by New Zealanders!

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1 HARRY POTTER SERIES

J.K. Rowling

FICTION

Even after the end of the series, votes for J.K. Rowling's magnificent creation continue to pour in. These captivating books are timeless and ageless – they're loved by both younger and older readers, being shared across generations and having a very special place in the hearts and minds of thousands of New Zealand readers. They can take credit for encouraging a surge of interest in books, and they have well earned their place at the top of our List for another year.

2 OUTLANDER SERIES

Diana Gabaldon

FICTION

Big, fat, wonderful historical fiction - this series has thousands of obsessed fans here!

3 ME BEFORE YOU

Jojo Moyes

FICTION

Falling in love can be the most beautiful thing in the world, but it can also be the most painful. The other two books in the trilogy are also on the List.

4 THE SUBTLE ART OF NOT GIVING A ...

Mark Manson

SELF HELP

A Whitcoulls bestseller! Forget about trying to find the good in everything - just accept that life is tough, and deal with it.

5 THE LORD OF THE RINGS

J.R.R. Tolkien

SCI-FI/FANTASY

The classic epic which still stands the test of time.

6 TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Harper Lee

FICTION

A timeless classic about racial tension, which has been beloved by generations of readers.

9 PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Jane Austen

CLASSIC

Her popularity goes on and on - this classic is consistently voted to a high position on the List.

12 THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Margaret Atwood

FICTION

The television series has brought this to a whole new audience – at a time when the themes are perhaps more relevant than ever.

7 I AM PILGRIM

Terry Hayes

THRILLER

An astonishingly good thriller which has electrified everyone who's read it. We love this book as much as our readers do!

10 THE BOOK THIEF

Markus Zusak

FICTION

A sophisticated work that has found favour with both teens and adults. Death himself narrates this World War 2 story about Liesel.

13 THE BRONZE HORSEMAN

Paullina Simons

FICTION

First in a trilogy set against the backdrop of Leningrad during World War 2, this is still a highlight for many of our readers and often voted their all time favourite.

8 ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE

Gail Honeyman

FICTION

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: she struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Her life is a carefully managed solitary routine – two bottles of vodka get her nicely through the weekends – until she finds a friend and everything changes. A runaway bestseller.

11 ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE

Anthony Doerr

FICTION

An utterly brilliant, captivating WW2 story which transcends all the others – about two children in Europe whose lives eventually intersect in the most unexpected way. We don't know anyone who has read this who hasn't absolutely loved it. Definitely a must-read.

14 A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE SERIES

George R.R. Martin

SCI-FI/FANTASY

Thousands of new readers have discovered these books, whose popularity is undiminished - even as everyone waits (and waits!) for number six in the series!

15 THE KINGSBRIDGE SERIES

Ken Follett

FICTION

This epic, wonderful story about the building of cathedrals in the 12th Century has been on our List since it first began.

16 THE ROBERT LANGDON SERIES

Dan Brown

THRILLER

Dan Brown became a household name with *The Da Vinci Code*. All books in the series are great!



17 THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW

A.J.Finn

THRILLER

Anna Fox fills her days with prescription medicines, red wine, and spying on the neighbours, and is certain that something terrible has happened to a neighbour. No one will take her seriously though because she is, after all, unreliable.

18 THE HOBBIT

J.R.R.Tolkien

SCI-FI/FANTASY

Tolkien's classic has enduring appeal, and is particularly loved here in New Zealand.

19 THE SEVEN SISTERS SERIES

Lucinda Riley

FICTION

A series of seven books, based on the legends of the Seven Sisters star constellation. They are huge, sweeping, epic tales of love and loss set in far flung locations. Our staff recently discovered these books and can't stop raving about them.

20 A COURT OF THORNS AND ROSES SERIES

Sarah J. Maas

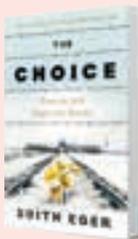
SCI-FI/FANTASY

This series retells multiple fairy tales including *Beauty and the Beast* and *Hades and Persephone* with faerie lore. The books have soared in popularity.

21 THE BIBLE

SPIRITUAL

The Bible has appeared on every single Top 100 List since we started taking votes. It continues to inspire and guide, and is as relevant now as it ever was.



22 THE CHOICE

Edith Eger

BIOGRAPHY

The remarkable true story of an Auschwitz survivor who has used her experiences to build a meaningful life helping other people. Wise and compassionate.

23 THE POWER OF ONE

Bryce Courtenay

FICTION

Set in Africa in the 1930's and 40's, this was Bryce Courtenay's first - and, some say, best book.

24 THE MILLENNIUM SERIES

Stieg Larsson & David Lagercrantz

THRILLER

These are clever, thrilling, utterly captivating mysteries. The series has continued after Stieg Larsson's untimely death, with fellow Swede David Lagercrantz stepping in to carry on the story - and he does a great job. There are more titles promised in the future.

25 GONE GIRL

Gillian Flynn

FICTION

An apparently perfect marriage, where all is most definitely not as it seems. This book spawned an entire genre, and stands the test of time - it's as good today as it was when first published!

26 THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

Paula Hawkins

FICTION

Rachel's life is a mess, and she's envious of the perfect lives she sees around her - but when she sees something unusual from the window of her train, a series of events spiral out of her control.

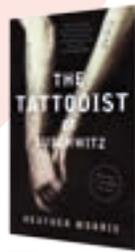


27 THE NIGHTINGALE

Kristin Hannah

FICTION

The *New York Times* bestseller, about two sisters navigating their way through German-occupied, war-torn France. This is an amazing book.



28 THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ

Heather Morris

FICTION

Based on a true story, this tells of a couple who met and fell in love in Auschwitz, and survived. *I tattooed a number on her arm; she tattooed her name on my heart.*

29 MY SISTER'S KEEPER

Jodi Picoult

FICTION

A compelling moral dilemma - the trademark of our most popular author's books - is at the heart of this pageturner, about two sisters. Kate's had leukaemia from childhood and her sister Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match, which is a tough reason for being, and rules her life.

30 THE KITE RUNNER

Khaled Hosseini

FICTION

A terrific novel about friendship in difficult circumstances - set against the challenging political turmoil of Afghanistan. This book was a runaway bestseller and firmly established the author's reputation.

31 THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY

Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

FICTION

A moving tale of friendship, tolerance and forgiveness in the wake of the horror and deprivation of WW2 when a correspondence between two people leads to a visit to Guernsey.

32 BIG LITTLE LIES

Liane Moriarty

FICTION

Set around the lives of three women, connected because their kids attend the same school, it soon becomes clear that at the school Trivia Quiz night, after a lot of parents behaved extremely badly, somebody died.

33 THE ALCHEMIST

Paulo Coelho

SPIRITUAL

A parable that has touched millions of lives with its thoughtful message. It tells the story of Santiago, a shepherd boy who yearns for wealth. His quest will lead him to riches far different - and far more satisfying - than he ever imagined.



34 THE DRY

Jane Harper

FICTION

This was Jane Harper's first book - a very atmospheric thriller - and was a publishing sensation. Her character, Australian Federal Agent Aaron Falk takes centre stage when he returns to the place where he was accused of murder many years ago. A small town hides big secrets, and some of them are his.

35 THE TEA ROSE SERIES

Jennifer Donnelly

FICTION

This has it all - romance, love, loss, heartbreak, fear, conspiracy, rebellion, and happiness. It is a much loved trilogy, which has featured on our List every year since it started.

36 THE HELP

Kathryn Stockett

FICTION

Set in Mississippi in the 1960's this tells the riveting story of African American maids and the white families they care for.

37 THE KINGKILLER CHRONICLE

Patrick Rothfuss

SCI-FI/FANTASY

The books in this highly acclaimed fantasy series tell the autobiography of Kvothe, an adventurer and famous musician.

38 1984

George Orwell

CLASSIC

The original futuristic look at what our lives would become - it was prescient, and becomes ever more relevant with each passing year.

39 THE HUNGER GAMES SERIES

Suzanne Collins

YOUNG ADULT

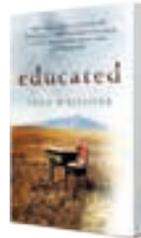
A series which has captured the imagination of young and older readers alike. Set in a dystopian future with a brave young heroine.

40 JANE EYRE

Charlotte Brontë

CLASSIC

This novel remains a favourite, especially amongst younger readers who continue to be entranced by the young Jane and her mysterious Mr Rochester.



41 EDUCATED

Tara Westover

BIOGRAPHY

Tara Westover grew up in Idaho, daughter of a survivalist father who "prepped" his family for the End of Days. Her upbringing was harrowing, but she survived his brutal ideology, and eventually went to University without having spent a single day at school - as she says, education saved her. It's gripping, remarkable, and at times simply unbelievable.

42 IT

Stephen King

FICTION

This deals with themes which are Stephen King staples: the power of memory, childhood trauma, and the ugliness lurking behind a façade of traditional small-town values.

43 SHANTARAM

Gregory David Roberts

FICTION

A convicted Australian bank robber and heroin addict escapes from prison and flees to India.

44 STILL ME

Jojo Moyes

FICTION

Louisa Clark arrives in New York City ready to start a new life. But will love survive the distance, and how do you reconcile a heart that lives in two places? This is the sequel to the wildly popular *Me Before You* (number 3 on this list) and *After You*. Fans will love it.



49 LILAC GIRLS

Martha Hall Kelly

FICTION

During WW2, the lives of a wealthy American socialite, two Polish sisters and a young German woman doctor connect in the most unexpected of ways. This is wonderful.

45 ORPHAN X

Gregg Hurwitz

THRILLER

We think Evan Smoak is the new Jack Reacher. First in a series, this is an outrageously good thriller!

46 A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS

Khaled Hosseini

FICTION

This story covers three decades of anti Soviet Jihad, civil war and Taliban tyranny through the lives of two women. The author's other major title is also on this List

50 WUTHERING HEIGHTS

Emily Brontë

CLASSIC

Heathcliff and Catherine can neither live with nor without each other. One of the greatest love stories ever told.

51 SMALL GREAT THINGS

Jodi Picoult

FICTION

This timely story about race relations is simply exceptional, and bears the Jodi trademark of being about a fascinating ethical dilemma. Highly recommended by all the Whitcoulls Team.

52 THE GOLDFINCH

Donna Tartt

FICTION

Theo Decker is 13 years old when his life changes forever. This epic, sweeping, brilliant novel is simply one of the very best books of the last decade.

53 12 RULES FOR LIFE

Jordan B. Peterson

SELF HELP

Twelve profound and practical principles for how to live a meaningful life, from one of the world's most acclaimed and popular public thinkers.

54 THE PASSAGE TRILOGY

Justin Cronin

FICTION

This is a huge, epic, post apocalyptic trilogy set in a wasted America, and it's terrific.

55 IN ORDER TO LIVE

Yeonmi Park

BIOGRAPHY

Yeonmi Park grew up in North Korea, where the starvation, oppression and total control exercised by the State was overwhelming (she thought Dear Leader could read her mind). At the age of 13, she and her mother were smuggled into China, into the arms of people traffickers. Now free, she is an exceptional young woman with an extraordinary story.

56 THE MARTIAN

Andy Weir

SCI-FI/FANTASY

When a mission to Mars goes freakishly wrong, one astronaut is left behind and finds a way to survive. A truly remarkable book.

57 THE NOTEBOOK

Nicholas Sparks

FICTION

In 1932, two North Carolina teenagers from opposite sides of the tracks fall in love. After spending one summer together, Noah Calhoun and Allie Nelson do not meet again for 14 years.

58 DISCWORLD SERIES

Terry Pratchett

SCI-FI/FANTASY

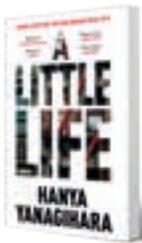
A comic fantasy book series set on the fictional Discworld, a flat disc balanced on the backs of four elephants which in turn stand on the back of a giant turtle.

59 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA

Arthur Golden

FICTION

A truly wonderful story that uncovers the hidden world of the Geisha - a world of eroticism and enchantment.



47 A LITTLE LIFE

Hanya Yanagihara

FICTION

The much acclaimed novel about the decades long relationship between four men, which was nominated for many literary prizes.

48 MAGICIAN

Raymond E. Feist

SCI-FI/FANTASY

Set in the world of Midkemia this is the first book in the *Riftwar* series. For someone starting out with fantasy, this book is a great introduction. Pure escapism.

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60 A FINE BALANCE

Rohinton Mistry

FICTION

This is set in Mumbai between 1975 and 1984 - an era that saw severe crackdowns on civil liberties. Shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1996, it's simply brilliant.



61 THRONE OF GLASS SERIES

Sarah J. Maas

SCI-FI/FANTASY

This series follows the journey of Celaena Sardothien, a teenage assassin in a corrupted kingdom with a tyrannical ruler.

65 READY PLAYER ONE

Ernest Cline

SCI-FI/FANTASY

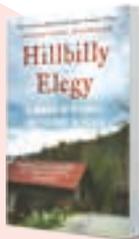
Highly recommended by our staff. Everything you could ever want in a sci-fi story; virtual reality, treasure, giant robots and 1980's pop culture references.

70 THE LUMINARIES

Eleanor Catton

FICTION

The New Zealand Man Booker winning historical novel set on the West Coast, which has amazed readers around the world. 🐼



62 THE LOVELY BONES

Alice Sebold

FICTION

A haunting novel about what happens to a family when their 14 year old daughter is murdered. This is simply unforgettable.

66 THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS

M.L.Stedman

FICTION

A baby washes up on a remote island and is rescued by the lighthouse keepers - with unforeseen consequences.

71 HILLBILLY ELEGY

J.D.Vance

BIOGRAPHY

From a self professed genuine Appalachian hillbilly about his family's tough, dysfunctional life, which he escaped. He reflects on how far he's come, and what he left behind.

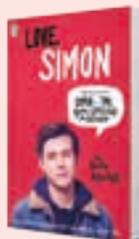


67 MILK AND HONEY

Rupi Kaur

POETRY

From the Instagram poet, a book of poetry and prose about survival - and violence, abuse, love, loss, and femininity. It has touched a chord with thousands of readers.



63 THE ALICE NETWORK

Kate Quinn

FICTION

This novel is based on a female spy ring in WW2. The Alice Network did exist and those women were heroic. The book is quite wonderful.

68 THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

John Green

YOUNG ADULT

The Young Adult novel which has enchanted literally thousands of readers, young and old - two kids with cancer who really know how to live!

72 LOVE, SIMON

Becky Albertalli

YOUNG ADULT

Simon Spier is sixteen and trying to work out who he is - and what he's looking for. But when one of his emails to the very distracting Blue falls into the wrong hands, things get all kinds of complicated.

64 THE CATCHER IN THE RYE

J.D.Salinger

FICTION

Wry observations from a teenager just expelled from school, this is still edgy, insightful and essential reading, despite having been written in 1951.

69 THE BREAK

Marian Keyes

FICTION

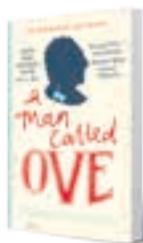
Amy's husband Hugh says he isn't leaving her - he just wants a break. How can that possibly work? This is Marian Keyes at her best. Perfect escapism!

73 AFTER YOU

Jojo Moyes

FICTION

Sequel to *Me Before You* - number five on this list! Will Lou ever get over the love of her life? This is every bit as good.



74 A MAN CALLED OVE

Fredrik Backman

FICTION

A funny, moving, uplifting tale of love and community that will leave you with a spring in your step. This is truly heartwarming.

75 AMERICAN GODS

Neil Gaiman

FICTION

This amazing novel is about the things we believe in - it used to be gods in various forms, but now new obsessions have arisen, such as media, celebrity, drugs, fame and power.

76 THE STAND

Stephen King

FICTION

The classic American fantasy epic, set in a plague-decimated USA - from a tireless author whose books consistently enthrall.

77 THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Douglas Adams

SCI-FI/FANTASY

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect. Brilliant, comic, much loved fantasy.

78 THE GREAT GATSBY

F. Scott Fitzgerald

CLASSIC

Young, handsome and fabulously rich, Jay Gatsby appears to have it all - yet he constantly yearns for the one thing that will always be out of reach. This has really stood the test of time.

79 WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR

Paul Kalanithi

NONFICTION

A profoundly moving, exquisite memoir by a young neurosurgeon with terminal cancer who attempts to answer the question *What makes a life worth living?*

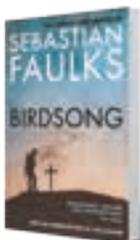


80 CALL ME BY YOUR NAME

André Aciman

FICTION

The story of a powerful romance that blooms between seventeen-year-old Elio and his father's house guest Oliver during a restless summer on the Italian Riviera.



81 BIRDSONG

Sebastian Faulks

FICTION

This intensely romantic yet stunningly realistic novel spans three generations and the unimaginable gulf between the First World War and the present.

82 THE BAREFOOT INVESTOR

Scott Pape

NONFICTION

Sales of this book speak for themselves - literally hundreds of thousands of copies have been sold and changed the way people think about money.

83 KILLING FLOOR

Lee Child

FICTION

This is where it all started with Jack Reacher. A modern hero - tough, intelligent and a crusader for justice. Tens of thousands of readers have loved his books and keep coming back for more.

84 LIFE OF PI

Yann Martel

FICTION

The oceanic wanderings of a lost boy, the young and eager Piscine Patel (Pi) of the title. Winner of the Man Booker Prize.

85 I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE

Wally Lamb

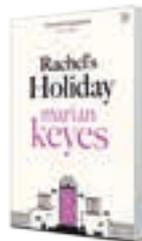
FICTION

This is an epic story of identical twins: a paranoid schizophrenic and his brother whose life is dominated by his resentment of, and love for, his damaged twin. He has beaten the biochemical odds to remain sane - but at what cost?

86 THE EDMONDS COOKERY BOOK

COOKING

The *Edmonds Cookery Book* has been an important ingredient in New Zealand kitchens for more than 100 years. Full of helpful advice and classic Kiwi recipes, it's our most beloved cooking companion.

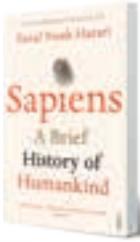


87 RACHEL'S HOLIDAY

Marian Keyes

FICTION

Rachel Walsh's family send her to rehab - which isn't at all what she thought it would be. This is very funny black humour.



88 SAPIENS

Yuval Noah Harari

NONFICTION

This remarkable book challenges everything we thought we knew about being human: our thoughts, our actions, our power ... and our future. Truly worth a read.

89 SCAR TISSUE

Anthony Kiedis

BIOGRAPHY

One of the best music memoirs ever, this story of Anthony Kiedis's life and fame with the Red Hot Chili Peppers ticks all the right boxes.

90 THE MORTAL INSTRUMENTS SERIES

Cassandra Clare

YOUNG ADULT

The Mortal Instruments are the three divine objects the Angel Raziel gave to his children – a sword, a mirror and a cup. They've been protected for a thousand years – until the Uprising.

91 THE GOOD DAUGHTER

Karin Slaughter

FICTION

Charlotte and Sam's happy family life was torn apart by a terrifying home invasion 28 years ago; but the shocking truth about that crime won't stay buried for ever.

92 THE SECRET HISTORY

Donna Tartt

FICTION

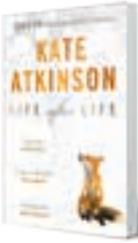
Under the influence of their charismatic Classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite college begin a downhill slide into obsession and evil. A modern classic.

93 LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE

Celeste Ng

FICTION

An affluent family in a manicured suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, falls apart after the matriarch leases a rental property to an itinerant mother and her daughter, but can't help poking around in their lives.



94 LIFE AFTER LIFE

Kate Atkinson

FICTION

Themes of fate, family life and renewal are brilliantly explored in this story of a life lived in wartime Britain, where death and renewal offer hope, amidst a clever and fascinating storyline.



95 THE STORYTELLER

Jodi Picoult

FICTION

An elderly man, beloved by his community in a small US town, turns out not to be the good guy they all thought he was.

96 THE ROSIE PROJECT

Graeme Simsion

FICTION

Don Tillman embarks on The Wife Project, for which he's designed a 16 page questionnaire to assist with assessing likely candidates.



97 UNBROKEN

Laura Hillenbrand

BIOGRAPHY

Louis Zamperini went from the wrong side of the tracks to becoming an athletics star, to the war in the Pacific, and a Japanese POW camp. All true, this is completely engrossing.

98 THE PACT

Jodi Picoult

FICTION

Popular high school swimming star Chris Harte and talented artist Em Gold bonded as infants; their parents have been best friends for 18 years. When they fall in love, everyone is ecstatic - except for Em who has other ideas.

99 RIVER GOD

Wilbur Smith

FICTION

The story of the talented eunuch slave Taita, his life in Egypt, the flight of Taita along with the Egyptian populace from the Hyksos invasion, and their eventual return.



100 INTO THE WILDERNESS

Sara Donati

FICTION

Weaving a tapestry of fact and fiction, this epic first novel in *The Wilderness* series sweeps us into another time and place.