

25 Notable Fiction Books
1959-2009

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One Hundred Years of Solitude (Cien Años de Soledad) by Gabriel García Márquez, 1967

The Tin Drum (Die Blechtrommel) by Günter Grass, 1959.

Christina Riquelmy

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, 1960.

Michelynn McKnight

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison, 1977.

Michelle Massé

Dhalgren by Samuel R. Delany, 1975.

Carl Freedman

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume, 1972.

Alice Daugherty

Messiah by Andrei Codrescu, 1999.

Andrei Codrescu

The Harry Potter [series] by J. K. Rowling, 1997-

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Sources responsible for the additional listings below include: *500 Great Books by Women: A Reader's Guide*, Bauermeister, Larsen, and Smith; *99 Novels: The Best in English since 1939*, Burgess; and National Public Radio's (NPR) Book Reviews. The number of fiction titles is 25, and the number of non-fiction titles is 25 —making a total of 50 notable books for 50 years!

Fiction: *Catch 22*, Heller, 1961; *Another Country*, Baldwin, 1962; *The Golden Notebook*, Lessing, 1962; *Giles Goat-Boy*, Barth, 1966; *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, Fowles, 1969; *Gravity's Rainbow*, Pynchon, 1973; *The Woman Warrior*, Kingston, 1975; *How to Save Your Own Life*, Jong, 1977; *Sophie's Choice*, Styron, 1979; *Housekeeping*, Robinson, 1981; *The House of the Spirits*, Allende, 1982; *The Ship of Fools*, Porter, 1984; *Mama Day*, Naylor, 1988; *John Dollar*, Wiggins, 1989; *Because It is Bitter, and Because It is My Heart*, Oates, 1991; *The Kitchen God's Wife*, Tan, 1991; *A Gate at the Stairs*, Moore, 2009

25 Notable Non-Fiction Books
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The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956 by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 1973.

Christina Riquelmy

What Color is Your Parachute? By Richard Bolles, 1970-

Michelynn McKnight

Worlds of Pain: Life in the Working Class Family by Lillian B. Rubin, 1976.

Michelle Massé

Orientalism by Edward W. Said, 1978.

Dydia DeLyser

Late Capitalism by Ernest Mandel, 1975.

Carl Freedman

The Ants by Bert Hölldobler and Edward O. Wilson, 1990.

Linda Bui

The Nature of the Stratigraphical Record by Derek V. Ager, 1973.

Brooks B. Ellwood

The Posthuman Dada Guide: Tzara and Lenin Play Chess by Andrei Codrescu, 2009.

Andrei Codrescu

Categories--On The Beauty Of Physics: Essential Physics Concepts and Their Companions in Art and Literature by H.T. Hamann, John Morse, and Emiliano Sefusatti, 2005.

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Non-fiction: *Silent Spring*, Carson, 1962; *The Little Virtues*, Ginzburg, 1962; *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Angelou, 1969; *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, Dillard, 1974; *Of Woman Born*, Rich, 1976; *Annapurna*, Blum, 1980; *Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey*, Schlissel, 1982; *Writing a Woman's Life*, Heilbrun, 1988; *A Midwife's Tale*, Ulrich, 1990; *Natural History of the Senses*, Ackerman, 1990; *In Silence*, Sidransky, 1990; *Backlash*, Faludi, 1991; *Grandmothers of the Light*, Allen, 1991; *Legends en Espanol*, People en Espanol Magazine, 2008; *Relentless Pursuit*, Foote, 2008; *Nelson Mandela: The Authorized Comic Book*, Nelson Mandela Foundation, with Umlando Wezithombe, 2009. NOTE: these lists represent suggestions from limited sources only.