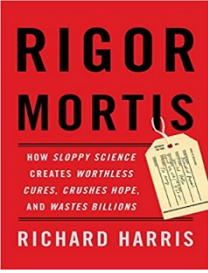
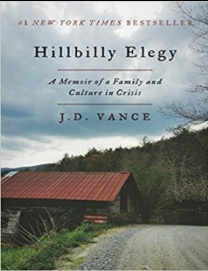
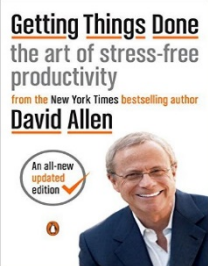
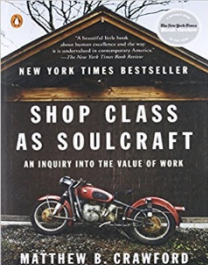
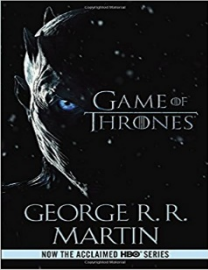
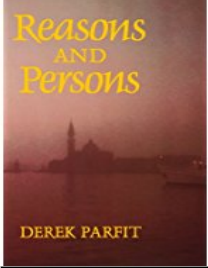

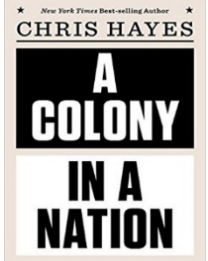
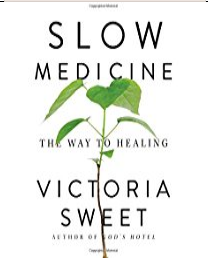
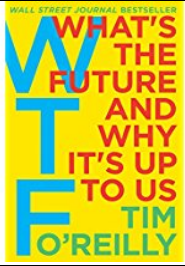


## Best and Worst Books Read in 2017

### Category: Thought provoking

Cover	Citation	Recommended By	Comments
	<p>Harris RF. <i>Rigor Mortis: How Sloppy Science Creates Worthless Cures, Crushes Hope, and Wastes Billions</i>. New York, NY: Basic Books; 2017.</p>	<p>Joanne</p>	<p>“A fascinating discussion of biomedical research today”</p>
	<p>Vance JD. <i>Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis</i>. New York, NY: Harper; 2016.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	
	<p>Allen D. <i>Getting Things Done</i>. London, UK: Penguin; 2015.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	
	<p>Crawford MB. <i>Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry Into the Value of Work</i>. London, UK: Penguin; 2010.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	

	<p>Martin GRR. <i>A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire</i>. New York, NY: Bantam Books; 2011.</p>	<p>Dana</p>	<p>“Way better than I expected”</p>
	<p>Parfit D. <i>Reasons and Persons</i>. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press; 1986.</p>	<p>Dana</p>	<p>“Amazing philosophy, but the writing isn’t very stylish”</p>
	<p>Peters E. <i>St Peter's Fair</i>. New York, NY: Mysterious Press; 1992.</p>	<p>Dana</p>	<p>“Would take...any Brother Cadfael mystery... to that deserted island”</p>
	<p>Hayes C. <i>A Colony in a Nation</i>. New York, NY: WW Norton &amp; Co; 2017.</p>	<p>Bob</p>	
	<p>Sweet V. <i>Slow Medicine</i>. New York, NY: Riverhead Books; 2017.</p>	<p>Alice</p>	

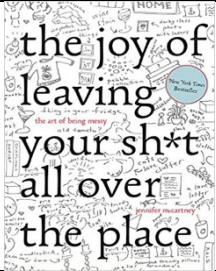
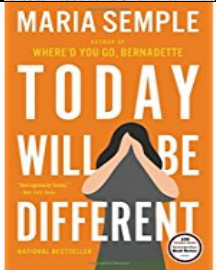
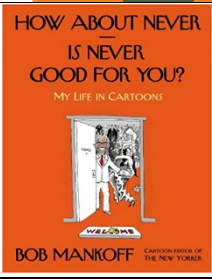
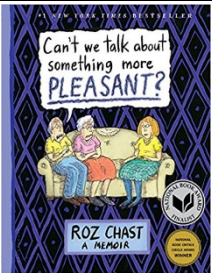
	<p>O'Reilly T. <i>WTF? What's the Future and Why It's Up to Us</i>. New York, NY: HarperBusiness; 2017.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	
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### Category: Sob Inducing

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	<p>Hannah K. <i>The Nightingale</i>. New York, NY: St Martin's Griffin; 2017.</p>	<p>Mary Jo</p>	<p>"It's about the Nazi occupation of France during WWII. I just sobbed at the end of this book, it was so moving."</p>
	<p>Stevenson B. <i>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption</i>. New York, NY: Spiegel and Grau; 2015.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	
	<p>Ng C. <i>Everything I Never Told You</i>. New York, NY: Penguin Books; 2015.</p>	<p>Pranali</p>	

### Category: Fun (Some with pathos)

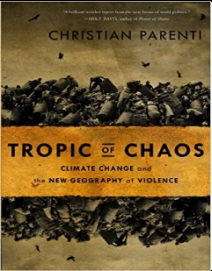
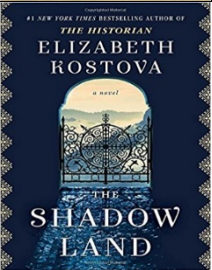

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	<p>McCartney J. <i>The Joy of Leaving Your Sh*t All Over the Place: The Art of Being Messy</i>. Woodstock, VT: Countryside Press; 2016.</p>	<p>Joanne</p>	<p>“A parody of <i>The Live Changing Magic of Tidying Up</i>”</p>
	<p>Semple M. <i>Today Will Be Different</i>. Boston, MA: Back Bay Books; 2017.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	
	<p>Mankoff R. <i>How About Never? Is Never Good for You? My Life in Cartoons</i>. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co.; 2014.</p>	<p>Leslie</p>	<p>“The <i>New Yorker</i>’s cartoon editor tells his story as a submitter (who has had his own work rejected by his employer) and overseer.”</p>
	<p>Chast R. <i>Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?</i> New York, NY: Bloomsbury Press; 2016.</p>	<p>Leslie</p>	<p>“For anyone who has dealt with, is currently dealing with, or will in the future deal with an aging relative or friend”</p>

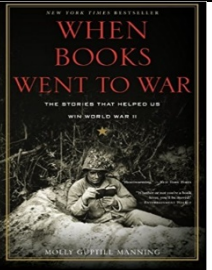
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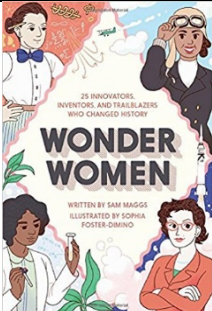
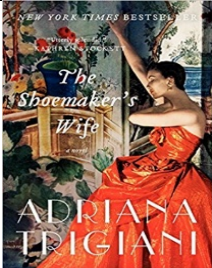
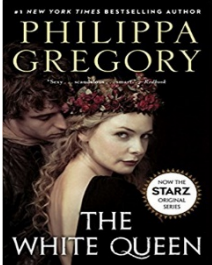
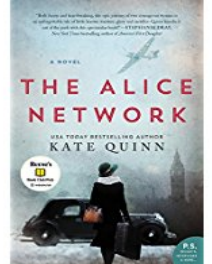
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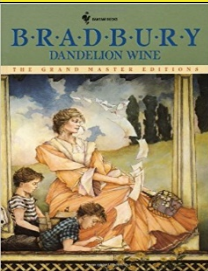
	<p>Stephenson N. <i>Seveneves</i>. New York, NY: William Morrow Paperbacks; 2016.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	<p>“Didn’t live up to the high hopes I had for it”</p>
	<p>Willis C. <i>Dooms Day Book</i>. New York, NY: Spectra; 1993.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	<p>“Interesting premise about time travel but way longer than it needed to be”</p>
	<p>Powell Watts S. <i>No One is Coming to Save Us</i>. New York, NY: Ecco; 2017.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	<p>“Just OK, not recommended”</p>
	<p>Roy A. <i>The Ministry of Utmost Happiness</i>. New York, NY: Random House; 2017.</p>	<p>Joanne</p>	<p>“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.</p>
	<p>Sittenfeld C. <i>Eligible: A Modern Retelling of Pride and Prejudice</i>. New York, NY: Random House; 2017.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	


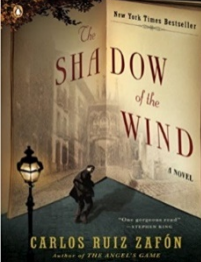
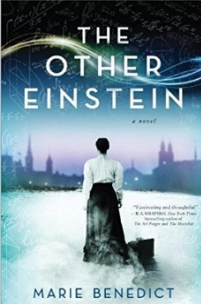
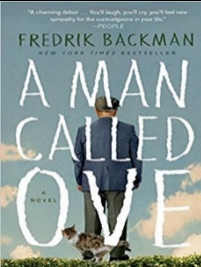
	<p>Parenti C. <i>Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence</i>. New York, NY: Nation Books; 2011.</p>	<p>Dana</p>	<p>“Thesis seemed right (climate change will increase violence in global south), but no evidence drove me nuts.”</p>
	<p>Kostova E. <i>The Shadow Land</i>. New York, NY: Ballantine Books; 2017.</p>	<p>Ruth</p>	<p>“Biggest disappointment this year. I liked <i>The Historian</i>, an earlier novel.”</p>
	<p>Martin-Lugand A. <i>Don't Worry, Life is Easy</i>. New York, NY: Weinstein Books; 2017.</p>	<p>Leslie</p>	<p>“If you’re a fan of characters who light up cigarettes on every page, this is your book.”</p>

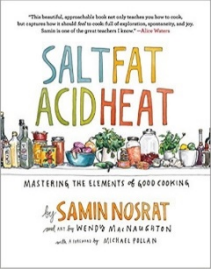
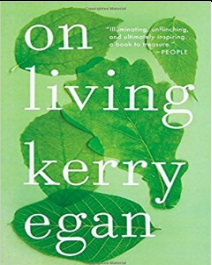
### Category: Recommended

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	<p>Manning, M. <i>When Books Went to War</i>. Wilmington, MA: Mariner; 2015.</p>	<p>Mary Jo</p>	<p>“I really liked this. When America entered WWII in 1941, we faced an enemy that had banned and burned over 100 million books and caused fearful citizens to hide or destroy many more. Outraged librarians launched a campaign to send free books to American troops and gathered 20 million</p>

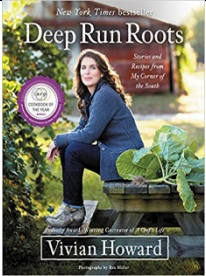
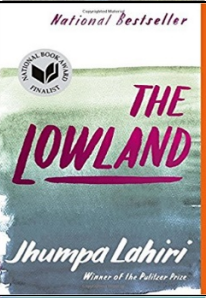
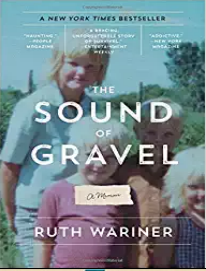
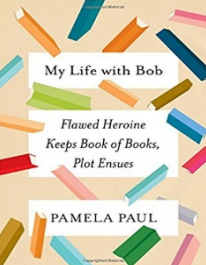
				hardcover donations.”
		Maggs S. <i>Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History</i> . Philadelphia, PA: Quirk Books; 2016.	Joanne	“Great gift for a preteen or teen girl”
		Trigiani A. <i>The Shoemaker's Wife</i> . Scranton, PA: Harper Paperbacks; 2012.	Joanne	“Beautiful writing”
		Gregory P. <i>The White Princess</i> . Kolkata, India: Touchstone; 2013.	Lisa	“Not one of her best but still interesting historical fiction”
		Quinn K. <i>The Alice Network</i> . New York, NY: William Morrow; 2017.	Lisa	“Another historical fiction, about female spies in WWI and WWII”

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

	<p>Morton K. <i>The Secret Keeper</i>. New York, NY: Washington Square Press; 2013.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	<p>“Alternates between present day and WW2”</p>
	<p>Ruiz Zafon C. <i>The Shadow of the Wind</i>. New York, NY: Penguin Books; 2005.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	
	<p>Benedict M. <i>The Other Einstein</i>.</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	<p>“Historical fiction account of Einstein’s first wife. Fascinating and made me want to learn more.”</p>
	<p>Backman F. <i>A Man Called Ove</i>. New York, NY: Washington Square Press; 2015.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	

	<p>Backman F. <i>My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry</i>. New York, NY: Washington Square Press; 2016.</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	
	<p>Bloomberg M, Pope C. <i>Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet</i>. New York, NY: St Martin's Press; 2017.</p>	<p>Roseann</p>	<p>"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."</p>
	<p>Nosrat S. <i>Salt Fat Acid Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking</i>. New York, NY: Simon &amp; Schuster; 2017.</p>	<p>Roseann</p>	<p>"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."</p>
	<p>Egan K. <i>On Living</i>. New York, NY: Riverhead Books; 2016.</p>	<p>Ruth</p>	<p>Books "I think everyone should read"</p>

	<p>Potok C. <i>The Chosen</i>. New York, NY: Fawcett; 1987.</p>	<p>Ruth</p>	
	<p>Backman F. <i>Beartown</i>. New York, NY: Atria Books; 2017.</p>	<p>Ruth</p>	<p>“Love all of his stuff”</p>
	<p>Groen H. <i>The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83-1/4 Years Old</i>. New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing; 2017.</p>	<p>Ruth</p>	<p>One of the “best books I have read this year”</p>
	<p>Mantel H. <i>Bring Up the Bodies</i>. New York, NY: Wolf Hall; 2013</p>	<p>Dana</p>	
	<p>Flynn G. <i>Gone Girl</i>. New York, NY: Broadway Books; 2014.</p>	<p>Pranali</p>	

	<p>Howard V. <i>Deep Run Roots: Stories and Recipes From My Corner of the South</i>. Boston, MA: Little, Brown and Co; 2016.</p>	<p>Joanne</p>	
	<p>Lahiri J. <i>The Lowland</i>. New York, NY: Vintage Contemporaries; 2014.</p>	<p>Veronika</p>	<p>“A beautifully written tragic love story that also captures the American immigrant experience.”</p>
	<p>Warnier R. <i>The Sound of Gravel</i>. New York, NY: Flatiron Books; 2016.</p>	<p>Veronika</p>	<p>“This one belonged in the shocking category...an intense, well-written memoir of a horrific childhood.”</p>
	<p>Paul P. <i>My Life With Bob: Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues</i>. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company; 2017.</p>	<p>Leslie</p>	<p>“The <i>New York Times</i> book editor discusses the list of books she’s kept since she was a teenager.”</p>