

# Your Global Reading List for 2022

A new year brings new chapters!

Celebrate the start of 2022 with exciting reads hand-picked by our global team of book lovers. With this curated list of 12 book recommendations written by international authors, you'll be sure to discover your next favorite page-turner month after month.

## 1. **The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down** by Haemin Sunim

Haemin Sunim, a Zen Buddhist teacher from South Korea, shares a valuable mindfulness guide as a touchstone for well-being and happiness in eight areas of life, including love, spirituality and relationships.

## 2. **Dreams are Calling** by Trang Hoang & Pham Quang Phuc, illustrated by Phan Quang Phuc

A 2017 Scholastic Picture Book Award Finalist, *Dreams are Calling* is a beautifully illustrated bedtime story about a boy and his mother who navigate the night woods to return home to the North plateau of Vietnam.

## 3. **The Child in Me** by Sybil Wettasinghe

Winner of the prestigious literary Gratiaen Prize, *The Child in Me* amplifies the childhood experiences of Sri Lankan author and illustrator Sybil Wettasinghe.

## 4. **Golden Bangladesh at 50: Contemporary Poems & Stories** edited by Shazia Omar

Recently published in 2021, Bangladeshi author Shazia Omar commemorates fifty years of Bangladesh in diverse poems and stories, ranging from the liberation of the nation to the loneliness of the pandemic.

## 5. **Girl, Woman, Other** by Bernadine Evaristo

Anglo-Nigerian award-winning author Bernadine Evaristo brings us a LGBT fiction novel featuring twelve different characters who reveal unique stories of modern Britain and black womanhood.

## 6. **The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hossein

The first historical fiction novel from Afghan-born author Khaled Hossein, *The Kite Runner* follows young Amir from the Wazir Akbar Khan district of Kabul as he navigates the tumultuous fall of Afghanistan's monarchy, the exodus of refugees to Pakistan and the United States, and the rise of the Taliban.

## 7. **Endless Field** by Nguyen Ngoc Tu

From Vietnamese short story writer and novelist Nguyen Ngoc Tu, *Endless Field* is an insightful story that displays the lives of Mekong Delta natives.

## 8. **Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood** by Trevor Noah

Famed comedian and *The Daily Show* host Trevor Noah recounts his upbringing in apartheid South Africa alongside his fearless mother who was determined to save her child from the cycle of poverty and violence that threatened her own life.

## 9. **The Runaways** by Famita Bhutto

Afghan author Fatima Bhutto shares how the lives of three characters who reside in different parts of Pakistan and India become entangled, and why they must make difficult decisions that challenge them to walk a fine balance between life and death.

## 10. **Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister: Three Women at the Heart of Twentieth-Century China** by Jung Chang

Chinese-born author Jung Chang reveals the stories of three women who helped shape twentieth-century China by showing courage, passion and care amidst despair and heartbreak.

## 11. **Sorrow and Bliss: A Novel** by Meg Mason

Martha's life as she navigates the trials and tribulations of life, and what it means to discover your own version of bliss.

## 12. **Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World - and Why Things Are Better Than You Think** by Hans Rosling, Ola Rosling, Anna Rosling Rönnlund

Swedish author Hans Rosling and his long-time collaborators Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Rönnlund share an urgent and essential book that challenges the way you see the world and will empower you to respond to the crises and opportunities of the future.

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