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## SPECIAL EPISODE: The Most Popular Books of the Past Decade!

### 2011

**A Turn in the Road** by Debbie Macomber

Bethanne Hamlin, her daughter Annie, and her former mother-in-law Ruth go on a road trip across the country, in an adventure that changes all of their lives as they each contemplate taking different paths in their romantic lives. Number 9 in the Blossom Street series, set in and around in a Seattle knitting shop.

Other notable books from 2011: **Swamplandia!** by Karen Russell, **State of Wonder** by Ann Patchett

### 2012

**The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Other notable books from 2012: **Arcadia** by Lauren Groff, **The Round House** by Louise Erdrich

### 2013

**The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Newly rich Jay Gatsby tries to recapture the past and win back Daisy Buchanan, his former love, despite the fact she has married. A classic tale of the American Dream, still relevant today.

Other notable books from 2013: **A Constellation of Vital Phenomena** by Anthony Marra, **Life After Life** by Kate Atkinson

### 2014

**Unlucky 13** by James Patterson

New mother and San Francisco detective Lindsay Boxer has her happy world shattered when a dangerous and deranged killer from her past returns. Part of the Women's Murder Club series.

Other notable books from 2014: **Euphoria** by Lily King, **Deep Down Dark** by Héctor Tobar

## 2015

**The Martian** by Andy Weir

Stranded on Mars by a dust storm that compromised his space suit and forced his crew to leave him behind, astronaut Mark Watney struggles to survive in spite of minimal supplies and harsh environmental challenges that test his ingenuity in unique ways.

Other notable books from 2015: **The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins, **The Fifth Season** by N. K. Jemison

## 2016

**Me Before You** by Jojo Moyes

Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident, Louisa struggles with her employer's acerbic moods and learns of his shocking plans before demonstrating to him that life is still worth living.

Other notable books from 2016: **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi, **The Unseen World** by Liz Moore

## 2017

**A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman

A curmudgeon hides beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior a terrible personal loss while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.

Other notable books from 2017: **A Rising Man** by Abir Mukherjee, **Anything is Possible** by Elizabeth Strout

## 2018

**Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly

Based on a true story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits, this acclaimed debut novel reveals a story of love, redemption, and terrible secrets that were hidden for decades.

Other notable books from 2018: **Circe** by Madeline Miller, **There There** by Tommy Orange

## 2019

**Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens

Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces.

Other notable books from 2019: **Disappearing Earth** by Julia Phillips, **The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides