I read…

10 Books

25 Books

50 Books

75 Books

100 Books

No quizzles!
No proof!
Just fun!

□ 1992 Read a “Goosebumps” book
   The first Goosebumps book published by R.L. Stine.
□ 1993 Girl, Interrupted by Susanna Kaysen
□ 1994 A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines †
□ 1995 High Fidelity by Nick Hornby
□ 1996 Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
□ 1997 Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine *†
□ 1998 Holes by Louis Sachar *
□ 1999 Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri
□ 2000 Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli †
□ 2001 Read any Redwall series book by Brian Jacques
□ 2002 Read any Lemony Snicket book
□ 2003 Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems *
□ 2004 The Known World by Edward P. Jones
□ 2005 Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
□ 2006 The Road by Cormac McCarthy
□ 2007 Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen
□ 2008 The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz
□ 2009 Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen †
□ 2010 The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
□ 2011 Room by Emma Donoghue
□ 2012 The One and Only Ivan by K.A. Applegate *
□ 2013 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
□ 2014 The Martian by Andy Weir
□ 2015 All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
□ 2016 The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
□ 2017 Read a local author
□ 2018 Read a digital book (e-book, e-audiobook) † shelved in teen
* shelved in children’s

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Use this guide to check off the books/subjects you’ve read in 2019. Turn it into the Reference Desk for each milestone achieved.

Receive prizes at the following milestones:
10, 25, 50, 75, and 100
1819 Read the poems of Walt Whitman
Walt Whitman born.

1820 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

1821 Read a book that takes place in France
Napoleon Bonaparte, former emperor of France, dies.

1822 Read a book translated from another language
The Rosetta Stone is translated.

1823 Read a book about President James Monroe
The Monroe Doctrine is announced, protecting the US from foreign interference in politics.

1824 Read a book about/by Native Americans
The Bureau of Indian Affairs is created.

1825 Read a book with a metallic cover (gold/silver)
Aluminum is first discovered.

1826 The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

1827 Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
First commercial railroad in the U.S. is chartered.

1828 Read a book about vampires
The opera “Two Vampires” is released.

1829 Flash Boys by Michael Lewis
Stock market crash of 1829.

1830 Read the poems of Alfred Lord Tennyson
Tennyson’s first solo collection of poetry is released.

1831 Read a true crime book
The first bank robbery in the U.S. takes place in New York City.

1832 Read a book of nursery rhymes
Printed collections of nursery rhymes gain popularity.

1833 Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
Daguerreotype photographs publicly unveiled.

1834 Read a book about games
First published reference to poker.

1835 Read a book about/takes place at a circus
P.T. Barnum begins his career as a showman.

1836 Read a Science Fiction book by a female author
The first school for women in science established.

1837 Read a version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears *
First instance of the story told by Robert Southey.

1838 Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

1839 The Fall of the House of Usher by Edgar Allan Poe

1840 Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing
Antarctica is discovered.

1841 Read a book about libraries
MPL moved into the current building on Mentor Avenue.

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* shelved in children’s
1927 Now We Are Six (Winnie-the-Pooh) by A.A. Milne *
1928 Read a book with flowers on the cover
  Mentor is named “Rose Capital of the Nation.”
1929 The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
1930 Read a Nancy Drew novel
  The first Nancy Drew book by Carolyn Keene is published.
1931 Read a cookbook
  The Joy of Cooking is published.
1932 Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons
1933 Read a book about/takes place during the Great Depression
  The worst year of the Great Depression.
1934 Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald
1935 Read a book by John Steinbeck
  Steinbeck becomes known for his real stories of migrant workers.
1936 Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
1937 The Hobbit, or There and Back Again by J.R.R. Tolkien
1938 Our Town by Thornton Wilder
1939 Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans *
1940 The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers
1941 Read a book about WWII
  WWII begins with the invasion of Poland.
1942 The Stranger by Albert Camus
1943 A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith †
1944 Read a comic/graphic novel
  Comics rise in popularity during WWII.
1945 The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank *†
  Anne Frank dies in Auschwitz Concentration Camp.
1946 Read a biography of a musician
  Freddie Mercury born.
1947 Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown *
1948 I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith †
1949 Read a book that’s been turned into a TV show
  TV’s become available and popular in homes.
1950 Read a fairy tale/fairy tale retelling
  Cinderella is released by Disney.
1951 Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger †
1952 Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White *
1953 The Sneetches and other stories by Dr. Seuss *
1954 The Dollmaker by Harriette Arnow
1955 Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary *
1956 Profiles in Courage by John. F. Kennedy
1957 Death in the Family by James Agee

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1841 Read a book with a wedding in it
  Queen Victoria’s white wedding dress trend spreads to the U.S.-changing bridal fashion forever.
1842 Read a book about dinosaurs
  The word “dinosaure” is first coined.
1843 The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck
  The first wagon train of migrants departs for Oregon.
1844 The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
1845 Read a western book
  Texas is admitted to the U.S. as the 28th state.
1846 Read a Caldecott Award Winner
  Randolph Caldecott, famous illustrator, born.
1847 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
1848 Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland
  Louis Comfort Tiffany, American artist, born.
1849 Read a medical thriller/mystery
  Elizabeth Blackwell becomes first woman to earn medical degree in U.S.
1850 The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
1851 Moby Dick by Herman Melville
1852 Uncle Tom’s Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
1853 Read a Christmas book
  First Christmas tree in the White House.
1854 Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
  The first train departs NYC to deliver orphans to the Midwest.
1855 North & South by Elizabeth Gaskell
1856 Read a book about/takes place on a train
  Great train wreck of 1856 kills 60, injuring over 100.
1857 Tom Brown’s School Days by Thomas Hughes
1858 Autocrat of the Breakfast Table by Oliver Wendell Holmes
1859 Read a non-fiction book about animals
  First zoo incorporated in the U.S. in Philadelphia.
1860 Read a book about Abraham Lincoln
  Abraham Lincoln elected President of the United States.
1861 Read a book about slavery
  States begin to secede from the Union.
1862 Read a book about/takes place during the Civil War
  Civil War begins in the U.S.
1863 Read a book about an artist
  The Arts Club is founded by Charles Dickens, and others.
1864 Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
1865 Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
1866 Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
1867 Read a book about government
Das Kapital by Karl Marx is published.

1868 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

1869 Read a book by Leo Tolstoy
War and Peace is published.

1870 Read a celebrity biography
John D. Rockefeller incorporates Standard Oil, making him a household name for decades to come.

1871 Middlemarch by George Eliot

1872 What Katy Did by Susan Coolidge

1873 Read a "banned book" (see a librarian for a list)
Comstock Laws established, making it illegal to send any information with obscenities or sexual content through the mail.

1874 Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

1875 Read a sports book
The first indoor hockey game is played.

1876 Read a humorous book
Harvard Lampoon humor magazine founded.

1877 Black Beauty by Anna Sewell *

1878 Read a book by Henry James

1879 A Doll’s House by Henrik Ibsen

1880 The Adventures of Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi *

1881 Read a book about James A. Garfield
Garfield becomes president, is assassinated shortly after.

1882 Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

1883 Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle

1884 Ramona by Helen Hunt Jackson

1885 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

1886 Read a romance
Grover Cleveland becomes first president married in the White House.

1887 A Study in Scarlet (Sherlock Holmes) by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

1888 Read a book on philosophy
On the Genealogy of Morality by Frederick Nietzsche published.

1889 The Blue Fairy Book by Andrew Lang *

1890 Read a book of American Poetry
Emily Dickinson’s poetry published.

1891 Read a play

1892 The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

1893 Read a book that’s been turned into a movie
First film studio founded by Thomas Jefferson.

1894 The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling *

1895 The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

1896 Listen to an audiobook
Mass-produced gramophone (record player) released.

1897 The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

1898 Read a book about women in war
Annie Oakley promotes services of women in the military.

1899 The Awakening by Kate Chopin

1900 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

1901 Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington

1902 The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

1903 Call of the Wild by Jack London

1904 The Bobbsey Twins by Laura Lee Hope *

1905 A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett *

1906 The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

1907 Read a book about Classic Hollywood
Katharine Hepburn born.

1908 Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery *

1909 Read a children’s book

1910 Howards End by E.M. Forster

1911 Read a book about a shipwreck
Titanic is built before its ill-fated journey in 1912.

1912 Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Rice Burroughs

1913 Read a book about cars
First moving assembly line created at Ford.

1914 Dubliners by James Joyce

1915 The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

1916 Read a ‘young adult’ book
Seventeen by Booth Tarkington is released, sharing difficulties of adolescence.

1917 Read a Pulitzer Prize winner
First Pulitzer Prize is awarded.

1918 My Antonia by Willa Cather

1919 My Man Jeeves by P.J. Wodehouse

1920 The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

1921 The Story of Mankind by Hendrik Wilhelm Van Loon *

1922 The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams *

1923 The Story of Doctor Dolittle by Hugh Lofting *

1924 Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

1925 Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf

1926 The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway