

Lantern Reading Challenge 2024

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Easy

- A book by John Irving
- A book with the word Fire in the title
- A book with less than 100 pages
- A book published in 2024
- A book adapted into a TV series
- A book written by a comedian
- A book of short stories
- A novel whose title contains your christian name
- A book written by an author from Peru
- A biography
- A novel set or partly set on a ship
- A book of your choice

Medium

- A novel written by Claire Keegan
- A book from your To Be Read pile
- A book about grammar
- A book with a number in the title
- A book written by an author from Denmark
- A book a friend recommends
- A book with the word Water in the title
- An autobiography or memoir
- A book of your choice
- A book adapted into a film
- A book written by an actor
- A book set in space

Challenging

- A novel by Sebastian Faulks
- A book with an alliterative title
- A book considered to be a children's classic from 19th or 20th century
- A book adapted into a play
- A fantasy novel
- A book about mathematics
- A book published in 1964 (60 years old)
- A novel written in the first person
- A book based on a true story
- A book with the word Lost in the title
- A library book
- A book about homelessness or featuring a homeless character
- A book of your choice
- A book written by a singer/songwriter
- A book read on a Kindle or other e-reader
- A book with more than 550 pages
- A biography
- A book from a country you have visited
- A book with the word Earth in the title
- A novel set or partly set on a desert island
- A book of poetry
- A book on a best selling list
- A book written by an author from Vietnam
- A book about a British or English Monarch

Insane

- A novel by Agatha Christie
- A book you have started but never finished
- A book you have read before
- A romantic novel
- A book with the name of a geographic feature in the title
- A book written by an author from Uganda
- A book whose title is a question
- A debut novel
- A book about economics
- A book with the word Love in the title
- A book whose title features the name of a board game
- An autobiography or memoir
- A book about music
- A novel featuring time travel
- A book about a British Prime Minister
- A book with the word Air in the title
- A novel written from more than one point of view
- A book purchased from a charity shop
- A novel which features a real person
- A book published in 1924 (100 years old)
- A book with the word Found in the title
- A book set or partly set in a theatre
- A book adapted into a musical
- A biography about someone who was assassinated
- A book with a yellow cover
- A novel about a natural disaster
- A factual book about a subject that interests you
- A book whose title features the name of a chocolate bar
- A book written by a TV presenter
- A book about psychology
- A book about a true crime
- A book set in a country you have never visited
- A book about storytelling or writing
- A book with the name of a drink in the title
- A book published by HarperCollins
- A book written by a man called either Tom or Jerry
- A book written by an author with initials in their name
- A book recommended by a family member
- A book whose title features a type of fruit in the title
- A novel whose title features the name of a mythical creature
- A book that was banned
- A book set or partly set in a bookshop or library
- A book written by an author with a double barreled surname
- A book written by an author born in the same year as you
- A book of your choice
- A book set in or about Ancient Greek
- A book whose title has the same number of letters as your name
- A book whose title features the name of a country

Instructions

No matter how much you like to read, you are welcome to join us the Lantern Reading Challenge

The challenge is designed to help you read more, as well as broaden the range of your reading, and hopefully introduce you to books you might not choose to read otherwise. Start with the Easy list, which includes suggestions for 12 books. You can read them in any order, and tick them off as you complete them. Once this list has been completed, you can progress onto the Medium level. Use the criteria to select another 12 books. Once you have finished these 2 levels, you will have read 24 books.

There are 2 more levels - Challenging and Insane, and the number of criteria increases. If you get to the end of the insane level, you will have read 96 books in the year.

In most cases, we have used the term 'book' to give you the option of either fiction or non-fiction. In a few places, we have specified a novel or a nonfiction book, but otherwise, the choice is yours!

Set your goal at the start of the year, and let us know what you hope to achieve using the hashtag #thebiglanternread on social media

You don't have to do the list alone. Divide the list in two, and read with your spouse or partner, or a friend - but discuss what you are reading. Or work with your book group, or another group you are involved with to get through the whole challenge. Share your progress with the group throughout the year. You can prepare your list at the start of the year, and work through the titles in any order, rather than starting at the top of the list and working down. Or you can just discard the rules completely, and choose books from any level, in any order.

The main purpose of the reading challenge is that you diversify and expand your reading throughout the year, and have fun doing it.

Keep us up to date with your goals, and the books you are reading, as well as keeping track of other readers using the #thebiglanternread on social media