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Reading Challenge for Adults

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Pick up a reading log at the Circulation or Reference Desk, and commit to reading one book related to the theme of the month. (Audiobooks & e-books count too!) When you've finished the book, visit us to get your log stamped and claim your reward for the month.

We also have a limited supply of rewards from previous months, so you can also do the catch-up option and discover our earlier lists.



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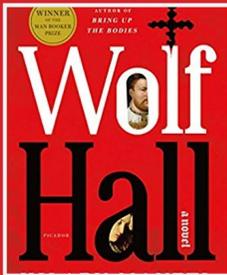
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Suggested Reading List*

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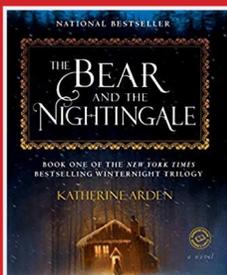
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** This list is for ideas only. Chosen book should fit the theme, but no specific titles are required to participate in the reading challenge. Please enjoy!*



Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel

England in the 1520s is a heartbeat from disaster. Henry VIII wants to annul his marriage of twenty years and marry Anne Boleyn. The pope and most of Europe opposes him. Into this impasse steps Thomas Cromwell: a wholly original man, a charmer and a bully, both idealist and opportunist, astute in reading people, and implacable in his ambition.



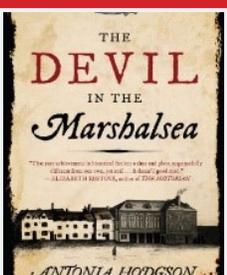
The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden

Winter lasts most of the year at the edge of the Russian wilderness, and in the long nights, Vasilisa and her siblings love to gather by the fire to listen to their nurse's fairy tales. A beautiful deep-winter story, full of magic and monsters and the sharp edges of growing up.



The Time in Between by Maria Deunas

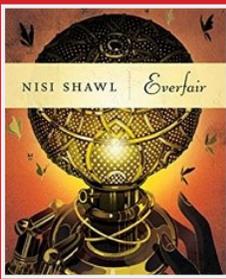
The inspiring international bestseller of a seemingly ordinary woman who uses her talent and courage to transform herself first into a prestigious couturier and then into an undercover agent for the Allies during World War II.



The Devil in the Marshalsea by Antonia Hodgson

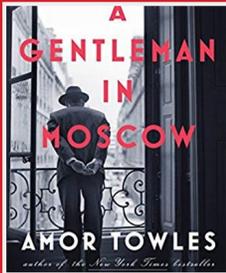
The first thrilling historical crime novel starring Thomas Hawkins, a rakish scoundrel with a heart of gold, set in the darkest debtors' prison in Georgian London, where people fall dead as quickly as they fall in love and no one is as they seem.

Annotations adapted from publisher, Amazon.com, BookRags.com, BN.com, Publisher's Weekly, & NY Times Book Review.



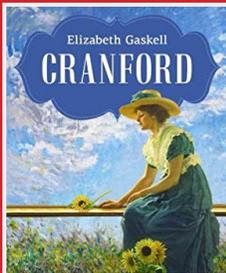
Everfair by Nisi Shawl

Told from a multiplicity of voices in complex relationships with one another—a range of voices that have historically been silenced—alternate history of Belgium's brutal colonization of the Congo reimagines the world.



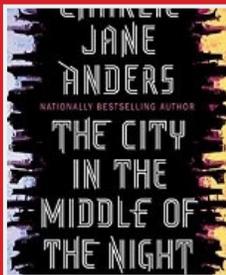
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, must now work with a new reality.



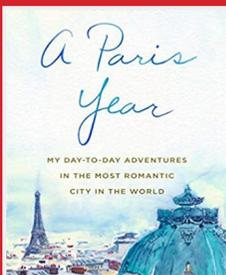
Cranford by Elizabeth Gaskell

A kindly satirical look at the life of a small English town in the middle of the 19th century.



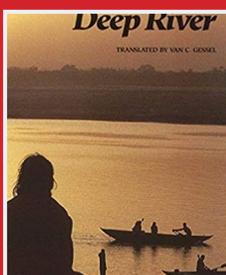
The City in the Middle of the Night by Charlie Anders

January is a dying—between a permanently frozen darkness on one side, and blazing endless sunshine on the other. Sophie, a student and reluctant revolutionary, is supposed to be dead, after being exiled into the night...but not all is dead in the dark.



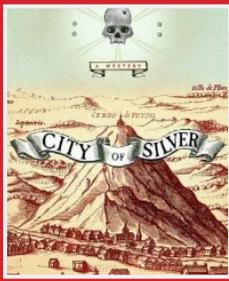
A Paris Year by Janice MacLeod

Beginning on her first day in Paris, Janice MacLeod began a journal recording in illustrations and words, nearly every sight, smell, taste, and thought she experienced in the City of Light. The end result is more than a diary: it's a detailed and colorful love letter to one of the most romantic and historically rich cities on earth.



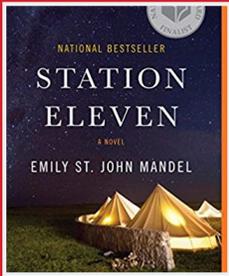
Deep River by Shusaku Endo

In this moving novel, a group of Japanese tourists, each of whom is wrestling with his or her own demons, travels to the River Ganges on a pilgrimage of grace.



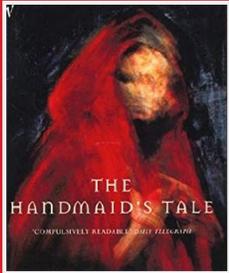
City of Silver by Annamaria Alfieri

In Potosí, the richest city in the Western Hemisphere, Inez de la Morada, cherished daughter of the rich and powerful mayor, mysteriously dies at the convent. It looks as though the girl committed suicide, but Mother Abbess Maria Santa Hilda believes something or someone else happened to her.



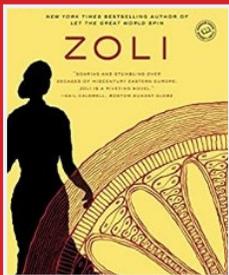
Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, Station Eleven tells the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.



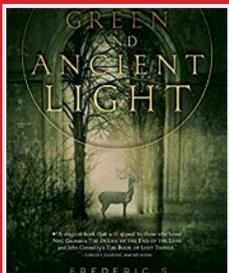
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Been enjoying the series? Try reading the original, especially since the sequel, The Testaments, is being released this fall.



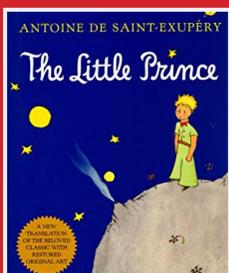
Zoli by Colum McCann

This story of exile, belonging, and survival, based loosely on the true story of the Romani poet Papusza, spans the twentieth century and travels the breadth of Europe. McCann finds the art inherent in social and political history, while vividly depicting how far one gifted woman must journey to find where she belongs.



A Green and Ancient Light by Frederic S. Durbin

This is a stunning story of a boy who is sent to stay with his grandmother for the summer in a serene fishing village. Their tranquility is shattered by the crash of a bullet-riddled enemy plane, the arrival of grandmother's friend Mr. Girandol, and the discovery of a riddle in the sacred grove of ruins behind grandmother's house.



The Little Prince by Antoine Saint-Exupéry

In the meeting of the narrator who has ditched his plane in the Sahara desert, and the little prince, who has dropped there through time and space from his tiny asteroid, comes an intersection of two worlds, the one governed by the laws of nature, and the other determined only by the limits of imagination.