## **Best and Worst Books Read in 2017**

Category: Thought provoking

Cover	Citation	Recommended By	Comments
RIGOR MORTIS  HOW SLOPPY SCIENCE CREATES WORTHLESS CURES, CRUSHES HOPE. AND WASTES BILLIONS RICHARD HARRIS	Harris RF. Rigor Mortis: How Sloppy Science Creates Worthless Cures, Crushes Hope, and Wastes Billions. New York, NY: Basic Books; 2017.	Joanne	"A fascinating discussion of biomedical research today"
Hillbilly Elegy  A Mensir of a Remit and Columbia Civilia  J.D. VANCE	Vance JD. Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis. New York, NY: Harper; 2016.	Courtney	
Getting Things Done the art of stress-free productivity from the New York Times bestselling author David Allen  In all-new edition	Allen D. Getting Things Done. London, UK: Penguin; 2015.	Courtney	
SHOP CLASS AS SOULCRAFT AN INCOUNT PLOTE OF WORK  MATTHEW B. CRAWFORD	Crawford MB. Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry Into the Value of Work. London, UK: Penguin; 2010.	Courtney	

GAME OF THRONES  GEORGE R. R.  MARTIN  NOT HE ACCUMED MICH SERIES	Martin GRR. A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire. New York, NY: Bantam Books; 2011.	Dana	"Way better than I expected"
REASONS AND PEVSONS  DEREK PARFIT	Parfit D. <i>Reasons and Persons</i> . Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press; 1986.	Dana	"Amazing philosophy, but the writing isn't very stylish"
FACTOR STATE OF THE PARTY OF TH	Peters E. <i>St Peter's Fair</i> . New York, NY: Mysterious Press; 1992.	Dana	"Would takeany Brother Cadfael mystery to that deserted island"
* New York Timer Deat selling Author  CHRIS HAYES  A  COLONY  IN A  NATION	Hayes C. <i>A Colony in a Nation</i> . New York, NY: WW Norton & Co; 2017.	Bob	
SLOW MEDICINE THE WAY TO HEALING VICTORIA SWEET	Sweet V. <i>Slow Medicine</i> . New York, NY: Riverhead Books; 2017.	Alice	

WHAT'S THE FUTURE AND WHY IT'S UP TO US TIM O'REILLY	O'Reilly T. WTF? What's the Future and Why It's Up to Us. New York, NY: HarperBusiness; 2017.	Lisa	
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## **Category: Sob Inducing**

Cover	Citation	Recommended By	Comments
KRISTIN HANNAH  THE NICHT STEELS  The Nichtingale	Hannah K. <i>The Nightingale</i> . New York, NY: St Martin's Griffin; 2017.	Mary Jo	"It's about the Nazi occupation of France during WWII. I just sobbed at the end of this book, it was so moving."
Just Mercy AND REPRESENTATION AN	Stevenson B. Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption. New York, NY: Spiegel and Grau; 2015.	Courtney	
Everything 1 Never told will be to the second of the secon	Ng C. Everything I Never Told You. New York, NY: Penguin Books; 2015.	Pranali	

# Category: Fun (Some with pathos)

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the joy of leaving your sh*t all over	McCartney J. The Joy of Leaving Your Sh*t All Over the Place: The Art of Being Messy. Woodstock, VT: Countryside Press; 2016.	Joanne	"A parody of The Live Changing Magic of Tidying Up"
MARIA SEMPLE WEELD YOU CO, SEMADETTE  TODAY WILL BE DIFFERENT	Semple M. <i>Today Will Be Different</i> . Boston, MA: Back Bay  Books; 2017.	Courtney	
HOW ABOUT NEVER IS NEVER GOOD FOR YOU? MY LIFE IN CANTOONS  BOB MANKOFF THEORY OF THE PROPERTY	Mankoff R. How About Never? Is Never Good for You? My Life in Cartoons. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co.; 2014.	Leslie	"The New Yorker's cartoon editor tells his story as a submitter (who has had his own work rejected by his employer) and overseer."
Can't we talk about something more PLEASANT?  ROZ CHAST A NAMOR	Chast R. Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? New York, NY: Bloomsbury Press; 2016.	Leslie	"For anyone who has dealt with, is currently dealing with, or will in the future deal with an aging relative or friend"

# **Category: Annoying or Disappointing**

Cover	Citation	NOT Recommended By	Comments
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NEAL STEPHENSON SEVENEVES	Stephenson N. Seveneves. New York, NY: William Morrow Paperbacks; 2016.	Lisa	"Didn't live up to the high hopes I had for it"
COMIE WILLS  COMIE WILLS  DOMS  DAY  BOOK  THE	Willis C. <i>Dooms Day Book</i> . New York, NY: Spectra; 1993.	Lisa	"Interesting premise about time travel but way longer than it needed to be"
no One Is Coming to Save Us stephenic Fowell Watte	Powell Watts S. <i>No One is</i> Coming to Save Us. New York, NY: Ecco; 2017.	Lisa	"Just OK, not recommended"
The MINISTRY of UTMOST HAPPINESS  ARUNDHATI ROY Balls THE MINISTRY of UTMOST HAPPINESS	Roy A. <i>The Ministry of Utmost Happiness</i> . New York, NY: Random House; 2017.	Joanne	"Please do not waste your time on this book. I loved her first book ( <i>The God of Small Things</i> ) published 20 years ago.
There change and white and the second of the	Sittenfeld C. Eligible: A Modern Retelling of Pride and Prejudice. New York, NY: Random House; 2017.	Courtney	

TROPIC OF CHAOS  CHIMATE CHANGE and  THE NEW GEOGRAPHY of VIOLENCE	Parenti C. Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence. New York, NY: Nation Books; 2011.	Dana	"Thesis seemed right (climate change will increase violence in global south), but no evidence drove me nuts."
SHADOW  LAND	Kostova E. <i>The Shadow Land</i> . New York, NY: Ballantine Books; 2017.	Ruth	"Biggest disappointment this year. I liked <i>The Historian</i> , an earlier novel."
Don't WORRY, LIFE IS EUSY  AGNÉS MARTIN LUGAND	Martin-Lugand A. <i>Don't Worry, Life is Easy</i> . New York, NY: Weinstein Books; 2017.	Leslie	"If you're a fan of characters who light up cigarettes on every page, this is your book."

# **Category: Recommended**

Cover	Citation	Recommended By	Comments
WHEN	Manning, M. When Books Went	Mary Jo	"I really liked this. When
BOOKS	to War. Wilmington, MA:		America entered WWII in 1941,
WENT TO WAR	Mariner; 2015.		we faced an enemy that had
			banned and burned over 100
			million books and caused fearful
MOLES COPTILE MANNING			citizens to hide or destroy many
			more. Outraged librarians
			launched a campaign to send
			free books to American troops
			and gathered 20 million

			hardcover donations."
S NOCYACOL NOCES ON A CONTROL NO	Maggs S. Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History. Philadelphia, PA: Quirk Books; 2016.	Joanne	"Great gift for a preteen or teen girl"
The Shormaker's ADRIANA TDICIANI	Trigiani A. <i>The Shoemaker's Wife</i> . Scranton, PA: Harper Paperbacks; 2012.	Joanne	"Beautiful writing"
PHILIPPA GREGORY THE WHITE QUEEN	Gregory P. <i>The White Princess</i> . Kolkata, India: Touchstone; 2013.	Lisa	"Not one of her best but still interesting historical fiction"
THE ALICENET STATE QUINN	Quinn K. <i>The Alice Network</i> . New York, NY: William Morrow; 2017.	Lisa	"Another historical fiction, about female spies in WWI and WWII"

PHILIPPA GREGORY  WHITE PRINCESS	Gregory P. <i>The White Princess</i> . New York, NY: Pocket Books; 2017.	Lisa	"Not one of her best but still interesting historical fiction about Elizabeth of York, mother of Henry VIII"
Chemistry a novel by Welke Wang	Wang W. <i>Chemistry</i> . New York, NY: Knopf; 2017.	Lisa	"Obviously a first novel but interesting look at mental health and graduate school"
B·R·A·D·B·U·R·Y  DANDELION WINE	Bradbury R. <i>Dandelion Wine</i> . New York, NY: Bantam Books; 1985.	Lisa	"Collection of short stores; nice throwback to the past"
THE STATE OF THE S	Shetterly ML. Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race. New York, NY: HarperCollins; 2016.	Lisa	"Not what I expected but interesting history lesson about women in the early years of NASA"
Letters from Paris  Surface Blackwell  Letters from Paris	Blackwell J. <i>Letters From Paris</i> . New York, NY: Penguin Random House; 2016.	Lisa	"Fiction, interesting premise, and unexpected ending"

MEN YORK FINES BESTSELLER  KATE  MORTON  SIGNO OF THE EAR HOUSE  Secret  Keeper	Morton K. <i>The Secret Keeper</i> . New York, NY: Washington Square Press; 2013.	Lisa	"Alternates between present day and WW2"
SHADOW  Of the  WIND  CARLOS RUIZ ZAFÓN  LONG TO THE SALES	Ruiz Zafon C. <i>The Shadow of the Wind</i> . New York, NY: Penguin Books; 2005.	Lisa	
THE OTHER EINSTEIN  FINAL STEIN  FINAL STEIN  MARIE BENEDICT	Benedict M. The Other Einstein.	Lisa	"Historical fiction account of Einstein's first wife. Fascinating and made me want to learn more."
FREDRIK BACKMAN A MAN CALLED OVE	Backman F. <i>A Man Called Ove</i> . New York, NY: Washington Square Press; 2015.	Courtney	

my grandmother asked me to tell you she's sorry	Backman F. My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry. New York, NY: Washington Square Press; 2016.	Courtney	
CLIMATE  OF HOPE  Michael Bloomberg  Carl Pope	Bloomberg M, Pope C. Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet. New York, NY: St Martin's Press; 2017.	Roseann	"Explains the environmental, political, and logistical challenges surrounding climate change. This book fleshes out concepts that are mentioned briefly or alluded to in print or TV."
**The handled agreement and the state of the worker pass have to make the transfer than the state of the pass was the latter. **Shart Vision.**  **SALTFAT ACIDHEAT**  **ACIDHEAT**  **A	Nosrat S. Salt Fat Acid Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster; 2017.	Roseann	"Educates the home cook on the four basic factors that can make anything (Italian, Chinese, Greek, Indian, etc) prepared delicious because cooking comes back to SALT FAT ACID HEAT. This very long book is crammed with useful information throughout."
on living kerry egan	Egan K. <i>On Living</i> . New York, NY: Riverhead Books; 2016.	Ruth	Books "I think everyone should read"

CHAIM POTOK  Chosen  Chair in the stational more advantage of the stationary of the	Potok C. <i>The Chosen</i> . New York, NY: Fawcett; 1987.	Ruth	
BEAR TOWN	Backman F. <i>Beartown</i> . New York, NY: Atria Books; 2017.	Ruth	"Love all of his stuff"
The SECRET DIARY OF HENDRIK GROEN, 8314 Years Old	Groen H. <i>The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83-1/4 Years Old</i> . New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing; 2017.	Ruth	One of the "best books I have read this year"
HILARY MANTEL  MANTEL	Mantel H. <i>Bring Up the Bodies</i> . New York, NY: Wolf Hall; 2013	Dana	
GILLIAN FLYNN GIRL  GIRL  AND  AND  AND  AND  AND  AND  AND  AN	Flynn G. <i>Gone Girl</i> . New York, NY: Broadway Books; 2014.	Pranali	

Deep Run Roots  The state of th	Howard V. Deep Run Roots: Stories and Recipes From My Corner of the South. Boston, MA: Little, Brown and Co; 2016.	Joanne	
My Life with Bob  Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues	Paul P. My Life With Bob: Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company; 2017.	Leslie	"The New York Times book editor discusses the list of books she's kept since she was a teenager."