

2023 Montana Book Company Reading Challenge

- Read a nonfiction or fiction book by a transgender author, about trans characters (don't you dare with Rowling), or transgender issues.

- Finish a book you DNF'd (did not finish) in the past couple of years.

- Book about deafness, or with deaf characters, or by a deaf author.

- Read a book where the setting is on an island - fiction or nonfiction.

- Novel written from the perspective of an animal.

- Book recommended by one of your favorite authors.

- Read a book with an ACE (Asexual) character.

- Read a book that has been challenged or banned in your local/state area.

- Read a fiction or nonfiction book about social/political activism. (This is broad. Could be a how to, or a history book, or novel).

- Re-read a book from your formative years that you thought was SO GOOD then.

- Read a bookseller recommendation that you wouldn't normally dream of reading.

Read a duology, or the first two books in a longer series.

Read a book of poetry from a poet whose work you haven't explored yet.

Read a nonfiction book about the natural world.

Read a book by an author writing during the Harlem Renaissance. (obviously we mean a Black author).

Novel set in the near future where the impacts of climate change/global warming are present. Cli-Fi!!!!

Book written by a female philosopher. (Do the google, they exist!)

Read a book you know you should probably read, but have been avoiding.

Book about a musician, about music, or by a musician.

Book about HIV/AIDS. Fiction or nonfiction.

Prize winner from 2022. Any book prize will do.

Read something funny. Maybe a book by a comedian, one of those comical mysteries, or a memoir by someone who makes you laugh. We need funny.

- Read a memoir in essays (any bookseller worth their weight in bookmarks can point you in the right direction here.)
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- Read a book by bell hooks.
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- Read a cookbook, or book written about food/cooking, or by a chef. (read a cookbook you say? Why yes, some have so much more in them than just recipes.)
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- Read a book by an Indigenous author.
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- Read a true crime book. **note: sometimes folks write bad books that exploit victims. Try and find something that takes itself seriously and deals with the topic professionally.
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- You choose a new category for next year and read a book in that category. Please write out the prompt and the book you read.
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- Attend an author event at your local bookshop, or online. Maybe read their book too.
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**29 prompts, with 30 books total.

Book challenge due December 30th by close of business.

Feel free to drop off, email, DM pics through Insta, or snail mail your completed forms.

Winners will be announced January 2nd, 2024. Winners chosen randomly by drawing.

First prize: \$50 MTBC gift certificate and tote.

Second prize: \$25 gift certificate and tote.