



- 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 Díaz
- 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)**

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I read...

10 Books

25 Books

50 Books

75 Books

100 Books

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No quizzes!
No proof!
Just fun!

200 YEARS, 200 BOOKS

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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



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- 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.

- 1958 *Breakfast at Tiffany's* by Truman Capote
- 1959 **Read a book about organized crime**
Height of the mafia/mob in the U.S.
- 1960 *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles †
- 1961 *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls *
- 1962 *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson
- 1963 *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut
- 1964 *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein *
- 1965 *Manchild in the Promised Land* by Claude Brown
- 1966 **Read a Cleveland Book**
The book A Christmas Story by Jean Shepherd published.
- 1967 *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
- 1968 *The Last Unicorn* by Peter S. Beagle
- 1969 **Read a non-fiction science book**
Americans land on the moon.
- 1970 *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
- 1971 **Read a book about technology/computers**
Intel releases the first microprocessor.
- 1972 **Read a book with an animal on the cover**
Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.
- 1973 **Read a presidential biography**
- 1974 *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- 1975 *Forever...* by Judy Blume †
- 1976 *Ordinary People* by Judith Guest
- 1977 *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson *
- 1978 *The World According to Garp* by John Irving
- 1979 *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
- 1980 *The Clan of the Cave Bear* by Jean Auel
- 1981 *Cujo* by Stephen King
- 1982 *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton
- 1983 *The Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer Bradley
- 1984 *1984* by George Orwell (published 1949)
- 1985 *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- 1986 *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- 1987 *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons
- 1988 *Matilda* by Roald Dahl *
- 1989 *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- 1990 *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton
- 1991 **Read a book about libraries**
MPL moved into the current building on Mentor Avenue.

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- 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**
TVs 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

- 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 "dinosaur" 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

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- 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**
Daisy Miller is published.
- 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
J. Edgar Hoover is appointed director of the F.B.I.
- 1925 *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf
- 1926 *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

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