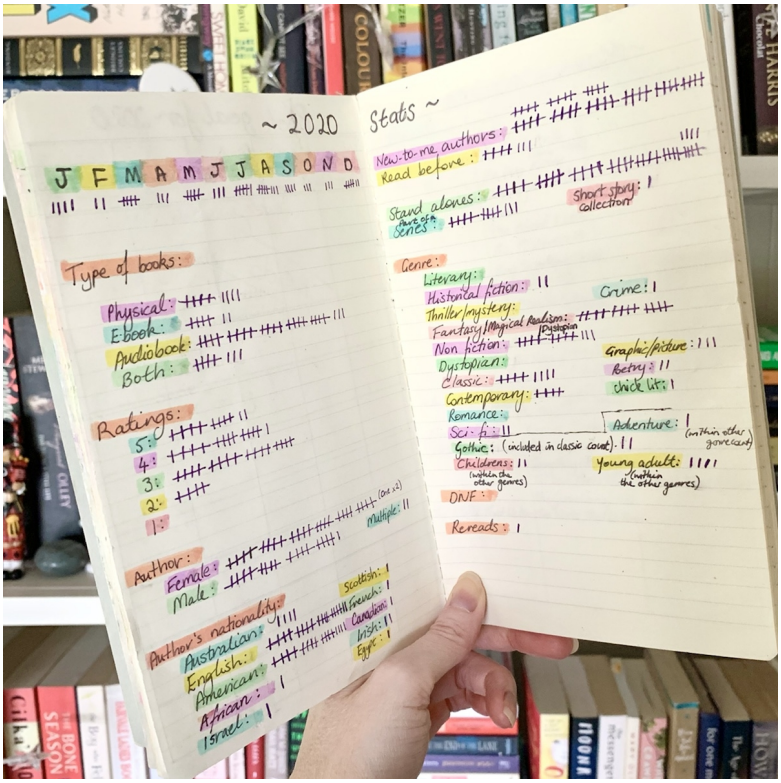
2020 Bookish Stats (& Reading Journal)

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**:

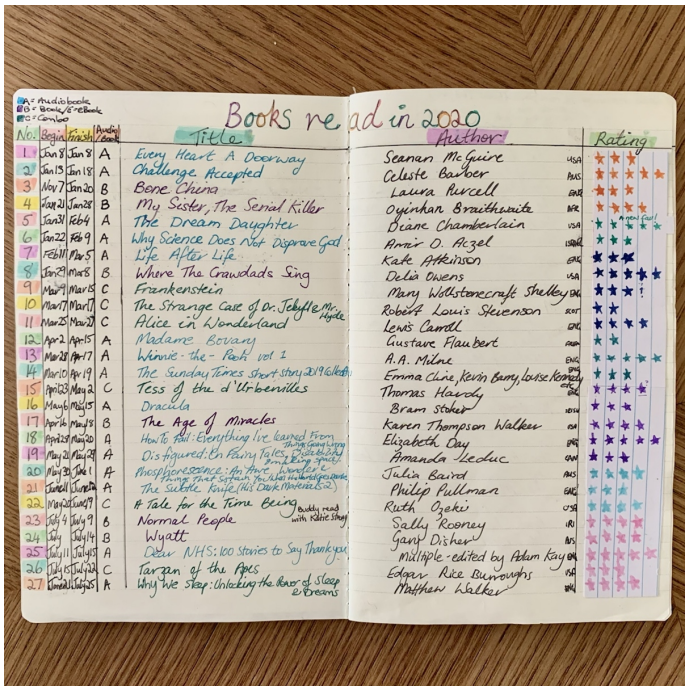
- 13

Short story **collection**:

- 1

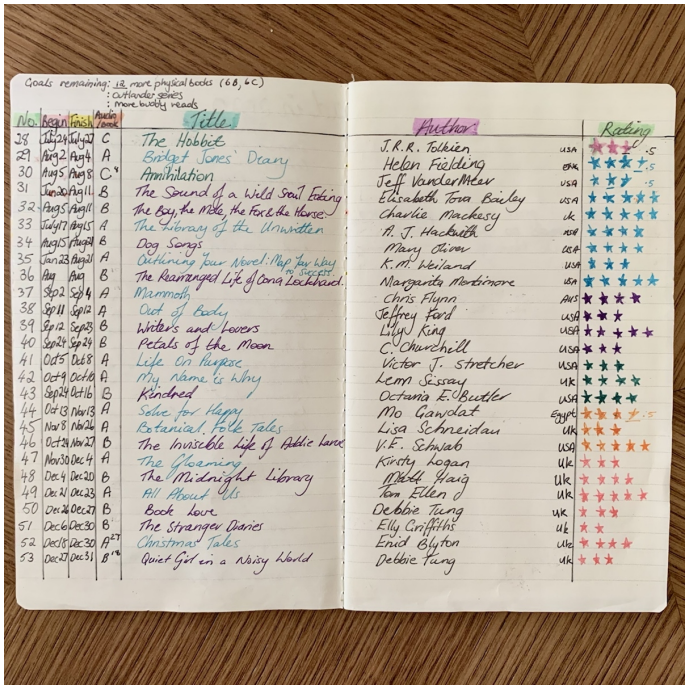
Genre:

- 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	Audio Book	Title	Author		Rating
1	Jan 8	Jan 8	A	Every Heart A Doorway	Seanan McGuire	USA	★★★
2	Jan 13	Jan 18	A	Challenge Accepted	Celeste Barber	AUS	★★★★★
3	Nov 7	Jan 20	B	Bone China	Laura Purcell	ENG	★★★
4	Jan 21	Jan 28	B	My Sister, The Serial Killer	Oyinkan Braithwaite	NIG	★★★★
5	Jan 31	Feb 4	A	The Dream Daughter	Diane Chamberlain	USA	★★★ ★ (not for me) ★
6	Jan 22	Feb 9	A	Why Science Does Not Disprove God	Amir O. Aczel	USA/IL	★★★
7	Feb 11	Mar 5	A	Life After Life	Kate Atkinson	ENG	★★★
8	Jan 29	Mar 8	B	Where The Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	USA	★★★★★
9	Mar 9	Mar 15	C	Frankenstein	Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley	ENG	★★★ !
10	Mar 17	Mar 17	C	The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	SCOT	★★
11	Mar 25	Mar 27	C	Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	ENG	★★★★
12	Apr 2	Apr 15	A	Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert	FRA	★★
13	Mar 28	Apr 17	A	Winnie-the-Pooh vol 1	A.A. Milne	ENG	★★★★★
14	Mar 10	Apr 19	A	The Sunday Times Short Story 2019 Collection	Emma Cline, Kevin Barry, Louise Kennedy	ENG, IRE	★★★
15	Apr 23	May 2	C	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	ENG	★★★
16	May 6	May 15	A	Dracula	Bram Stoker	IRE	★★★
17	Apr 16	May 18	B	The Age of Miracles	Karen Thompson Walker	CA	★★★★
18	Apr 29	May 20	A	How To Fail: Everything I've Learned From Making Things Grow (Including Myself)	Elizabeth Day	ENG	★★★★★
19	May 21	May 28	A	Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space	Amanda Leduc	CAN	★★★
20	May 29	June 1	A-	Phosphorescence: An Ever Growing Ode to Things that Sustain You When Everything Else Falls Away	Julia Baird	AUS	★★★★
21	June 1	June 7	A	The Subtle Knife (His Dark Materials 2)	Philip Pullman	ENG	★★★
22	May 22	June 9	C	A Tale for the Time Being (buddy read with Katie Shrag)	Ruth Ozeki	USA	★★★★
23	July 4	July 9	B	Normal People	Sally Rooney	IRL	★★★★
24	July	July 14	B	Wyatt	Gary Disher	AUS	★★★★
25	July 11	July 15	A	Dear NHS: 100 Stories to Say Thank you	Multiple - edited by Adam Kay	UK	★★★★★
26	July 15	July 22	C	Tarzan of the Apes	Edgar Rice Burroughs	USA	★★★★
27	June 21	July 25	A	Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep & Dreams	Matthew Walker	UK	★★★★



Goals remaining: 12 more physical books (6B, 6C)
: outlander series
: more buddy reads

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28	July 24	July 27	C	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	USA	★★½ .5
29	Aug 2	Aug 4	A	Bridget Jones' Diary	Helen Fielding	ENG	★★★½ .5
30	Aug 5	Aug 8	C.*	Annihilation	Jeff VanderMeer	USA	★★½ .5
31	Jun 20	Aug 11	B	The Sound of a Wild Soul Eating	Elisabeth Tova Bailey	USA	★★★★★
32	Aug 5	Aug 11	B	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox & the Horse	Charlie Mackesy	UK	★★★★★
33	July 17	Aug 15	A	The Library of the Unwritten	A. J. Hackwith	NZ	★★★★
34	Aug 15	Aug 21	B	Dog Songs	Mary Oliver	USA	★★★★
35	Jan 23	Aug 21	A	Outlining Your Novel: Map Your Way to Success	K.M. Weiland	USA	★★★
36	Aug	Aug	B	The Rearranged Life of Oona Lockhart	Margarita Montimore	USA	★★★★★
37	Sep 2	Sep 4	A	Mammoth	Chris Flynn	AUS	★★★★
38	Sep 11	Sep 12	A	Out of Body	Jeffrey Ford	USA	★★★
39	Sep 12	Sep 23	B	Writers and Lovers	Lily King	USA	★★★★★
40	Sep 24	Sep 29	B	Petals of the Moon	C. Churchill	USA	★★★
41	Oct 5	Oct 8	A	Life On Purpose	Victor J. Stretcher	USA	★★★
42	Oct 9	Oct 16	A	My Name is Why	Lem Sissay	UK	★★★★
43	Sep 29	Oct 16	B	Kindred	Octavia E. Butler	USA	★★★★★
44	Oct 13	Nov 13	A	Solve for Happy	Mo Gawdat	Egypt	★★★½ .5
45	Nov 8	Nov 26	A	Botanical Folk Tales	Lisa Schneidau	UK	★★★
46	Oct 29	Nov 27	B	The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue	V.E. Schwab	USA	★★★★★
47	Nov 30	Dec 4	A	The Gloaming	Kirsty Logan	UK	★★★
48	Dec 4	Dec 20	B	The Midnight Library	Matt Haig	UK	★★★★
49	Dec 21	Dec 23	A	All About Us	Tom Ellen	UK	★★★★★
50	Dec 24	Dec 27	B	Book Love	Debbie Tung	UK	★★★
51	Dec 6	Dec 30	B	The Stranger Diaries	Elly Griffiths	UK	★★
52	Dec 18	Dec 30	A-*	Christmas Tales	Enid Blyton	UK	★★★★
53	Dec 27	Dec 31	B-*	Quiet Girl in a Noisy World	Debbie Tung	UK	★★★

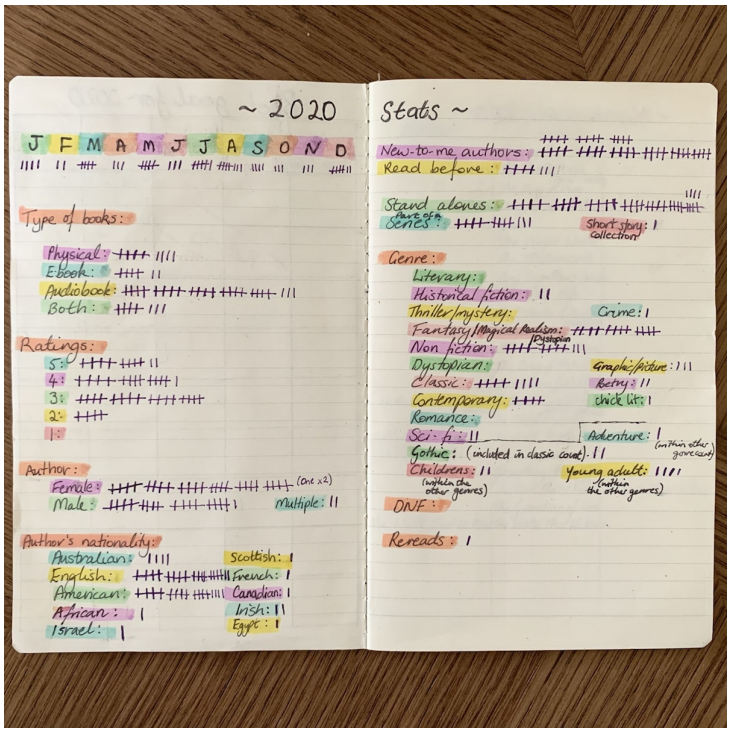
I love that I read a broad array of genres and authors. In 2019, I burned myself out on historical fiction, particularly war-related books, because of reading so many for writing projects I was working on (and I do love the genre). Also, with everything going on in the world, I wanted to move away from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

to read books with an imaginative and interesting element, and these books are so often amazingly unique and fun to read.

I’m amazed how many books I read were written by American or English authors. A lot of book recommendations come to me from American or English booktubers and book bloggers, so it does make sense, but I really want to continue expanding the author nationalities I read and the countries books are set in.

Did you keep any stats about the books you read in 2020? I’d love to hear how you tracked them if you did. What areas are you surprised by or happy with?

Are you going to keep a record of what you read in 2021? I recommend it! It’s fun, and it is also a great way to see what types of books you gravitate towards, what you enjoy and want to reach for more, and what areas you might want to grow in.

Happy planning, and enjoy nerding out!