



# Goodreads Choice Finalist Stories

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**Stories Can Save Us** Matt Tullis, 2024-06 Great journalism relies on a narrative arc to engage and inform the reader. *Stories Can Save Us* looks at how the best reporters and writers craft narrative literary journalism. Journalist Matt Tullis uses the material he gathered in the more than seventy-five interviews he conducted with the best narrative and literary journalists in the country through his podcast *Gangrey The Podcast* to show how these professionals conceive and write such compelling stories. Through his podcast, Tullis interviewed Pulitzer Prize winners, National Magazine Award winners, and many authors of books of narrative journalism, including New York Times best-selling authors. He also spoke with reporters of different races and backgrounds, styles, and strengths, journalists who have been published in the most prestigious newspapers and magazines, to ask: How do they find story ideas? How do they reach out to potential story subjects? What are their interview strategies? How do they conduct other information gathering? How do they come up with their amazing and enticing leads? How do they develop story structure? How does the story change in the revision process? How do they make their stories great and make them into the types of stories that people read and talk about for years? Through Tullis's conversations with these top-tier journalists, we are offered a window into their methods and practices, as well as the motivations behind great journalism and how it speaks to the cultural climate of its time. Tullis's goal was to expand the power and potential of what amazing reporting and narrative writing can do, believing that it can literally change a reader's mood and possibly a reader's life.

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The home's new owners are Chip and Emily Linton and their twin ten-year-old daughters. Together they hope to rebuild their lives there after Chip, an airline pilot, has to ditch his 70-seat regional jet in Lake Champlain after double engine failure. Unlike the Miracle on the Hudson, however, most of the passengers aboard Flight 1611 die on impact or drown. The body count: thirty-nine, a coincidence not lost on Chip when he discovers the number of bolts in that basement door. Meanwhile, Emily finds herself wondering about the women in this sparsely populated White Mountain village: self-proclaimed herbalists and their interest in her fifth-grade daughters. Are the women mad? Or is it her husband, in the wake of the tragedy, whose grip on sanity has become desperately tenuous? The result is a poignant and powerful ghost story with all the hallmarks readers have come to expect from bestselling novelist Chris Bohjalian: a palpable sense of place, an unerring sense of the demons that drive us, and characters we care about deeply. The difference this time: some of those characters are dead.

**Ministry Protocol: Thrilling Tales of the Ministry of Peculiar Occurrences** Tee Morris, Tiffany Trent, Delilah S. Dawson, Leanna Renee Hieber, Karina Cooper, Jack Mangan, Alex White, Lauren Harris, 2013-10-06

From the award-winning steampunk Ministry of Peculiar Occurrences series comes a collection of new adventures from around the world. The Ministry of Peculiar Occurrences investigates the bizarre and unusual and protects the citizens of the Empire from forces of darkness. Every agent knows that thrusting themselves into danger is part of the job and may demand of them the ultimate sacrifice. They call on their own inner strength, wits, intellect, and innovations of science and technology. But is it enough to face the unknown and the unexplainable? Travel to the farthest corners of Queen Victoria's mighty empire and back again to the shores of Old Blighty, unlocking the mysteries of legend, lore, and shadowy societies. Welcome to a world of steam, secrets, machinations, and madness.

**Letters to a Writer of Colour** Deepa Anappara, Taymour Soomro, 2023-03-09

Filled with empathy and wisdom, personal experiences, and creative inspiration, this is a vital collection of essays on the power of literature and the craft of writing from an international array of writers of colour. Electric essays that speak to the experience of writing from the periphery: a guide, a comfort, and a call, all at once. Laila Lalami, author of *Conditional Citizens*: A whip-smart collection. Kamila Shamsie, author of *Best of Friends*: What if we reconsidered our assumptions about how fiction should be written? And can we then apply our discoveries to both what we read and how we read? This book explores these questions and encourages us into a more inclusive conversation about storytelling, featuring Taymour Soomro on resisting rigid stories about who you are; Madeleine Thien on how writing builds the room in which it can exist; Amitava Kumar on why authenticity isn't a license we carry in our wallets; Tahmima Anam on giving herself permission to be funny; Ingrid Rojas Contreras on the bodily challenge of writing about trauma; Zeyn Joukhadar on queering English and the power of refusing to translate ourselves; Kiese Laymon on hearing that no one wants to read the story that you want to write; Deepa Anappara on writing even through conditions that impede the creation of art. Plus essays from Tiphonie Yanique, Xiaolu Guo, Jamil Jan Kochai, Vida Cruz Borja, Femi Kayode, Nadifa Mohamed, in conversation with Leila Aboulela, Myriam Gurba, Mohammed Hanif, and Sharlene

Teo This book is essential Nikesh Shukla Bracing and moving No one interested in how we read and should read fiction can afford to miss this Pankaj Mishra author of Run And Hide [A Cursed Noel](#) Cecy Robson,2022-09-30 Aric Connor was that werewolf the one destined for glory and the envy of his kind Until his father s brutal murder sent him down a dark path he couldn t escape Aric avenged his father but it wasn t enough Nothing was ever enough Now when he s not executing vicious monsters Aric grieves in his self imposed isolation sinking further into despair In a daring move his packmate acquires the help of the of the town hag Mimi And Mimi knows just the gal to snap Aric out of his downward spiral Using a forbidden spell Mimi transports Aric to a different place and time where festive holiday decorations rule the land and where his love Celia Wird waits in peril Will Aric be able to save Celia and her family from a fate worse than death With monsters mayhem and a major snowstorm hitting the area it will take a Christmas miracle to save Celia and for Aric to become the leader the world needs [The Virginia Quarterly Review](#) ,2017 *The Reading List* Sara Nisha Adams,2022 Discover the magic of The Twilight Garden the brand new novel from Sara Nisha Adams available to buy now A finalist in the Goodreads Choice Awards for Fiction discover this year s most uplifting and heart warming debut Absolutely gorgeous RUTH WARE A joyful uplifting read GOOD HOUSEKEEPING A captivating debut HEIDI SWAIN

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A faded list Nine favourite stories For two strangers friendship is only a page away When Mukesh Patel pops to the local library forgoing his routine of grocery shopping and David Attenborough documentaries he has no idea his life s about to change He meets Aleisha a reluctant librarian and the keeper of a curious reading list just a scrappy piece of paper with the names of 9 stories It doesn t seem anything special Yet something tells her to keep it close Story by story Mukesh and Aleisha work their way through the list their worries slipping away with every encounter with every world discovered in their unlikely book club of two A fresh chance at life at friendship wasn t on the cards for these lonely souls but every story starts somewhere Everyone s getting swept away with The Reading List Oh this book what a glorious emotional powerful and uplifting read Netgalley reviewer A lovely story about the power of books and libraries Libby Page A gorgeous debut novel about the power reading has to bring people together Red If you love books read this If you love crying with sadness crying with happiness and feeling like you have been wrapped in the blanket of someone else s life read this Debbie Johnson Joyous uplifting and reminds us what it feels like to find a book we connect with Netgalley reviewer It s a perfect escape for anyone who wants to be reminded of the power of stories Stephanie Butland A beautiful book about the joys of reading and connecting with people Netgalley reviewer A stunning debut that broke my heart and put it back together again Radiya Hafiza **My Friends** Fredrik Backman,2025-06-19 The beautiful new novel that will make you laugh and cry from the global bestselling author of Anxious People and A Man Called Ove A stunning sweeping extraordinary story of connection love and the unbreakable bonds that guide and shape us Full of humour and heart My Friends is simply wonderful Chris Whitaker AN INSTANT SUNDAY TIMES AND NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

WINNER OF GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD FOR BEST FICTION 2025 SHORTLISTED FOR AMAZON S BEST FICTION BOOK OF 2025 AN AUDIBLE BEST LISTEN OF 2025 A BARNES AND NOBLE NATIONAL BOOK CLUB PICK You have to take life for granted the artist thinks the whole thing sunrises and slow Sunday mornings and water balloons and another person s breath against your neck That s the only courageous thing a person can do In the corner of a world famous painting three tiny figures sit on the end of a pier a secret hidden in plain sight Twenty five years ago a group of teenagers found solace in each other during one unforgettable summer Their friendship inspired a transcendent work of art a painting that now mysteriously belongs to eighteen year old aspiring artist Louisa Driven to learn the story behind its creation Louisa embarks on a journey to the seaside town where it all began But as she gets closer to the painting s birthplace Louisa learns that happy endings do not always take the form we expect Fredrik Backman returns with an unforgettably funny deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger s life years later Readers can t get enough of My Friends five star reviews It was perfect I have no other words to describe this masterpiece Like what the hell was I doing all these years I haven t read a friendship story this genuine heartfelt clumsy straightforward smart sentimental shocking and emotionally resonant in a very long time Is it too early in the year to pick my favourite read of 2025 I think not as this will be hard to beat Backman remains my absolute favorite Absolutely brilliant and beautiful I loved loved loved this book **salt slow** Julia Armfield,2019-10-08 Shortlisted for the Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year Award From White Review Short Story Prize winner Julia Armfield a brilliant provocative debut story collection for fans of Carmen Maria Machado and Kelly Link In her electrifying debut Julia Armfield explores women s experiences in contemporary society mapped through their bodies As urban dwellers sleeps become disassociated from them like Peter Pan s shadow a city turns insomniac A teenager entering puberty finds her body transforming in ways very different than her classmates As a popular band gathers momentum the fangirls following their tour turn into something monstrous After their parents remarry two step sisters one a girl and one a wolf develop a dangerously close bond And in an apocalyptic landscape a pregnant woman begins to realize that the creature in her belly is not what she expected Blending elements of horror science fiction mythology and feminism salt slow is an utterly original collection of short stories that are sure to dazzle and shock heralding the arrival of a daring new voice **Go as a River** Shelley Read,2024-06-04 NATIONAL BESTSELLER Beautiful A striking first novel of love and strength and growth set against the forests and rivers of Colorado s high country Read is a gifted writer and the book is a literary triumph Denver Post With gorgeous descriptions of the great outdoors an illicit love story and an unforgettable protagonist Go as a River offers something for everyone Real Simple Set amid Colorado s wild beauty a heartbreaking coming of age story of a resilient young woman whose life is changed forever by one chance encounter A tragic and uplifting novel of love and loss family and survival and hope for readers of Great Circle The Four Winds and Where the Crawdads Sing Seventeen year old Victoria Nash runs the household on her family s peach farm in the

small ranch town of Iola Colorado the sole surviving female in a family of troubled men Wilson Moon is a young drifter with a mysterious past displaced from his tribal land and determined to live as he chooses Victoria encounters Wil by chance on a street corner a meeting that profoundly alters both of their young lives igniting as much passion as danger When tragedy strikes Victoria leaves the only life she has ever known fleeing into the surrounding mountains where she struggles to survive in the wilderness with no clear notion of what her future will bring As the seasons change she also charts the changes in herself finding in the beautiful but harsh landscape the meaning and strength to move forward and rebuild all that she has lost even as the Gunnison River threatens to submerge her homeland its ranches farms and the beloved peach orchard that has been in her family for generations Inspired by true events surrounding the destruction of the town of Iola in the 1960s Go as a River is a story of deeply held love in the face of hardship and loss but also of finding courage resilience friendship and finally home where least expected This stunning debut explores what it means to lead your life as if it were a river gathering and flowing finding a way forward even when a river is dammed

**Yellow Wife** Sadeqa Johnson,2021-01-12 Wholly engrossing exquisitely researched and so timely Sadeqa Johnson brings a fresh telling to a story we think we already know making it beautifully relatable and human Riveting and suspenseful I highly recommend this novel Kathleen Grissom New York Times Bestselling author of The Kitchen House This harrowing story follows an enslaved woman forced to barter love and freedom while living in the most infamous slave jail in Virginia Born on a plantation in Charles City Virginia Pheby Delores Brown has lived a privileged life Shielded by her mother s position as the plantation s medicine woman and cherished by the Master s sister she is set apart from the others on the plantation belonging to neither world Freedom on her eighteenth birthday has been promised to her but instead of the idyllic life she imagined with her true love Essex Henry Pheby is forced to leave the only home she has ever known and unexpectedly finds herself thrust into the bowels of slavery at the infamous Devil s Half Acre a jail where the enslaved are broken tortured and sold every day in Richmond Virginia There Pheby is exposed not just to her Jailor s cruelty but also to his contradictions To survive Pheby will have to outwit him but soon faces the ultimate sacrifice

**Bunny** Mona Awad,2020-06-09 NATIONAL BESTSELLER Soon to be a major motion picture Jon Swift Witches of Eastwick Kelly Get In Trouble Link Mean Girls Creative Writing Degree Hell No punches pulled no hilarities dodged no meme unmangled O Bunny you are sooo genius Margaret Atwood via Twitter A wild audacious and ultimately unforgettable novel Michael Schaub Los Angeles Times Awad is a stone cold genius Ann Bauer The Washington Post The Vegetarian meets Heathers in this darkly funny seductively strange novel from the acclaimed author of 13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl and Rouge We were just these innocent girls in the night trying to make something beautiful We nearly died We very nearly did didn t we Samantha Heather Mackey couldn t be more of an outsider in her small highly selective MFA program at New England s Warren University A scholarship student who prefers the company of her dark imagination to that of most people she is utterly repelled by the rest of her fiction writing cohort a clique of unbearably twee rich girls

who call each other Bunny and seem to move and speak as one But everything changes when Samantha receives an invitation to the Bunnies fabled Smut Salon and finds herself inexplicably drawn to their front door ditching her only friend Ava in the process As Samantha plunges deeper and deeper into the Bunnies sinister yet saccharine world beginning to take part in the ritualistic off campus Workshop where they conjure their monstrous creations the edges of reality begin to blur Soon her friendships with Ava and the Bunnies will be brought into deadly collision The spellbinding new novel from one of our most fearless chroniclers of the female experience Bunny is a down the rabbit hole tale of loneliness and belonging friendship and desire and the fantastic and terrible power of the imagination Named a Best Book of 2019 by TIME Vogue Electric Literature and The New York Public Library

**Fry Bread** Kevin Noble Maillard,2019-10-22 Winner of the 2020 Robert F Sibert Informational Book Medal A 2020 American Indian Youth Literature Picture Book Honor Winner A wonderful and sweet book Lovely stuff The New York Times Book Review Told in lively and powerful verse by debut author Kevin Noble Maillard Fry Bread is an evocative depiction of a modern Native American family vibrantly illustrated by Pura Belpre Award winner and Caldecott Honoree Juana Martinez Neal Fry bread is food It is warm and delicious piled high on a plate Fry bread is time It brings families together for meals and new memories Fry bread is nation It is shared by many from coast to coast and beyond Fry bread is us It is a celebration of old and new traditional and modern similarity and difference A 2020 Charlotte Huck Recommended Book A Publishers Weekly Best Picture Book of 2019 A Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Book of 2019 A School Library Journal Best Picture Book of 2019 A Booklist 2019 Editor s Choice A Shelf Awareness Best Children s Book of 2019 A Goodreads Choice Award 2019 Semifinalist A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Book of 2019 A National Public Radio NPR Best Book of 2019 An NCTE Notable Poetry Book A 2020 NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People A 2020 ALA Notable Children s Book A 2020 ILA Notable Book for a Global Society 2020 Bank Street College of Education Best Children s Books of the Year List One of NPR s 100 Favorite Books for Young Readers Nominee Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Award 2022 2022 Nominee Illinois Monarch Award 2022

**I See Reality** Grace Kendall,2016-01-26 An anthology of twelve original short stories by top authors exploring real issues for real teens Through prose and comics alike these heart pounding short stories for young adults ask hard questions about a range of topics from sexuality and addiction to violence and immigration Here is the perfect tool for starting tough discussions or simply as an introduction to realistic literary fiction In turns funny thought provoking and heartbreaking I See Reality will resonate with today s teens long after the last page has been turned Contributing authors include Jay Clark Kristin Clark Heather Demetrios Stephen Emond Patrick Flores Scott Faith Hicks Trisha Leaver Kekla Magoon Marcella Pixley James Preller Jason Schmidt and Jordan Sonnenblick These 12 stories manage to capture all of the laughter tears struggles horrors and highlights of being a teenager and I loved every minute of it TeenReads

**Underground Airlines** Ben H. Winters,2016-07-05 The bestselling book that asks the question what would present day America look like if the Civil War never happened A New York Times bestseller a Goodreads Choice

finalist named one of the Best Books of the Year by NPR Slate Publishers Weekly Hudson Bookseller St Louis Post Dispatch Kirkus Reviews AudioFile Magazine and Amazon A young black man calling himself Victor has struck a bargain with federal law enforcement working as a bounty hunter for the US Marshall Service in exchange for his freedom He s got plenty of work In this version of America slavery continues in four states called the Hard Four On the trail of a runaway known as Jackdaw Victor arrives in Indianapolis knowing that something isn t right with the case file with his work and with the country itself As he works to infiltrate the local cell of a abolitionist movement called the Underground Airlines tracking Jackdaw through the back rooms of churches empty parking garages hotels and medical offices Victor believes he s hot on the trail But his strange increasingly uncanny pursuit is complicated by a boss who won t reveal the extraordinary stakes of Jackdaw s case as well as by a heartbreaking young woman and her child who may be Victor s salvation Victor believes himself to be a good man doing bad work unwilling to give up the freedom he has worked so hard to earn But in pursuing Jackdaw Victor discovers secrets at the core of the country s arrangement with the Hard Four secrets the government will preserve at any cost Underground Airlines is a ground breaking novel a wickedly imaginative thriller and a story of an America that is more like our own than we d like to believe

**Girls Burn Brighter** Shobha Rao,2018-03-06 Best Book of the Year The Washington Post NPR Shelf Awareness Paste LitHub Real Simple 2018 Goodreads Choice Awards Finalist Best Fiction Longlisted for the 2018 Center for Fiction First Novel Prize Incandescent A searing portrait of what feminism looks like in much of the world Vogue A treat for Ferrante fans exploring the bonds of friendship and how female ambition beats against the strictures of poverty and patriarchal societies The Huffington Post An electrifying debut novel about the extraordinary bond between two girls driven apart by circumstance but relentless in their search for one another Poornima and Savitha have three strikes against them they are poor they are ambitious and they are girls After her mother s death Poornima has very little kindness in her life She is left to care for her siblings until her father can find her a suitable match So when Savitha enters their household Poornima is intrigued by the joyful independent minded girl Suddenly their Indian village doesn t feel quite so claustrophobic and Poornima begins to imagine a life beyond arranged marriage But when a devastating act of cruelty drives Savitha away Poornima leaves behind everything she has ever known to find her friend Her journey takes her into the darkest corners of India s underworld on a harrowing cross continental journey and eventually to an apartment complex in Seattle Alternating between the girls perspectives as they face ruthless obstacles Shobha Rao s *Girls Burn Brighter* introduces two heroines who never lose the hope that burns within

*Our Wives Under the Sea* Julia Armfield,2022-07-12 A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR NPR The Washington Post Lit Hub The Telegraph Goodreads Tor com them and more A FINALIST for the LAMBDA LITERARY AWARD and GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD A deeply strange and haunting novel in the best possible way An impressive and exciting debut novel that may leave you thinking about your own relationships in a new light NPR Shocking Achingly poetic Sharp and beautiful as coral polyps Armfield exercises an exquisite

even sadistic sense of suspense Ron Charles The Washington Post Leah is changed A marine biologist she left for a routine expedition months earlier only this time her submarine sank to the sea floor When she finally surfaces and returns home her wife Miri knows that something is wrong Barely eating and lost in her thoughts Leah rotates between rooms in their apartment running the taps morning and night Whatever happened in that vessel whatever it was they were supposed to be studying before they were stranded Leah has carried part of it with her onto dry land and into their home As Miri searches for answers desperate to understand what happened below the water she must face the possibility that the woman she loves is slipping from her grasp By turns elegiac and furious wry and heartbreaking Our Wives Under the Sea is an exploration of the unknowable depths within each of us and the love that compels us nevertheless toward one another

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