

Books of the Year 2022



Some of this year's popular authors (L-R):
Shannon Burns, Anna Clark, Sarah Holland-Batt, Julianne Shultz, Fiona McFarlane

Looking for great gift ideas or summer readings suggestions? Each year we invite senior critics and commentators to nominate their favourite Books of the Year, in one of our best-read annual features.

Which novel does Sarah Holland-Batt describe as 'an ambitious and magnificent accomplishment'?

What zine does Beejay Silcox highlight as 'essential reading'? Which short story collection 'blew [Yves Rees's] head off'? Which literary biography does Michael Hofmann extol as 'entrancingly good'? Which novella 'captured [Yassmin Abdel-Magied's] heart'?

Which work of history 'heralds a historiographic awakening' according to Mark Kenny?

Which two books does Frances Wilson describe as 2022's 'strangest and most dazzling'?

Discover these books and the other titles that *ABR* critics have been reading and loving in 2022.

Critics nominating their Books of the Year include

Frances Wilson

Mindy Gill

Yassmin Abdel-Magied

Geordie Williamson

Tony Birch

Beejay Silcox

James Ley

Michael Winkler

Frank Bongiorno

Morag Fraser

Glyn Davis

Tom Griffiths

Kieran Pender

Clare Wright

Jennifer Mills

Peter Rose

Gideon Haigh

Brenda Niall

Here are some of the popular books nominated in the feature

Childhood by Shannon Burns • *Our Members be Unlimited* by Sam Wallman

This Devastating Fever by Sophie Cunningham • *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

Harvest Lingo by Lionel Fogarty • *Bodies of Light* by Jennifer Down • *Shirley Hazzard* by Brigitta Olubas

Cold Enough for Snow by Jessica Au • *My Accidental Career* by Brenda Niall

The Facemaker by Lindsey Fitzharris • *Dreamers and Schemers* by Frank Bongiorno

The Sun Walks Down by Fiona McFarlane • *The Hyacinth Girl* by Lyndall Gordon

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