

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	Title	Author
1	Jun 8	Jun 9	Every Heart A Doorway	Seanann McGuire
2	Jun 13	Jun 18	Challenge Accepted	Celeste Barber
3	May 7	Jun 20	Bone Shivers	Laura Russell
4	Jun 21	Jun 28	My Sister, The Serial Killer	Oyinkan Braithwaite
5	Jun 21	Feb 4	The Dream Daughter	Deane Chamberlain
6	Jun 22	Feb 9	Why Science Does Not Disprove God	Amos O. Azel
7	Feb 11	Mar 5	Life After Life	Kate Atkinson
8	Jun 27	Mar 5	Where The Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens
9	Mar 7	Mar 15	Frankenstein	Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
10	Mar 7	Mar 17	The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson
11	Mar 21	Mar 21	Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
12	Apr 2	Apr 15	Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert
13	Mar 28	Apr 17	Winnie-the-Pooh vol 1	A.A. Milne
14	Mar 10	Apr 19	The Sunday Times Short Story 2019 Collection	Emma Clare, Kevin Barry, Louise Kennedy
15	Apr 13	May 2	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy
16	May 13	May 15	Dracula	Bram Stoker
17	Apr 18	May 15	The Age of Miracles	Karen Thompson Walker
18	Apr 28	May 20	How to Not Die: Everything I've Learned From	Elizabeth Day
19	May 21	May 28	Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Fairy Tales, and Fairy Tales	Amanda Leeduc
20	May 21	Jun 1	Mysticseance: An Afterlife Handbook	Julian Baird
21	Jun 1	Jun 1	The School Knife (Not Dark, Not Dark)	Philip Pullman
22	Mar 22	Jun 9	#Take for the Time Being	Ruth Ozeki
23	Jun 9	Jun 9	Normal People	Sally Rooney
24	Jun 14	Jun 14	Wyatt	Gary Dishaw
25	Jun 11	Jun 15	Dear NHS: 100 Stories to Say Thankyou	Multiple - edited by Adam Kay
26	Jun 15	Jun 15	Tarzan of the Apes	Edgar Rice Burroughs
27	Jun 15	Jun 15	Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep	Matthew Walker

Goals remaining: 13 more physical books (6.8, 4.0)				
No.	begin	finish	Title	Author
28	Jul 24	Jul 24	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
29	Aug 2	Aug 4	Bridget Jones's Diary	Helen Fielding
30	Aug 5	Aug 8	Amidst the Ruins	Jeff VanderMeer
31	Jun 20	Aug 11	The Sound of a Wild Swallow	Elizabeth Tova Bailey
32	Aug 5	Aug 11	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, the Horse	Charlie Mackesy
33	Jul 17	Aug 15	The Library of the Unwritten	A. J. Hackathorn
34	Aug 15	Aug 16	Dog Songs	Mary Oliver
35	Jun 23	Aug 20	Outlines: Your Novel: Map Your Way	K. M. Heiland
36	Aug 1	Aug 1	The Ravaged Life of Cona Leckard	Margaret Macdonald
37	Sep 2	Sep 4	Marmalade	Chris Flynn
38	Sep 11	Sep 12	Out of Body	Jeffrey Ford
39	Sep 12	Sep 12	Writer's and Lovers	Lynn King
40	Sep 21	Sep 21	Petals of the Moon	C. Churchill
41	Oct 5	Oct 8	Life in the House	Victor J. Stretcher
42	Oct 4	Oct 6	My Name is Why	Kenn Sissay
43	Sep 24	Oct 16	Kindred	Octavia E. Butler
44	Oct 13	Nov 13	Save for Happy	Mo Gaudat
45	Nov 13	Nov 24	Botanical Folk Tales	Lisa Schneiderman
46	Oct 28	Nov 24	The Invisible Life of Abbie Lane	V.E. Schwab
47	Nov 28	Dec 4	The Gleanings	Kirby Hogan
48	Dec 1	Dec 20	The Midnight Library	Matt Haug
49	Dec 1	Dec 23	All About Us	Tom Ellen
50	Dec 26	Dec 27	Book Love	Debbie Tung
51	Dec 26	Dec 30	The Stranger Dances	Elly Griffiths
52	Dec 31	Dec 31	Christmas Tales	Eric Blyton
53	Dec 31	Dec 31	Quiet Girl in a Noisy World	Debbie Tung

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!

