**Books Read During Adult**

**2024 Winter Reading Challenge**

**Africa:**

1. An Obvious Enchantment, Tucker Malarkey
2. Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu, Joshua Hammer
3. Born a Crime, Trevor Noah, So. Africa
4. Engineering Marvels, Pyramids of Egypt, Vaness Black
5. Full cupboard of Life, Alexander McCall Smith -Botswana
6. Girl Who Smiled Beads, [Clemantine Wamariya](https://www.amazon.com/Clemantine-Wamariya/e/B079YXF479?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1710795038&sr=8-1)
7. Half of a Yellow Sun, Chimamanda Ngozi – Nigeria
8. Lost History of Stars, Dave Boling
9. Rattlesnake vs. Secretary, Jerry Pallotta
10. Sea Stories, William McRaven-Pakistan
11. Secrets of the Nile, Tasha Alexander
12. Sankofa -[Chibundu Onuzo](https://www.amazon.com/Chibundu-Onuzo/e/B00ABNTRK0/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_1)- Ghana
13. Spell of Good Things, Ayobami Adebago - Nigeris
14. Three Weeks with My Brother, Nicholas Sparks- Ethiopia
15. Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe -Nigeria
16. War That Made the Roman Empire, Barry Strauss-Egypt

**Asia:**

1. Absolution, Alice McDermott -Vietnam
2. Anarchy & Old dogs, Colin Cotterill – Laos
3. Crazy Rich Asians, Kevin Kwan – Singapore
4. Daughters of Madurai, Rajasree Variyar -India
5. Dressmaker of Khair Khana, Gayle Lemmon - Afghanistan
6. Flower Boat Girl, Larry Feign-Hong Kong
7. The Hundred-Foot Journey, Richard Morais – Mumbai
8. Kingdom of Men, Kim Barnes – Saudi Arabia
9. The Long Walk, Slavomir Rawicz -Gobi Desert, Tibet
10. Memoirs of a Geisha, Arthur Golden - Kyoto
11. Night Diary, Veera Hiranandani -Pakistan
12. Samurai’s Garden, Gail Tsukiyama – Japan & China
13. Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Lisa See- China
14. Stalin’s Ghost, Martin Cruz Smith
15. Under Fishbone Clouds, Sam Meekings -China
16. The Women, Kristin Hannah – Vietnam

**Central America:**

1. America Dirt, Jeanine Cummins
2. The Weight of All Things, Sandra Benitez -El Salvador

**Europe:**

1. All the Broken Places, John Boyne -Germany, London
2. A Night Divided, Jennifer Nielsen -Berlin
3. Beautiful Ruins, Walter Jess - Italy
4. Christmas Bride, Mary Balogh -London
5. Cliff’s Edge, Charles Todd
6. Code Name Sapphire, Pam Jenoff- Brussels, Belgium
7. Curse of Penryth Hall, Jess Armstrong - England
8. Hamnett, Maggie O’Fallett – England
9. In the Woods, Tana French - Ireland
10. Kingmaker’s Daughter, Phillipa Gregory – England
11. Librarian of Burned Books - Brianna Labuskes -Berlin & Paris
12. Lipstick Bureau, Michelle Gable - Italy
13. Our Woman in Moscow, Beatriz Williams
14. Saboteur, Andrew Gross – Norway
15. Secret Life of Sunflowers, Marta Molnar- Paris
16. Those Who Save Us. Jenna Blum - Germany

**Island:**

1. 50 Words for Rain, Asha Lemmie- Kyoto, Japan
2. Battle of the Labyrinth, Rick Riordan- Calypsos Island
3. Bookshop of Second Chances, Jackie Fraser - Scotland
4. Bridge of Clay, Markus Zusak- Australia
5. Eat, Pray, Love, Elizabeth Gilbert – Bali
6. Hairy MacLary from Donaldson’s Dairy, Lynley Dodd
7. Hatchet Island, Paul Doiron
8. Legend of Mackinac Island, Kathy-Jo Wargin
9. Lighthouse Keepers Daughter, Hazel Gaynor
10. Miss Iceland, [Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir](https://www.amazon.com/Au%25C3%25B0ur-Ava-%25C3%2593lafsd%25C3%25B3ttir/e/B00OYN4CHQ?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1710796069&sr=8-1)
11. Murder in Williamstown, Kerry Greenwood-Australia
12. On the Jellicoe Road, Melina Marchetta- Australia
13. Pirate Latitudes, Michael Crichton - Caribbean
14. Perfect Couple, Elin Hildbrand – Nantucket
15. River of Darkness, Rennie Airth – Great Britain
16. Running Woman, Patricia Carlon- Australia
17. Romance Island, Zona Gale – Utopian fictional place -Yague
18. Snow Blind, Ragnar Jonasson – Iceland
19. Wild One, Nick Petrie – Iceland
20. Trespasses, Louise Kennedy – Ireland

**North America:**

1. Almost Interesting, David Spade – California
2. Connelly’s of county Down, Tracey Lange – New York
3. Demon Copperhead, Barbara Kingsolver- Kentucky
4. Dear Jacob, a Mother’s Journey of Hope, Patty Wetterling - Minnesota
5. The Edge, David Baldacci -Maine
6. The Exchange, John Grisham – New York
7. Frozen River, Ariel Lawhon - Maine
8. Good-bye Girl, James Grippando – New York
9. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelo
10. Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson - Alabama
11. Kabetogama, John Salmi
12. The Life and Times of Hannah Crafts, Greg Hecimovich
13. Murder on the Red River, Marcie Rendon – Minnesota
14. My Year of Rest and Relaxation, Moshfegh, Ottessa – New York
15. Pioneers!, Willa Cather -Nebraska
16. Pretty Things, Janelle Brown – Lake Tahoe, CA
17. Percy Jackson and the Olympia; The Chalise of the Gods, Rick Riordan -Manhattan
18. Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise, Dan Gemeinhart – Washington
19. Remarkably Bright Creatures, Shelby Van Pelt -Puget Sound
20. Saving Emma, Allen Eskens – St. Paul, Minnesota
21. The Wind Knows My Name, Isabel Allende
22. ‘Tis, Frank McCourt
23. Wings of Poppy Pendleton, Melanie Dobson- St Lawrence River
24. Yellowface, R F Kuang

**South America:**

1. Bel Canto, Ann Patchett
2. Bridge of San Lis Rey, Thorton Wilder - Peru
3. Furia, Yamile Saied Mendez- Argentina
4. Fruit of the Drunken Tree, Ingrid Contreras – Columbia
5. Galapagos, Kurt Vonnegut – Ecuador
6. Hunter Killer, Brad Taylor -Brazil
7. Jaguar vs. Skunk, Jerry Pallota
8. Long Petal of the Sea, Isabel Allende- Chile
9. My Invented Country, Isabel Allende -Chile
10. Running the Amazon, Joe Kane
11. Spanish Daughter, Lorena Hughes - Ecuador
12. State of Wonder, Ann Patchett, Amazon
13. Top Secret Adventures – Guide to Argentina
14. Under Cover, Danielle Steel – Argentina
15. When I Fell From the Sky, [Juliane Koepcke](https://www.amazon.com/Juliane-Koepcke/e/B006999LCY?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1710794822&sr=8-1) – Amazon

**Readers’ Choice:**

1. Blood Dimmed Tide, Rennie Airth
2. Indigenous Ingenuity, Deidre Havrelock
3. Neither Wolf Nor Dog, Kent Nerburn
4. The Mammy, Brendan O’Carroll
5. Oh Miriam, Miriam Margolyes - England
6. Sinister Revenge, Veronica Speedwell
7. Soul of an Octopus, Sy Montgomery- Ocean
8. Standing My Ground, Harry Dunn – Washington DC

**Imaginary Place:**

1. The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, & the Horse, Charlie Mackesy
2. The Hazel Wood, Melissa Albert
3. The Last Olympian, Rick Riordan
4. The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupery – tiny planet
5. Redwall, Bryan Jaques
6. Treasure of St. Woody, I.J. Parnham
7. The Wounded Land, Stephen Donaldson