



The 100 Novels that Shaped our New World

As part of the legacy of our BBC Novels That Shaped Our World libraries campaign, and because we like to hear about great books, we asked library staff and users which novel meant the most to them during the past year.

Based on what they told us, we created a new list of the 100 novels that people have found escape, solace and comfort from, or one that has given them hope for the future.

Enjoy reading!

They Both Die At The End	Adam Silvera
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4.50 from Paddington	Agatha Christie
The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency	Alexander McCall Smith
Summer	Ali Smith
A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas
This Green and Pleasant Land	Ayisha Malik
The Long Way To A Small Angry Planet	Becky Chambers
The Offing	Benjamin Myers
Girl, Woman, Other	Bernadine Evaristo
The Flatshare	Beth O'Leary
The Switch	Beth O'Leary
Last One At The Party	Beverley Clift
The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennett
Strangers	CL Taylor







Queenie	Candice Carty-Williams
The Shadow of the Wind	Carlos Ruiz Zafón
The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse	Charlie Mackesy
Americanah	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Beekeeper of Aleppo	Christy Lefteri
Small Pleasures	Clare Chambers
The Authenticity Project	Clare Pooley
Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
Outlander	Diana Gabaldon
The Lost Soldier	Diney Costeloe
Shuggie Bain	Douglas Stuart
Forty Rules of Love	Elif Shafak
The Light Years	Elizabeth Jane Howard
Station Eleven	Emily St John Mandel
The Pull of Stars	Emma Donoghue
The Bass Rock	Evie Wyld
Dune	Frank Herbert
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Gail Honeyman
Middlemarch	George Eliot
Down and Out in Paris and London	George Orwell
The Devil's Highway	Gregory Norminton
Norwegian Wood	Haruki Murakami







Away with the Penguins	Hazel Prior
The Tattooist of Auschwitz	Heather Morris
The Mirror and the Light	Hilary Mantel
Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel
Excession	lain M Banks
Love After Love	Ingrid Persaud
A Long Petal Of The Sea	Isabel Allende
A Month in the Country	JL Carr
The Lord of the Rings	JRR Tolkien
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen
Himself	Jess Kidd
Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone	JK Rowling
A Heart's Invisible Furies	John Boyne
Ladder to the Sky	John Boyne
The Giver of Stars	Jojo Moyes
Lean Fall Stand	Jon McGregor
A Room made of leaves	Kate Grenville
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Klara and the Sun	Kate Grenville Kazuo Ishiguro
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The Mercies	Kiran Millwood Hargrave
This Lovely City	Louisa Hare
Those People	Louise Candlish
The Seven Sisters	Lucinda Riley
Circe	Madeline Miller
The Song of Achilles	Madeline Miller
Hamnet	Maggie O'Farrell
Great Circle	Maggie Shipstead
Grown Ups	Marian Keyes
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley
The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle	Matt Cain
The Midnight Library	Matt Haig
The Five People You Meet in Heaven	Mitch Albom
The Mermaid of Black Conch	Monique Roffey
The Ocean at the End of the Lane	Neil Gaiman
Villa of Secrets	Patricia Wilson
The Code of the Woosters	PG Wodehouse
His Dark Materials	Phillip Pullman
Miss Benson's Beetle	Rachel Joyce
The Great Believers	Rebecca Makkai
The Thursday Murder Club	Richard Osman
The Overstory	Richard Powers







The Prophets	Robert Jones Jr.
Leonard and Hungry Paul	Ronan Hession
Leave the World Behind	Rumaan Alam
The Keeper of Lost Things	Ruth Hogan
Mrs Death Misses Death	Salena Godden
Still Life	Sarah Winman
Tin Man	Sarah Winman
SpellSlinger	Sebastian De Castell
The Woman in the Photograph	Stephanie Butland
Piranesi	Susanna Clarke
Daisy Jones & The Six	Taylor Jenkins Reid
Good Omens	Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman
Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy
The House in the Cerulean Sea	TJ Klune
Girl with the Pearl Earring	Tracy Chevalier
Remarkable Creatures	Tracy Chevalier
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue	VE Schwab
The Wind Singer	William Nicholson
Homegoing	Yaa Gyasi

