



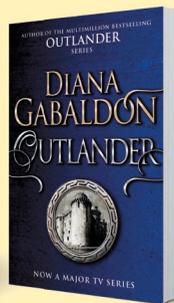
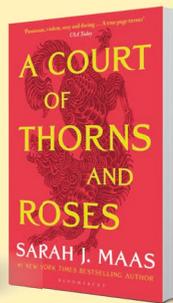
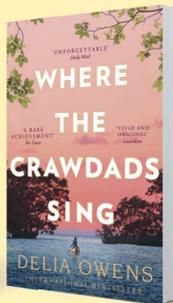
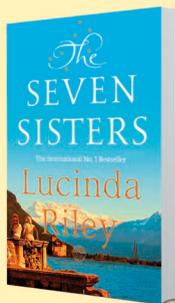
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BOOKS

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2021/2022 List as voted by New Zealanders

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Whitcoulls TOP 100



1 The Seven Sisters Series

Lucinda Riley
FICTION

Lucinda Riley's magnificent achievement with *The Seven Sisters* series has, for the first time, brought them to the top of our List – our readers love these books! They're based on the legend of the Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters, and tell the story of Pa Salt and his seven adopted daughters, each of whom is named after one of the stars in the constellation, and each of whom has a book dedicated to her story. The most recent addition to the series is *The Missing Sister*.

2 Harry Potter Series

J.K. Rowling
FICTION

These wonderful books have now captivated several generations of readers and the love for them shows no sign of abating. They're timeless, ageless stories which have become modern classics and will endure well into the future.

3 Where the Crawdads Sing

Delia Owens
FICTION

An exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.

4 A Court of Thorns and Roses Series

Sarah J. Maas
FANTASY

A fantasy novel series which follows the journey of mortal Feyre Archeron after she is brought into the faerie lands of Prythian for murdering a faerie. Sarah J. Maas is one of the hottest names writing Young Adult fantasy these days, and her books have taken three slots on this Top 100 List, showing the heights of her popularity.

5 Outlander Series

Diana Gabaldon
FICTION

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

6 Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen
CLASSIC

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

7 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.

8 The Lord of the Rings

J.R.R. Tolkien
FANTASY

New Zealand embraced this series and made it its own - the classic epic which still stands the test of time.

9 To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee
FICTION

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

10 The Grishaverse

Leigh Bardugo
FANTASY

A high fantasy universe comprised of seven books where readers encounter thieves, smugglers, pirates and magic users forming unexpected bonds.

11 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!

12 The Tattooist of Auschwitz Series

Heather Morris
FICTION

Based on true stories these books have a huge following for their empathetic depiction of life in the Camps in WW2.

13 The Bible

SPIRITUAL

Appearing on every Top 100 List. It continues to inspire and guide.

14 Throne of Glass Series

Sarah J. Maas
FANTASY

The thrilling epic story of a teenage assassin uncovering a conspiracy threatening her world whilst confronting her own murky past.



15 The Midnight Library

Matt Haig

FICTION

When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret, and she feels she has let everyone, including herself down. But things are about to change.

16 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.

17 The Hunger Games Series

Suzanne Collins

FICTION

This perennially popular trilogy was recently joined by the series prequel, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, which tells the story of Coriolanus Snow as a young man and helps explain a lot about his actions in the series. All the titles in this series remain highly popular with our readers.

18 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. A runaway bestseller.

19 Bridgerton Series

Julia Quinn

FICTION

Set during the Regency era between 1813 and 1827, this is a collection of eight novels, each featuring one of the eight children of the late Viscount Bridgerton. The Netflix series has set these books alight!

20 Aroha

Hinemoa Elder

INSPIRATIONAL

Discover traditional Māori philosophy through 52 whakataukī – simple, powerful life lessons, one for every week; and find how the power of aroha can help you each day. 🐙

21 All The Light We Cannot See

Anthony Doerr

FICTION

An utterly brilliant, captivating WW2 story which transcends all the others. We don't know anyone who has read this who hasn't absolutely loved it.

22 The Girl in the Mirror

Rose Carlyle

THRILLER

Beautiful twin sisters Iris and Summer are identical, but that's where the similarities end. When Iris finds her chance to have everything she's ever wanted, how far will she go? 🐙

23 Becoming

Michelle Obama

MEMOIR

Michelle Obama recounts her life growing up, working as an advocate for girls across the globe, her relationship with Barack and living in the White House. This is deeply personal and utterly compelling!

24 Normal People

Sally Rooney

FICTION

Two people who meet as teenagers then reconnect at University must each confront how far they are willing to go to save the other. Highly acclaimed.

25 The Song of Achilles

Madeline Miller

FICTION

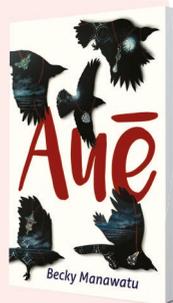
This version of the epic Trojan War is a dazzling feat of the imagination, a devastating love story, and an almighty battle between gods and kings, peace and glory, immortal fame and the human heart.

26 The Kingsbridge Series

Ken Follett

FICTION

This epic series about the building of cathedrals in the 12th Century and beyond has been on our List since it first began.



27 Auē

Becky Manawatu

FICTION

The award winning New Zealand novel about Arama, Taukiri and Beth – and Lupo, the dog. It's full of tragedy, sorrow, hope and aroha. 🐙

28 Me Before You

Jojo Moyes

FICTION

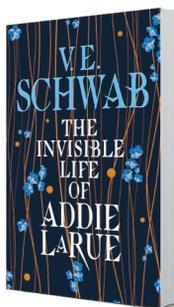
Jojo Moyes' breakout book, the first in her series about Louisa Clark and Will Traynor which resonated with readers. This book continues to be voted for time and time again.

29 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.



30 The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

V.E. Schwab

FANTASY

Addie LaRue makes a pact with the devil, trading her soul for immortality. But as payment the devil takes away her place in the world, cursing her to be forgotten by everyone.

31 The Sentinel

Lee Child & Andrew Child

THRILLER

Jack Reacher gets off the bus in a town outside Nashville, planning to grab a cup of coffee and move along. Not going to happen. Classic Jack!

32 A Song of Ice and Fire Series

George R.R. Martin

FANTASY

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

33 The Night Circus

Erin Morgenstern

FICTION

Brilliantly inventive, this story of a circus which only performs at night and the cast of performers whose fate hangs in the balance, is a feast for the senses and the heart.

34 The Kingkiller Chronicle

Patrick Rothfuss

FANTASY

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

35 The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

SPIRITUAL

A parable that has touched millions of lives with its thoughtful message.

36 American Dirt

Jeanine Cummins

FICTION

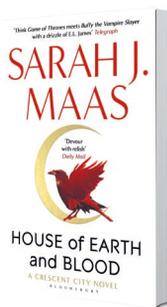
A mother and her son embark on a perilous journey from Mexico to the US border, escaping the drug cartel which has changed their lives forever. This is riveting.

37 The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien

FANTASY

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



38 Crescent City : House of Earth & Blood

Sarah J. Maas

SCI-FI/FANTASY

A blockbuster modern fantasy set in a divided world where one woman must uncover the truth to seek her revenge.

39 Māori Made Easy

Scotty Morrison

TE REO

The complete and accessible guide to learning te reo, no matter your knowledge level - this is the one-stop resource for anyone wanting to learn the basics of the Māori language. It takes just 30 minutes a day for 30 weeks. 🐣

40 Shuggie Bain

Douglas Stuart

FICTION

Winner of the 2020 Booker Prize, this story of young Shuggie and his mother in 1981 Glasgow lays bare the ruthlessness of poverty, the limits of love, and the hollowness of pride.

41 Educated

Tara Westover

MEMOIR

The astonishing memoir of a young woman who survived her family's brutal ideology and went to university without having spent a single day at school. This is a must-read!

42 The Power of One

Bryce Courtenay

FICTION

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

43 Women Don't Owe You Pretty

Florence Given

NONFICTION

An accessible leap into feminism for people at all stages of their journey who are seeking to reshape and transform the way they view themselves. This is about living on your own terms.

44 Red, White & Royal Blue

Casey McQuiston

FICTION

The story of a President's son who has an altercation with the Prince of Wales, who then find themselves hurtling into a secret romance. US/UK relations as you've never seen them!

45 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.

46 The Kite Runner

Khaled Hosseini

FICTION

A terrific novel about friendship in difficult circumstances - set against the challenging political turmoil of Afghanistan.

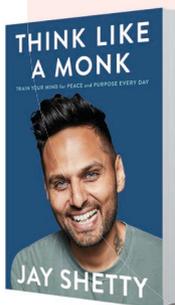


47 A High Country Life

Philippa Cameron

NONFICTION

A story of life on a 40,000 hectare high country sheep station, with 30,000 merino sheep and 500 head of cattle. It features Philippa's most trusted recipes, tested on many approving musters.



48 Think Like a Monk

Jay Shetty

SPIRITUAL

Jay Shetty distills the timeless wisdom he learned as a monk into practical steps anyone can take every day to live a less anxious, more meaningful life.

49 The Handmaid's Tale Series

Margaret Atwood

FICTION

The Handmaid's Tale has recently reached a whole new audience - at a time when the themes are perhaps more relevant than ever, and *The Testaments* continues that story. Both books won The Booker Prize.

50 Lilac Girls Series

Martha Hall Kelly

FICTION

Novels about the Ferriday family and their antecedents - good people fighting just causes in wonderful stories which span the Romanov era (*Lost Roses*), the US Civil War (*Sunflower Sisters*) and WW2 (*Lilac Girls*).

51 Tell Me Lies

J.P. Pomare

FICTION

Psychologist Margot Scott has a picture-perfect life: a nice house in the suburbs, a husband, two children and a successful career. Her clients all lie to her, but one lie cost her family and her freedom.

52 Supergood

Chelsea Winter

COOKING

New Zealand's new queen of cooking shares a massive selection of dishes which go way beyond what you'd expect from plant-based fare to feature hearty, tasty, fussy-eater-approved satisfaction.



53 Sapiens

Yuval Noah Harari

NONFICTION

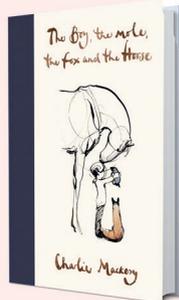
100,000 years ago, at least six human species inhabited the earth. Today there is just one. Us. Homo sapiens. This remarkable book challenges all we thought we knew about humanity: our thoughts, actions, power... and future.

54 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 something terrible has happened to one of them. No one will take her seriously though because she is, after all, unreliable.



55 The Boy, the Mole, the Fox & the Horse

Charlie Mackesy

INSPIRATIONAL

Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends and discover their story and life lessons which have captured the hearts of millions of readers all over the world.

56 The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

Taylor Jenkins Reid

FICTION

The entrancing story of a reclusive Hollywood starlet reflecting on her relentless rise to the top and the long-held secrets the public could never imagine.

57 Note to Self

Rebekah Ballagh

SELF HELP

Jam-packed with handy tips, bite-sized wisdom & thoughtful illustrations to help you navigate through feelings like anxiety, stress, worry, guilt & sadness.

58 The Tea Rose Series

Jennifer Donnelly

FICTION

These books have it all - romance, love, loss, heartbreak, fear, conspiracy, rebellion, and happiness. It is a much loved trilogy.

59 Gone Girl

Gillian Flynn

FICTION

An apparently perfect marriage, where all is most definitely not as it seems. This book spawned an entire genre!



60 The Four Winds

Kristin Hannah

FICTION

Texas, 1934. Elsa Martinelli has the life she's always dreamed of, only to see it threatened and attacked by the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression.

61 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.

62 Boy Swallows Universe

Trent Dalton

FICTION

A novel of love, crime, magic, fate and coming of age, set in Brisbane's violent working class suburban fringe. This is outstanding.

63 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.

64 The Millennium Series

Stieg Larsson & David Lagercrantz

THRILLER

These are clever, thrilling, utterly captivating mysteries. The series has continued after Stieg Larsson's death and is as good now as it was at the beginning.

65 My Sister's Keeper

Jodi Picoult

FICTION

A compelling moral dilemma - the trademark of one of our most popular author's books - is at the heart of this pageturner.

66 The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F***

Mark Manson

SELF HELP

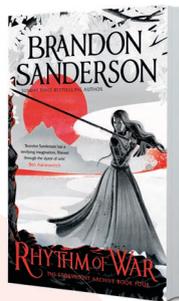
Forget about trying to find the good in everything - just accept that life is tough, and deal with it. Don't keep pretending that everything is perfect!

67 The Alice Network

Kate Quinn

FICTION

This book follows an American college student looking for her cousin in the aftermath of WW2 - a journey which introduces her to one of the heroines of the First World War, who was a member of the Alice Network, a female spy ring. The Alice Network did exist and those women were heroic; and the book is quite wonderful.



68 The Stormlight Archive

Brandon Sanderson

SCI-FI/FANTASY

A series of epic fantasy novels planned to consist of ten books, with there currently being four in the series - plus two novellas. These are books of enormous scope and drama.

69 The Book of Knowing Series

Gwendoline Smith

SELF HELP

These books help you understand what's going on in your mind and how to get your feelings under control. They explain in clear and simple language what's happening when you're feeling overwhelmed, anxious and confused, and what to do about it. 🐼

70 This is Going to Hurt

Adam Kay

NONFICTION

A first-hand account of life as a junior doctor in all its joy, pain, sacrifice and maddening bureaucracy, and a love letter to those who might at any moment be holding our lives in their hands.

71 Girl, Woman, Other

Bernardine Evaristo

FICTION

Joint winner of the 2019 Booker Prize, this is a story of twelve characters, who tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers.

72 Untamed

Glennon Doyle

MEMOIR

The story of how one woman learned that a responsible mother is not one who slowly dies for her children, but one who shows them how to fully live.

73 Back to You

Tammy Robinson

FICTION

What happens when a couple are torn apart just at the moment they fall in love? 🐼

74 Keepers

Cherie Metcalfe

COOKING

Cherie Metcalfe combines her chef's skills with a great range of pastes, sauces and condiments to help you step up your cooking game without the hard work. 🐼

75 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.

76 Orphan X Series

Gregg Hurwitz

THRILLER

The *Orphan X* thrillers feature Evan Smoak - a hero for all Jack Reacher fans! Trained in black ops at a government institution for orphans, he uses the skills he learned there as a force for good in the world, and in each book takes on a project for people at their wits' end.

77 Mythos

Stephen Fry

NONFICTION

The Greek myths are among the best stories ever told, passed through generations and continuing to inspire. Now Stephen Fry reinterprets them for a modern audience with his trademark wit, warmth and charm.

78 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.

79 Shantaram

Gregory David Roberts

FICTION

A convicted Australian bank robber and heroin addict escapes from prison and flees to India. Fiction, with more than a dose of real life.

80 A Thousand Splendid Suns

Khaled Hosseini

FICTION

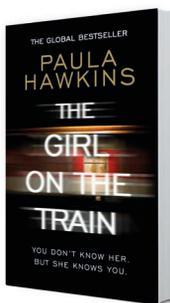
This story covers three decades of anti Soviet Jihad, civil war and Taliban tyranny through the lives of two women.

81 The Last Hours Series

Cassandra Clare

FANTASY

The first two books in a trilogy where evil hides in plain sight and love cuts deeper than any blade. These are *Shadowhunters* novels.

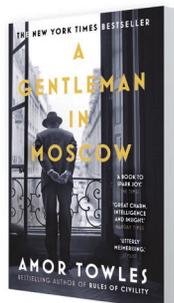


82 The Girl on the Train

Paula Hawkins

FICTION

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



83 A Gentleman in Moscow

Amor Towles

FICTION

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest inside a luxury hotel. Having never worked a day in his life, he must now live in an attic while Russian history unfolds outside.

84 Heartstopper Series

Alice Oseman

FICTION

The *Heartstopper* series is about love, friendship, loyalty and mental illness, through the story of Nick and Charles and their lives together. These are hugely popular LGBTQ+ graphic novels which span life, love, and everything that happens in between.

85 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.

86 Dune

Frank Herbert

SCIENCE FICTION

A stunning blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism and politics which has become one of the bestselling science fiction novels of all time.

87 The Goldfinch

Donna Tartt

FICTION

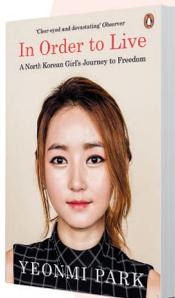
Theo Decker is 13 years old when his life changes forever. This epic, sweeping, brilliant novel is simply one of the very best books of the last decade.

88 The Riftwar Saga

Raymond E. Feist

FANTASY

A brilliant fantasy trilogy – the first in the series is *Magician*, which has been on our Top 100 since the very beginning – although fans tell us that all three books are wonderful reads.



89 In Order to Live

Yeonmi Park

MEMOIR

The deeply moving true story of one girl's escape from North Korea (it's easy to see why) and what happened next.

90 The Body

Bill Bryson

NONFICTION

Bill Bryson's wit and wonderful storytelling bring the marvels of the human body to life in his latest book. His insights and discoveries are endlessly fascinating!

91 Little Women

Louisa May Alcott

CLASSIC

The timeless story of the humorous and sentimental fortunes of the four March sisters as they grow into young women and marry in nineteenth-century New England.

92 The Choice

Edith Eger

MEMOIR

The remarkable true story of an Auschwitz survivor who has used her experiences to build a meaningful life helping others. A wise and compassionate book.

93 Into the Wilderness Series

Sara Donati

FICTION

This series begins in the fictional town of Paradise in New York State in 1792. It's an adventure and a love story with many twists and turns told throughout six books.

94 The Catcher in the Rye

J.D. Salinger

FICTION

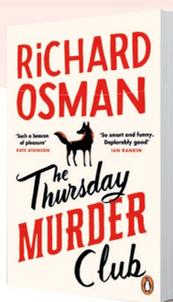
Wry observations from a teenager just expelled from school, this is still edgy, insightful and essential reading.

95 Sh*t Towns of New Zealand

Anonymous

NONFICTION

Based on a Facebook page, these books describe all the best places in New Zealand not to visit – or, heaven forbid, live!



96 The Thursday Murder Club

Richard Oseman

FICTION

In a peaceful retirement village four unlikely friends meet up weekly to investigate unsolved killings. But when a local property developer shows up dead, they find themselves in the middle of their first live case.



97 The Vanishing Half

Brit Bennett

FICTION

A stunning, highly acclaimed novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

98 The Outsiders

S.E. Hinton

FICTION

This classic story of a boy who finds himself on the outskirts of regular society has become a timeless young adult classic.

99 Rich Dad Poor Dad

Robert T. Kiyosaki

NONFICTION

Kiyosaki is a strong advocate for the importance of financial literacy, financial independence and building wealth through assets, real estate, and starting and owning businesses.

100 They Both Die at the End

Adam Silvera

FICTION

Rufus and Mateo are strangers but share one thing in common. They meet up through an app called The Last Friend which helps them have a great adventure, and to live a lifetime in a single day. This is an unforgettable story of life, loss, and making each day count.