

# Books to read...

Stole this one from Tanja's site. It looked like fun.

The Big Read, an initiative by the National Endowment for the Arts, estimates that the average adult has read 6 of the top 100 books they've printed. How about you?

- 1) Look at the list and bold those you have read.
- 2) Italicize those you intend to read.
- 3) Underline the books you LOVE.

- 1 Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
- 2 **The Lord of the Rings – JRR Tolkien**
- 3 Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
- 4 **Harry Potter series**
- 5 **To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee**
- 6 **The Bible** (multiple versions)
- 7 Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
- 8 **Nineteen Eighty Four – George Orwell**
- 9 His Dark Materials – Philip Pullman
- 10 **Great Expectations – Charles Dickens**
- 11 **Little Women – Louisa M Alcott**
- 12 Tess of the D'Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy
- 13 **Catch 22 – Joseph Heller**
- 14 **Complete Works of Shakespeare** (Partially)
- 15 Rebecca – Daphne Du Maurier
- 16 **The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien**
- 17 Birdsong – Sebastian Faulks
- 18 **Catcher in the Rye – JD Salinger**
- 19 The Time Traveller's Wife – Audrey Niffenegger
- 20 Middlemarch – George Eliot
- 21 **Gone With The Wind – Margaret Mitchell**
- 22 **The Great Gatsby – F Scott Fitzgerald**
- 23 **Bleak House – Charles Dickens**
- 24 War and Peace – Leo Tolstoy

- 25 The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams (Not Yet)
- 26 Brideshead Revisited – Evelyn Waugh
- 27 Crime and Punishment – Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- 28 **Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck**
- 29 **Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll**
- 30 **The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame**
- 31 Anna Karenina – Leo Tolstoy
- 32 **David Copperfield – Charles Dickens**
- 33 **Chronicles of Narnia – CS Lewis**
- 34 Emma – Jane Austen
- 35 Persuasion – Jane Austen
- 36 **The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis**
- 37 The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini
- 38 Captain Corelli's Mandolin – Louis De Bernieres
- 39 Memoirs of a Geisha – Arthur Golden
- 40 **Winnie the Pooh – AA Milne**
- 41 **Animal Farm – George Orwell**
- 42 **The Da Vinci Code – Dan Brown**
- 43 One Hundred Years of Solitude – Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- 45 The Woman in White – Wilkie Collins
- 46 Anne of Green Gables – LM Montgomery
- 47 Far From The Madding Crowd – Thomas Hardy
- 48 The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood
- 49 **Lord of the Flies – William Golding**
- 50 Atonement – Ian McEwan
- 51 Life of Pi – Yann Martel
- 52 **Dune – Frank Herbert**
- 53 Cold Comfort Farm – Stella Gibbons
- 54 Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen
- 55 A Suitable Boy – Vikram Seth
- 56 The Shadow of the Wind – Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- 57 **A Tale Of Two Cities – Charles Dickens**
- 58 **Brave New World – Aldous Huxley**
- 59 The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime – Mark Haddon
- 60 Love In The Time Of Cholera – Gabriel Garcia Marquez

- 61 Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
- 62 Lolita – Vladimir Nabokov
- 63 The Secret History – Donna Tartt
- 64 The Lovely Bones – Alice Sebold
- 65 **Count of Monte Cristo – Alexandre Dumas**
- 66 On The Road – Jack Kerouac
- 67 Jude the Obscure -Thomas Hardy
- 68 Bridget Jones's Diary – Helen Fielding
- 69 Midnight's Children – Salman Rushdie
- 70 **Moby Dick – Herman Melville**
- 71 **Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens**
- 72 **Dracula – Bram Stoker**
- 73 **The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett**
- 74 Notes From A Small Island – Bill
- 75 Ulysses – James Joyce
- 76 The Bell Jar – Sylvia Plath
- 77 Swallows and Amazons – Arthur Ransome
- 78 Germinal – Emile Zola
- 79 Vanity Fair – William Makepeace Thackeray
- 80 Possession – AS Byatt
- 81 **A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens**
- 82 Cloud Atlas – David Mitchell
- 83 The Color Purple – Alice Walker
- 84 The Remains of the Day – Kazuo Ishiguro
- 85 Madame Bovary – Gustave Flaubert
- 86 A Fine Balance – Rohinton Mistry
- 87 **Charlotte's Web – EB White**
- 88 **The Five People You Meet In Heaven – Mitch Albom**
- 89 **Adventures of Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**
- 90 The Faraway Tree Collection – Enid Blyton
- 91 Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad
- 92 The Little Prince – Antoine De Saint-Exupery
- 93 The Wasp Factory – Iain Banks
- 94 **Watership Down – Richard Adams**
- 95 A Confederacy of Dunces – John Kennedy Toole
- 96 A Town Like Alice – Nevil Shute
- 97 **The Three Musketeers – Alexandre Dumas**

98 **Hamlet – William Shakespeare**

99 **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl**

100 **Les Miserables – Victor Hugo**

I counted 41 read from this list. Some of them I had to read for High School or College, and can not remember them. Others on the list I've looked at but could not get through the first chapter. Some I haven't even heard of. The list is lacking Science Fiction, not even Jules Verne or Isaac Asimov. I feel both authors have better books than the Dune Series by Herbert