

# 2020 Bookish Stats (& Reading Journal)

I am a complete nerd when it comes to lists and keeping a record of my reading does not escape this! Today, I want to share my **2020 bookish stats**.

It was a great reading year in terms of how many books I



thoroughly enjoyed.

I found **4 new favourites of all time**, which is awesome!

These were:

- The Dream Daughter
- The Rearranged Life of Oona Lockhard (also called Oona Out of Order)
- Writers and Lovers
- The Invisible Life of Addie Larue

I read **53 books**

- 9 physical books

- 7 e-books
- 8 physical books while listening to the audiobook
- 28 audiobooks

### My ratings:

- 12 x five stars (how lucky am I?! Or am I really generous with my stars?...)
- 16 x four stars
- 20 x three stars
- 5 x two stars (the perks of having to read books out of your control for uni!)

### Authors:

- 30 x **females**
- 21 x **males**
- 2 x more than one author – male and female
- 45 x **new-to-me** authors
- 8 x **read before**

### Author's nationality:

- 22 x English
- 19 x American
- 4 x Australian
- 1 x African
- 1 x Israeli



- 1 x Scottish
- 1 x French
- 1 x Canadian
- 1 x Irish
- 1 x Egyptian

**Stand alone books:**

- 39

**Part of a series:**

- 13

**Short story collection:**

- 1

**Genre:**

- 15 x magical realism/fantasy/dystopian
- 13 x non fiction
- 9 x classic
- 5 x contemporary
- 3 x graphic novel
- 2 x poetry collection
- 2 x sci -fi
- 2 x historical fiction
- 1 x crime
- 1 x chick lit
  - (of these, there were 4 x young adult, 2 x gothic, 2 x children's and 1 x adventure)

Books read in 2020

No.	Begin	Finish	Genre	Title	Author	Country	Rating
1	Jan 8	Jan 9	A	Every Heart A Doorway	Seanan McGuire	USA	★★★★
2	Jan 15	Jan 18	A	Challenge Accepted	Celste Barber	AUS	★★★★
3	May 7	Jan 20	B	Bone Shivers	Laura Ruvell	AUS	★★★★
4	Feb 21	Jan 28	B	My Sister, The Serial Killer	Oyinban Braithwaite	NGR	★★★★
5	Jan 21	Feb 4	A	The Dream Daughter	Beane Chamberlain	USA	★★★★
6	Jan 22	Feb 9	A	Why Science Does Not Disprove God	Amir D. Alzel	USA	★★★★
7	Feb 11	Mar 5	A	Life After Life	Kate Atkinson	ENG	★★★★
8	Jan 27	Mar 5	A	Where The Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	USA	★★★★
9	Mar 7	Mar 15	C	Frankenstein	Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley	GBR	★★★★
10	Mar 7	Mar 17	C	The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	GBR	★★★★
11	Mar 21	Mar 21	C	Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	ENG	★★★★
12	Apr 2	Apr 15	A	Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert	FRA	★★★★
13	Mar 27	Apr 17	A	Winnie - the - Pooh vol 1	A.A. Milne	ENG	★★★★
14	Mar 27	Apr 19	A	The Sunday Times Short Story 2019 Collected	Emma Clive, Kevin Barry, Louise Kennedy	GBR	★★★★
15	Apr 23	May 2	C	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	GBR	★★★★
16	May 6	May 15	A	Dracula	Bram Stoker	GBR	★★★★
17	Apr 18	May 15	B	The Age of Miracles	Karen Thompson Walker	USA	★★★★
18	Apr 23	May 20	A	How to Not Die: Everything I've Learned From	Elizabeth Day	GBR	★★★★
19	May 20	May 28	A	Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Fairy Tales, and	Amanda Leitch	GBR	★★★★
20	May 28	Jun 1	A	Mysticorence: An Anne Waters	Judith Baird	AUS	★★★★
21	Jun 1	Jun 7	A	The Secret Knife (with Dark Matter & Co.)	Philip Pullman	GBR	★★★★
22	Mar 22	Jun 9	A	# Tale for the Time Being <small>with Alice Sharp</small>	Rithy Greki	USA	★★★★
23	Jun 9	Jun 9	B	Normal People	Sally Rooney	IRL	★★★★
24	Jun 14	Jun 14	B	Wyatt	Gary Dishaw	USA	★★★★
25	Jun 14	Jun 14	A	Dear NHS: 100 Stories to Say Thank You	Multiple - edited by Adam Kay	GBR	★★★★
26	Jun 14	Jun 14	C	Tarzan of the Apes	Edgar Rice Burroughs	USA	★★★★
27	Jun 14	Jun 14	A	Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep	Matthew Walker	USA	★★★★

Goals remaining: 12 more physical books (6.6, 4.0)  
 : outlander series  
 : more woody reads

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28	Jul 23	Aug 2	C	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	USA	★★★★ .5
29	Aug 2	Aug 4	A	Bridget Jones' Diary	Helen Fielding	GBR	★★★★ .5
30	Aug 5	Aug 8	C	Annihilation	Jeff VanderMeer	USA	★★★★ .5
31	Jan 20	Aug 11	B	The Sound of a Wild Swallow	Elizabeth Tom Bailey	USA	★★★★
32	Aug 5	Aug 11	B	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, the Horse	Charlie Mackesy	GBR	★★★★
33	July 17	Aug 15	A	The Library of the Unwritten	A. J. Jacobs	AUS	★★★★
34	Aug 5	Aug 15	B	Dog Songs	Mary Oliver	USA	★★★★
35	Jan 23	Aug 20	A	Outlines for a Novel: Map for a Mind	K.M. Weiland	USA	★★★★
36	Aug	Aug	B	The Rearranged Life of Cona Lockhead	Margaret Macdonald	USA	★★★★
37	Sep 2	Sep 4	A	Marmalade	Chris Flynn	AUS	★★★★
38	Sep 11	Sep 12	A	Out of Books	Jeffrey Ford	USA	★★★★
39	Sep 12	Sep 13	B	Writers and Lovers	Lynn King	USA	★★★★
40	Sep 23	Sep 24	B	Petals of the Moon	C. Churchill	USA	★★★★
41	Oct 5	Oct 8	A	Life on Mars	Victor J. Stretcher	USA	★★★★
42	Oct 9	Oct 14	A	My name is why	Kern Sissay	UKR	★★★★
43	Sep 28	Oct 16	B	Kindred	Octavia E. Butler	USA	★★★★
44	Oct 13	Nov 13	A	Save for Happy	Mo Ganodan	Egypt	★★★★
45	Nov 11	Nov 24	A	Botanical Folk Tales	Lisa Schneider	UKR	★★★★
46	Oct 29	Nov 24	B	The Invisible Life of Abbie Lincoln	V.F. Schwab	USA	★★★★
47	Nov 28	Dec 4	A	The Joazeiro	Kirby Hogan	UKR	★★★★
48	Dec 1	Dec 20	B	The Midnight Library	Matt Haug	UKR	★★★★
49	Dec 21	Dec 23	A	All About Us	Tom Ellen	UKR	★★★★
50	Dec 26	Dec 27	B	Book Love	Debbie Tung	UKR	★★★★
51	Dec 26	Dec 30	B	The Stranger Diaries	Ely Griffiths	UKR	★★★★
52	Dec 27	Dec 30	A	Christmas Tales	Eric Clayton	UKR	★★★★
53	Dec 27	Dec 31	B	Quiet Girl in a Noisy World	Debbie Tung	UKR	★★★★

I love that I read a broad array of genres and authors. In 2019, I burned myself out on historical fiction, particularly war-related books, because of reading so many for writing projects I was working on (and I do love the genre). Also, with everything going on in the world, I wanted to move away from what is often heavy-going reading matter.

I have increasingly loved magical realism over the past few years, and this really took off in 2020. I find it so exciting



