



Reflective Reading

Nonfiction Bestsellers – keep up with what the community is talking about!

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming

Edited by Paul Hawken, Penguin Books, 2017. This best seller gathers leading scientists and policymakers to present the 100 most effective solutions to global warming, which they argue would roll back global greenhouse gas emissions within thirty years. The solutions are modeled in the book, showing their cost and potential carbon impact through 2050.

Educated

Tara Westover; Random House, 2018. An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. **Named One Of The Ten Best Books Of The Year By *The New York Times Book Review***

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

J. D.Vance, Harper Collins, 2016 *Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The disintegration of this group, a process that has been slowly occurring now for more than forty years, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. **86+ weeks on the NY Times Bestseller list**

Just Mercy

Bryan Stevenson, Spiegel & Grau *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. **Winner of the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction • Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction • Winner of a Books for a Better Life Award • Finalist for the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize* • Finalist for the *Kirkus Reviews Prize* • An American Library Association Notable Book**

The Library Book

Susan Orlean, Simon & Schuster "Moving . . . A constant pleasure to read . . . Everybody who loves books should check out *The Library Book*. . . Orlean, a longtime New Yorker writer, has been captivating us with human stories for decades, and her latest book is a wide-ranging, deeply personal, and terrifically engaging investigation of humanity's bulwark against oblivion: the library. . . . As a narrator, Orlean moves like fire herself, with a pyrotechnic style that smolders for a time over some ancient bibliographic tragedy, leaps to the latest technique in book restoration, and then illuminates the story of a wildly eccentric librarian.

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism

Robin DiAngelo, Beacon Press, In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. "I'm African-American and this book has changed my life. I can't even put it into words. So many things but one passage about white solidarity sticks out because it left me in tears; I had seen what DiAngelo described as "white solidarity" all through my adult life but had no words or validation on what this was until reading this book."