



Books To Read

Reading to children everyday helps develop literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading. There are so many wonderful books for story time that I thought it would be a great idea to share our favorites. You can go to Amazon.com and put the title of the book in the search bar and it will bring up the book you are looking for. You can also do this on Ebay and perhaps find the books a little cheaper. The ideas that follow came from the wonderful women on my yahoo email lists childcareand2 and shelleylovettsprintables.

Some of my favorites include:

Goodnight Moon
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Rainbow Fish

If You Give A Pig A Pancake
Brown Bear, Brown Bear
5 Little Monkeys
Ten In The Bed
Caps For Sale
The Hungry Caterpillar

Shelley Lovett
childcareland.com

My favorite story for story time:

Good Night Gorilla and
There was an old Lady who Swallowed a Fly
(can't seem to just read that one without singing it)

Marcia

A few of our favorite books:
Bread and Jam for Frances
Where's the Baby?
Moon Glows
And a recent discovery: Paper Princess

Barbara Stein

I have sooooo many favorites, but I will list a few.

Clap Your Hands by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
Hooway for Wodney Wat! by Helen Lester
She Did It! Jennifer A. Ericsson
Jump Frog Jump! by Robert Kalan
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood
Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, And The Big Hungry Bear by Audrey and Don Wood

**Enjoy!
Keri-Lyn**

Our favorite books include

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Brown Bear, Brown Bear
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
You are Special
Baby Faces
Ten Little Ladybugs
Ten Little Fireflies
Ten Silly Monkeys
Good Night Gorilla
Baby Eat
Animal Zoo**

Lisa F.

Some of my favorites (and the kids' too)...

Bear Snores On

The Grouchy Ladybug

The Very Busy Spider

The Noisy Cricket

*****okay, anything Eric Carle!**

My Many Colored Days

Anna-Marie

I care for children 18 mos. - 4 yrs. A couple of our favorite books are.

1. Zigby Dives In by Brian Paterspm

2. Olive Octopus's Deep Sea Ditties by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowyez

3. Good Night Sweet butterflies by the creators of Ten Little Ladybugs

Carolyn Friederich

10 apples on top
Little Quacks Bedtime
Snuggle up sleepy ones
Chicka Chicka 1-2-3
Underwear
MR Brown can MOO can you
Dr Suess ABC
Biscuit the dog books

Special Blessings Daycare

My favorite story is

GO AWAY BIG GREEN MONSTER

Deb Miller
Tazewell Woodford Head Start

Any books that come from favorite fingerplays/songs or stories or Mother Goose collections: Down by the Bay, The Lady with the Alligator Purse, Peanut Butter and Jelly, There Was an Old Lady are some. Don't forget to read children's poetry too. "Poems

Children Will Sit Still For" by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers is an old book my 2nd grade teacher read that sparked my love of rhythm and meter.

Sara K.

The Napping House

Farmer Duck

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Whose Mouse Are You?

Ten Little Ladybugs

Little Red Hen

I Went Walking (I planned an entire curriculum around this book for my CDA class)

Linda

My favorite books to read to kids...

Going on a Bear Hunt

The Very Lazy Ladybug

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom(boom boom to my kids)

If You Take a Mouse to School

If YOU Give a Pig a Pancake

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Where the Wild Things Are

The Napping HOUse

Brown Bear Brown Bear

Polar Bear Polar Bear

Panda Bear Panda Bear

This list could go on and on and on...but these have to be my all time faves.

Jennifer Brown

Mortimer by robert munsch

Give a moose a muffin

Halloween ball- this is done to a rap tune with fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters, my children begged for this book all year long (i had a copy in my sub. file)

The bear wants more

the bear stays up

Mitten, Gingerbread baby, Daisy, Jan Brett

Hungry Catpillar

They busy spider

I am required to read at least two books a day, The children always choose one of them if not both.

Cathy

Here are some of my favorites:

10 black dots

Moonbear

Popcorn

Froggy gets dressed

Froggy's first kiss

Bear snores on

Beep, beep, vroom vroom

Blueberries for Sal

Comets nine lives

The hat

The mitten

Honey, honey, lion

Brown bear, brown bear

The sunflower house

Very Hungry Caterpillar

Stephanie's haircut

Thomas's snowsuit

Caps for sale, circus caps for sale

Corduroy

Pocket for corduroy

The cow went oink

Click Clack Moo

Giggle giggle quack

Jamberry

Harry the dirty dog

Give a mouse a cookie

Give a moose a muffin

Give a pig a pacake

Good night moon, the important book

Mrs wishy washy

The napping house

Curious George

Just for you with Little Critter

Mousepaint

Rosie's Walk

The Little Old Lady who was not afraid of anything

I know an old lady who swallowed a fly

The Golden Egg

Ten apples up on top

The doorbell rang

The jacket I wear in the snow

The kissing hand

Where the wild things are

Koala Lou I do love you

Juday Santos

The Napping House by Don and Audrey Wood

Daniel&Judy Frederick

Here are a few of my favorites in no particular order:

The Enormous Carrot by Vladimir Vagin

There's a Hippopotamus On Our Roof Eating Cake by Hazel

Edwards

The Three Billy Goats Gruff - various authors

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Whatever Wanda Wanted by Jude Wisdom

Happy to be Nappy by Bell Hooks

Hilda Must Be Dancing by Karma Wilson

Barnyard Lullaby by Frank Asch

Beautiful Blackbird by Ashley Bryan

A Frog in the Bog by Karma Wilson

Today is Monday by Eric Carle

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson

Jeanie deMullet

I would have to say three favorites of mine and the childrens is "Love You Forever", "Something From Nothing" and "Going On A Bear Hunt". We also love "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears (we do this one alot as we can also incorporate the song with the story as we are telling it and it has some of the best learning skill concepts then pretty much any other story, such as size discrimination, counting, safety, manners, emotion, opposites, etc.), Some of our favorite authors here are Dr. Seuss, Jan Brett, Audrey Wood and Mercer Mayer.

Happy Reading to you and the children!

Together in Childcare,

Sue

PRESCHOOL PLAYHOUSE

Brantford, Ontario, Canada

How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

Does A Kangaroo Have A Mother Too? by Eric Carle

Shirley/FL

I love to read *The Napping House* and have the kids act it out. My students this year loved *Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*. They laughed so hard and was really into telling the pigeon NO.

Linda Froemke

I teach a private preschool program. We use stories as themes. If we are doing a theme on seasons I'd use *Chicken Soup with Rice*. Then set up a web and find activities to use in all our centers. For Cooking and Math we'd make "Chicken Soup for snack" for Dramatic play we'd set up a restaurant and be chefs. For science we'd talk about the changes in the seasons and so on.

Where The Wild Things Are-Maurice Sendak
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
My Little Sister Ate One Hare-By Bill Grossman
Mouse Paint
Draw Me A Star-Eric Carle
Noisy Nora
A House is a House For Me.
Head to Toe
Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See-Eric Carle
We Went Walking- Sue Williams
Chicken Soup With Rice-Sendak
One Was Johnny- Sendak
Pierre-Sendak
Alligators All Around- Sendak
In The Night Kitchen- Sendak

I have so many favorites it's hard to list them all. I hope you have enjoyed my selections.

Julie Fitzpatrick
Active Kids Discovery Group Preschool

My 3 favorite stories are below, I read these every day and the children could tell the story word for word from memory.

The little mouse, the red ripe strawberry and the big hungry bear
by Audrey Wood
Quick as a Cricket
Brown Bear Brown Bear

Other favorites included:

Good night Moon
The Big Red Barn
Love you forever
The napping house

Teri in Kansas

A few of my favorites...

The Hat
The Mitten
The Gingerbread Baby

The Very Grouchy Ladybug

Waiting for Wings
Snowballs
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

Freight Train
Inside Freight Train
Rain

The Big Red Barn
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

Bear's Bargain
Mooncake
Skyfire

Fresh Fall Leaves
I am a Leaf
The Cow that Went OINK

**Koala Lou
Whoever You Are
Time for Bed**

Stellaluna

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear

Over in the Meadow

**Bunny My Honey
All Together Now**

**Cat
Kgn teacher in Colton, CA**

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Joyce Finley

My Nursery children love these books

**The Hungry Monsters
The Greedy Giant
Ollie Bear
The Hungry Caterpillar
Good Night Gorilla**

Joanna

Here are some of our favorites that are not usually on the top ten lists:

**The Way I Feel by Janan Cain
I Believe In Me by Connie Bowen
I Turn to the Light by Connie Bowen**

I Love You the Purplest by Barbara M Joosse - Illustrated by Mary Whyte

Any from the Curious George series

All I See Is Part Of Me by Chara M. Curtis - Illustrated by Cynthia Aldrich

I have a multigenerational class and some of the children who are not accustomed to reading books prefer the shorter books at first. However within a month they love storytime and enjoy the diversity and variety in both the words and artwork!

Ms. Amy

Amy's Little Friends Preschool

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

The Grouchy Ladybug

Goodnight, Gorilla

The Kissing Hand

Brown Eyes, Bright Skin

Dog's Colorful Day

Versana

About Birds- Cathryn Sill A very good introduction to a birds.

Covers the

basics of birds in simple phrases that you can use as a jumping board. An

older book but the children choose it over and over.

Jamberry- Bruce Degan A favorite among every age group. Fast moving,

rhyming

Food for Thought- Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers A personal favorite,

review of alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, opposites. All illustrations

are pictures of food.

How Are You Peeling?- Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers- Foods with Moods

Ten in the Bed- Penny Dale Similar to the familiar Ten in the Bed... illustrations have their own "story" going on as well as the story line.

Over in the Meadow- Paul Galdone as well as a version by Louise Voce- numbers/animals

The Itsy Bitsy Spider- Iza Trapani A great spin off of the rhyme.

I Spy ABC Vivian French and Sally Holmes Alphabet review or introduction.

Walking Through the Jungle- Julie Lacome Awesome rhythm and predictable

Amber
Play 'n' Learn Family Child Care

Anything by Jan Brett like The Mitten, The Umbrella Tree, etc.

Tana Hoban, photographer, pictures are worth a thousand words...she writes MANY books!!!

Eric Carle's book(s): there are so many!!! The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Firefly, How a Cameleon Changes his Colors, etc.

The Kapok Tree by???????????????? (Lynne Cherry, maybe???)

Shel Silverstein's, The Giving Tree

Any book by Lois Ehlert, "Hands", (for one) Her collages are extraordinary!!!

Any book by Robert Munsch

Been teaching for 28 years and I do have my favorites!

Susan

Love You Forever

Karen

Go Away Big Green Monster

Thomas' Snow Suit

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Stellaluna

Farmer's Hat

Elmer the elephant

Nightmare in my closet

Miss Bindergarten gets ready for Kindergarten

Miss Bindergarten celebrates the last day of Kindergarten

Polar Express

Night before Christmas

Stinky socks?? (Munch)

All P.K. Halligan ?? books (It's Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.)

Susan

KK Teacher

Some of my favorite books are:

Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type

Parts

Sherlock Chick's Peek a Boo Mystery

Where's my Baby?

Tie-a-bow book

An Adventure with Olivia Owl

Linda Ludwig

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
The Grizzly Sisters by Cathy Bellows
The GigAntic Little Hero by Matt Whitlock
Lost in the Mall by Jane L. Fryar
Hermie A Common Caterpillar by Max Lucado
If I Had a Green Nose by Max Lucado

Debbie

I teach special education to older kids, but my FAVORITE read aloud EVER is "Is Your Mama a Llama". Another great one (especially for discussing social skills) is "How are You Peeling".

Chrystal Valentine-Johnson

My favourite book is THE GRUFFALO

Christine

A Pet for Mrs. Arbuckle
A Silly Snowy Day
About Face
Andrews loose tooth
Animals should definitely not act like people
Animals should not wear clothes
Arctic Son
Because You're Lucky
Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain
Celebrating
Dont eat the teacher
Familiies Share
Giraffes Cant Dance
Hot wheels evolution
Im quick as a cricket
Its zwibble and the big birthday party
Kevin and his dad

Losing grandpa
Sheep in a jeep
Snowy day
The chick and the duckling
The littlest angel
The mitten book
The napping house
The naughty sheep
The old lady that swallowed a fly
The popcorn shop
Tobys decision
Theres a hole in my pocket
Tio Armando
All of the Tonka book series
Where the wild things are

We read at least 3 stories everyday! The kids love them! I have scanned some of them and have them in power point on my pc as well.. They love it!

Mary
The Puzzle Place Home Daycare

Brown Bear Brown Bear
Wombat Stew
Edward the Emu
The Hungry Caterpillar
Caps for sale
3 Billy Goats Gruff
The Rainbow Fish

Jennifer

I teach kindergarten and LOVE books.....couldn't help but participate in this topic!

We Share Everything..Robert Munsch
(I love to read all of Robert Munsch's books)
Miss Tizzy by Libba Moore Gray

Thanks you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Pollacco
Whoever You Are by Mem Fox
Riki Tiki Tembo by Arlene Mosel (so much fun to read)
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes (love all Kevin Henkes books)
The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog by Mo Willems
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late by Mo Willems
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by
Judith Viorst

.....I could go on and on!

Melanie Henderson

Pigeon like things that go
Are you my mother?
The Little Red Hen
The Little Engine that Could

Jackie Oliver

I have several Collections with most of them complete. Here is the list of those first.

Sesame Street Classics
Dr. Suess (classics & new titles in the collection)
Disney Collection
Winnie the Pooh & Friends
Clifford the Big Red Dog Collection
A Serendipity Book Collection
Curious George Books
Little Golden Books (lots & lots)
Berenstain Bears Collection
Bobs Books Collection
Mercer Mayer's Little Critter Collection
Help Me Be Good book collection by Joy Berry
....this may also be included
Laura Numeroff's books (e.g. If you give a mouse a cookie)

Some of our favorite single books are:

Pigaroons ~ by Arthur Geisert

The Story of Noah and the Ark (Picture Book) ~ Paintings by Gennady Spirin

There are Rocks in my Socks said the Ox tot he Fox ~ by Patricia Thomas

Panda Cake ~ by Rosalie Seidler

Snakes & Lizards (a Read About Book)

Dinosaurs & Other First Animals (a Read About Book)

Donkey-Donkey ~ by Roger Duvoisin

Fire Fighters to the Rescue ~ by Jack C. Harris

My Big Word Book ~ Roger Priddy

The 3 Sillies ~ by Troll Associates

God Lives in My House ~ Melody Carlson

Stars, Stars, Stars ~ by Bob Barner

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs ~ by " "

Danny & the Dinosaur ~ Syd Hoff

Morris goes to School ~ by B. Wiseman

Little Toot ~ Hardie Gramatky

Sylvester & the Magic Pebble ~ by William Steig

Jamberry ~ by Bruce Degen

Little Whale ~ by Ann McGovern

Madeline ~ by Ludwig Bemelmans

The Hungry Fox and the Foxy Duck ~ by Kathleen Leverich

Going to Sleep on the Farm ~ Wendy Cheyette Levison

Cook-A-Doodle-Doo! ~ by Janet Stevens

Let's Do That Again ~ by Hiawyn Oram

Roses are Red. Are Violets Blue?? ~ by Alice and Martin Provensen

When I Feel Angry ~ by Cornelia Maude Spelman

.....and many, many others ~ including plenty of other more popular titles (e.g. The Mouse and the Strawberry, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, etc.)

DeAyn Greevers

Here are our favorite books here at Nanna's Daycare in WV:

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Whatever happened to the dinosaurs? By Bernard Most

Red Fox and His Canoe by Nathaniel Benchley, pictures by Arnold

Lobel

The Romper Room Bedtime Storybook by B.N.S. Karnovsky,
pictures by A.O. Williams

The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings by Carolyn Sherwin
Bailey, illustrated by Chris Santoro

Cynthia Robin

Any of the Tom and Pippo books, Miss Rumphius, Island Boy, Bye-
Bye Pie, Parts, More Parts, I know an lady, and so many more.

Pam
Pams Puddle Jumpers

Here is a list that I am sending home with report cards to my K
parents so they can check them out. they are books we've read
and loved. There were more of course but these were some
favorites ths year

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom - Bill Martin jr
Murmel, Murmel - Robert Munsch
Fifty Below Zero - Robert Munsch
Moiras Birthday - Robert Munsch
Show and Tell - Robert Munsch
Mud Puddle - Robert Munsch
Duck on a bike - David Shannon
Brown Bear, Brown Bear - Eric Carle
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle
The Grouchy ladybug - Eric Carle
Rosie's Walk - Pat Hutchins
The Mitten - Jan Brett
The Hat - Jan Brett
Gingerbread Baby - Jan Brett
The Kissing Hand - Audrey Penn
The Snowy Day - Ezra Keats
Rainbow Fish - Marcus Pfister

Curious George Books - Rey
Cookies Week - Cindy Ward
Franklin Stories - Brenda Clarke
Click, clack, moo, cows that type - Betsy Lewin
Mrs. Wishy Washy

B. Osten

Chicka chicka boom boom
grouchy ladybug
hungry caterpillar
polar express
auntie claus
the three trees
snowman (hallmark book)
laura's star
No David!
Skip to My Lou
Miss Mary Mack
Eency wency spider
old woman that swallowed a fly
summertime song
goodnight moon
5 little pumpkins
Lady with the Alligator Purse
Yankee Doodle Dandy
Olivia
Angelina Ballerina (all)
the adventures of Toad & frog
Little Bear
Rainbow Fish
Mia Hamm Winners never quit
Miss Spider's Tea Party
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (allt)
Put me in the Zoo
Dr. Suess' ABC Book
Inside, Outside, upside down
1 fish, 2 fish, red fish, blue fish
Green eggs and ham
A fly went by

Mwenye Hadithi & Adrienne Kennaway (Books I bought in Kenya-Africa):

Crafty Chameleon

Greedy Zebra

Hot Hippo

Curious Clownfish

Leopard's Coat

Tricky Tortoise

Awkward Aardvark

Lazy Lion

Gina

Mud Soup by Judith Head --

This is the story of a little boy who has a little friend whose abuela (grandmother) makes mud soup. Through the story the little girl repeatedly offers the little boy a taste of the mud soup. He thinks it looks like worms and bugs are in it and actually at one point believes it is made with mud, so he finds ways to refuse. Finally, he tries it and finds out as his friend had told him it is delicioso!

The cultural diversity in the book is a lot of fun, and the recipe for mud soup is at the end of the book. Have the ingredients ready and make the soup after reading the book. The kids loved both the book and the soup. It went well with a theme we were doing at the time about The World Underground since we'd been talking a lot about worms, mud, etc.

Eric Carle's Head to Toe is a favorite. We are working hard to get our kids up and moving whenever possible because of the problems with childhood obesity our state is having. Head to Toe is a great example of a book we read standing and moving.

Dinosaurumpus by is another good movement book as the children mimic the movements of the dinosaurs as they are dancing.

The Bear Snores On and Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson are great favorites with our kids.

All the Froggy series (Froggy's Sleepover, Froggy Goes to a Restaurant, Froggy Goes to the Doctor, etc.) by Johnathan London are well-loved.

Lisa Westburg Peters When the Fly Flew In

Tell Me Something Happy Before I Go To Sleep and Tell Me What It's Like to Be Big by Joyce Dunbar

There's An Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer. We use it with nutrition units a lot because of all the food, also use it for several other themes like emotions because it deals with the issue of fear and imagination.

Piggy's Belly Button by Keith Faulkner is a total hoot to read. The kids will demand it over and over again.

Time for Bed by Mem Fox is one of the best nap or anytime stories on my shelf, I think.

It's The Bear! and the sequel (I can't think of the name of it right now) by Jez Alborough is nearly worn out because the kids pull it off the shelf for reading anytime it's available.

Those are just a very few of my favorites.

Rita at Mother's Touch

Here are the best books to read in 2019, focusing on standout books from a handful of categories as well as best-selling books. The publication of many books was held back by the COVID-19 pandemic. But lockdown has also meant that many of us have whiled away the hours revisiting the classics. So here are the best books of 2020 you need to add to your "To Read" pile. The Best Literary Fiction of 2020. Some novels defy categorization. The Top 50 greatest fiction books of all time determined by 130 lists and articles from various critics, authors and experts. Ulysses chronicles the passage of Leopold Bloom through Dublin during an ordinary day, June 16, 1904. Looking for good books to read? This reading list shares the best books of all-time organized by category. You'll find many great book recommendations. The Best Books: Recommended Reading List. Looking for a great book? Check out my book, Atomic Habits. Over 4 million copies sold! Learn more. The page is a reading list sharing the best books to read in various categories based on many hours of reading and research. You'll find more than 100 good books to read, organized by category. Interesting books to read have always been available in various genres. Here we are providing the list of top books to read "from these five categories. They can be easily ordered online at Amazon, Flipkart, and other reputed websites. Alternatively, Amazon Kindle versions of some of these books are also available for those so inclined. This the Best books to read ever and can be fairly unnerving for some readers. It portrays a fictitious teenager, Clay Jensen who finds a mysterious package delivered to his doorstep. Books, books, books. They will increase your lifespan, lower your stress and boost your intelligence. They will give you fuller, thicker hair. Whatever the breathless claims about reading, one thing is certain: losing yourself in a great novel is one of life's most enduring and dependable joys. Job satisfaction comes and goes, partners enrapture and abscond, but you can always fall back on the timeless ability of literature to transport you to a different world.

Looking for good books to read? This reading list shares the best books of all-time organized by category. You'll find many great book recommendations.Â The Best Books: Recommended Reading List. Looking for a great book? Check out my book, Atomic Habits. Over 4 million copies sold! Learn more. The page is a reading list sharing the best books to read in various categories based on many hours of reading and research. You'll find more than 100 good books to read, organized by category. You said: I first read this book years ago, and was glad I would never have to be a part of that kind of society. Yet, here I am in 2018, and so much of that novel has come true. Donna J, Twitter.Â You said: This is the most magical and well-written book I've read. The history of the partition of the Indian subcontinent told as a delightful allegory. Claudia G, Twitter. The 40 greatest books to read in lockdown. Losing yourself in a great novel is one of life's joys. Here our critics Ceri Radford and Chris Harvey pick the books you need to read. The 40 greatest books to read in lockdown. Catch 22, by Joseph Heller. gonereading.com.Â The 40 greatest books to read in lockdown. David Pelham came up with this famous cover ten years after A Clockwork Orange was first published in 1962. The 40 greatest books to read in lockdown. The Bell Jar. The 40 greatest books to read in lockdown. The average American, for instance, reads 12 books a year. Assuming that you're over 25 years old, that would mean that you only have approximately 700 books "max" in your future. Are you suddenly feeling the tightening coil of mortality? Great. If you're now wondering where you should start, we've got you covered. Here are 100 books to read before you die. Here are the best books to read in 2019, focusing on standout books from a handful of categories as well as best-selling books. The publication of many books was held back by the COVID-19 pandemic. But lockdown has also meant that many of us have whiled away the hours revisiting the classics.Â So here are the best books of 2020 you need to add to your "To Read" pile. The Best Literary Fiction of 2020. Some novels defy categorization.