

Lantern Reading Challenge 2023

Easy	<div><div>A book by Stephen King</div><div>A book published in 2023</div><div>A biography</div><div>A classic novel</div><div>A Shakespeare play</div><div>A book translated into English from a foreign language</div><div>A book with the word Diamond in the title</div><div>A book recommended by a friend</div><div>A book with over 500 pages</div><div>A book of your choice</div><div>A book whose title features the name of a mammal</div><div>A library book</div></div>
Medium	<div><div>A novel written by Alexandre Dumas</div><div>A book published in 1973 (50 years old)</div><div>A book inspired by a novel by Charles Dickens</div><div>A book aimed at children or teenagers</div><div>A book whose title has 6 words</div><div>A novel that features a superhero</div><div>A book with the word Spade in the title</div><div>A book with a drawing on the cover</div><div>A mystery novel</div><div>A book whose title features the name of a bird</div><div>A book purchased from a charity shop</div><div>A book of your choice</div></div>
Challenging	<div><div>A novel by Toni Morrison</div><div>A book with a red cover</div><div>A book that shares its name with a song title</div><div>A graphic novel</div><div>A novel adapted into a musical</div><div>A book that won a prize</div><div>A book with the word Club in the title</div><div>A novel set in a country you have visited on holiday</div><div>A book with a photo of the author on the cover</div><div>An autobiography</div><div>A book about a subject that interests you</div><div>A book of short stories</div><div>A book endorsed by a famous author</div><div>An historical novel</div><div>A book whose title features the name of a fish</div><div>A book about economics</div><div>A novel that won an Oscar for best adapted screenplay</div><div>A book whose title features punctuation</div><div>A novel written from a non-human perspective</div><div>A play written in the 20th Century</div><div>A novel that features twins (or triplets)</div><div>A book with an alliterative title</div><div>A book of your choice</div><div>A book you read at school</div></div>
Insane	<div><div>A novel by Zadie Smith</div><div>A book that was short-listed for a prize, but didn't win</div><div>A book inspired by a Jane Austen novel</div><div>A book aimed at children or teenagers</div><div>A novel that features a map in the preface</div><div>A novel by an author who shares your initials</div><div>A book with the word Heart in the title</div><div>A novel set in a country you would love to visit</div><div>A novel adapted into a film</div><div>A debut novel</div><div>A book with an animal on the cover</div><div>A book of poetry</div><div>A legal thriller</div><div>A book about history</div><div>A book whose title is a number</div><div>A novel you have started but never finished</div><div>A book by an author you have never heard of</div><div>A book choice from the radio programme Desert Island Discs</div><div>A play written in the 21st century</div><div>A book that was banned</div><div>A book whose title features the name of an insect</div><div>A book featuring sisters</div><div>A library book</div><div>A book about food</div><div>A book whose title features the letter X</div><div>A book recommended by the Richard and Judy Book Club</div><div>A full cast audiobook</div><div>A book about writing or storytelling</div><div>A novel featuring a journey</div><div>A book recommended by a family member</div><div>A dystopian novel</div><div>A book described as 'Best Selling' on the cover</div><div>A novel featuring a real life person</div><div>A book whose title features the name of a colour of the rainbow</div><div>A book written by a journalist</div><div>A book about music</div><div>A novel written from the perspective of a villain or a monster</div><div>A book whose title features the name of a line on the London Underground</div><div>A book about a hobby or a game</div><div>A humorous novel</div><div>A book about a character in a play by Shakespeare</div><div>A book written by a medical professional</div><div>A book about a Prime Minister of England</div><div>A book whose title features a word from the NATO phonetic alphabet</div><div>A book of your choice</div><div>A novel written under a pseudonym</div><div>A book written by an explorer</div><div>A book first published in the year you turned 10</div></div>

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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