

2022 Extreme Reader DEFINITION List - FINAL

- 1. A book about an historical figure**
 - a. A historical figure is a person whose deeds had an impact on or made a difference in the lives and consciousness of others
 - b. This can be a person from the past or present
- 2. A book about or including a wedding**
- 3. A book about starting over**
 - a. Example: *My Brother's Husband* by Gengoroh Tagame, *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- 4. A book cover that has your favorite color on it**
- 5. A book cover that shows a person from behind**
- 6. A book from a genre you don't normally read**
 - a. This doesn't mean you haven't ever read a book from this genre, just something you don't typically reach for
- 7. A book from ALA's Challenged Books lists**
 - a. The American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom compiles a list of the Top 10 most challenged books each year in order to inform the public about censorship in libraries and schools
 - b. These titles can be found at:
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10>
- 8. A book from one of these two celebrity book clubs: Oprah's Book Club or the Read with Jenna Book Club**
 - a. These book clubs feature favorite reads selected by Oprah Winfrey and Jenna Bush Hager
 - b. Oprah's Book Club: <https://static.oprah.com/images/o2/201608/201608-obc-complete-list-01a.pdfst-01a.pdf>
 - c. Read with Jenna Book Club: <https://www.today.com/shop/read-with-jenna>
- 9. A book of your own choosing**
- 10. A book published in 2022 (Fiction)**
- 11. A book published in 2022 (Non-fiction)**
- 12. A book published more than ten years ago**
 - a. The title must have been originally published prior to 2012
- 13. A book set in a restaurant**
 - a. A restaurant can include food trucks, bakeries, home run restaurants, pop ups, etc.
 - b. A portion of the book needs to take place in one of these locations, not necessarily the entire thing
- 14. A book set in a school**
 - a. A portion of the book needs to take place in a school, not necessarily the entire thing

15. A book set in the Caribbean

- a. The region consisting of the Caribbean Sea, its islands (including the West Indies), and the surrounding coasts
- b. A list of the islands included in the Caribbean can be found here:
<https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Caribbean>

16. A book set on the East Coast of the United States

- a. This area includes the coastline along which the eastern United States meets the Atlantic Ocean and includes Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida

17. A book set outdoors

- a. A portion of the book needs to take place in the outdoors, not necessarily the entire thing

18. A book set somewhere you want to visit

- a. This could be a specific place or a geographic region
- b. Both real and fictional locations are acceptable

19. A book that begins with a disappearance

- a. A story that begins with the disappearance of something or someone

20. A book that centers a refugee's experience

- a. Refugees are people who have been forced to flee their home because of war, persecution, or violence due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social or ethnic group

21. A book that discusses body positivity

- a. Body positivity refers to all people deserving to have a positive body image, regardless of how society and popular culture view ideal shape, size, and appearance
- b. Example: *Disability Visibility* edited by Alice Wong, *Radical Acceptance* by Tara Brach, *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe

22. A book that focuses on mental health

- a. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being

23. A book that fulfills a category from a previous Extreme Reader challenge year

- a. A full list of categories can be found at www.tacomalibrary.org/extreme-reader
- b. The category 'A book of your own choosing' may not be used to fulfill this

24. A book that involves time travel

- a. Time travel is moving between different points in time and/or space

25. A book that makes you think, "Just one more chapter!"

26. A book that takes place in a country that starts with the letter A

27. A book that takes place in a magical world

- a. A world relating to, using, or containing elements of magic

28. A book with a beverage in the title

- a. Example: *Black Water Sister*, *Soda Politics*, *Wine Girl*

29. A book with a cardinal direction (north, south, east, west) in the title

- a. This can be any directional iteration of the words:
 - i. North (northerly, northern, northward, etc.)
 - ii. South (southbound, southern, southward, etc.)
 - iii. East (eastbound, eastern, eastmost, etc.)
 - iv. West (westerly, western, westwardly, etc.)

30. A book with a character who works in a library

- a. A book featuring an individual who works at a library in any role or capacity

31. A book with a day of the week in the title

- a. This can include the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
- b. Example: *Black Sunday*, *The Queen of Tuesday*, *Sold on a Monday*

32. A book with a five-star rating in the TPL catalog

- a. To sort materials by star rating in the TPL catalog, follow the steps outlined below or check out this PDF

33. A book with a heart, club, diamond, or spade shape on the cover

- a. These shapes are depicted in the suits from a deck of cards



34. A book with a number from one through twelve in the title

- a. This can include the numeral or the number spelled out
- b. Example: *Draft No. 4*, *The Lost Eleven*, *The Twelve Lives of Alfred Hitchcock*

35. A book with a protagonist who has a pet cat

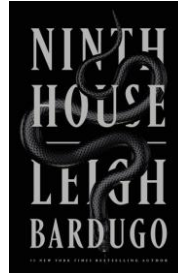
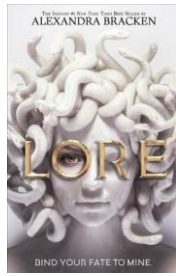
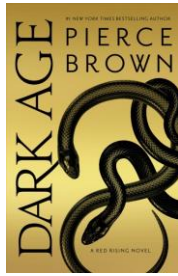
36. A book with a protagonist who has your dream job

37. A book with a robot, cyborg, or artificial intelligence

- a. A robot is a machine – especially one programmable by a computer – capable of carrying out a complex series of actions automatically
- b. A cyborg is a human augmented by technology
- c. Artificial intelligence is the ability of a computer to perform tasks while also possessing the ability to reason and learn from past experience

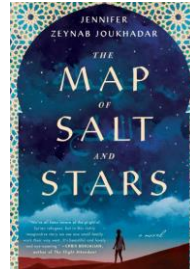
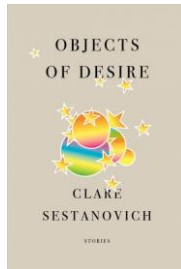
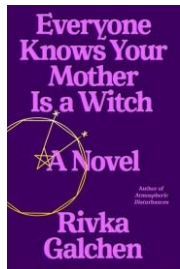
38. A book with a snake on the cover

- a. Example:



39. A book with a star on the cover

- a. Can be a shape or a fixed luminous point in the sky
- b. Referring to an object, not a celebrity or person
- c. Example:



40. A book with a title structure of "The _____'s _____"

- a. Example: *The ABC's of LGBT+*, *The Queen's Gambit*, *The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy*

41. A book with best friends

42. A book with the name of a color in the title

- a. Example: *Blood Orange*, *The Cerulean*, *A Coat of Yellow Paint*

43. A book written by an Asian American author

- a. A book written by an author who identifies as Asian American

44. A book written by an author whose first or last names begins with T, P, or L

- a. Example: Tommy Pico, Claude Levi-Strauss, Gene Stratton-Porter

45. A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more

- a. Example: Toni Morrison, Marcelo Hernández Castillo, Omisade Burney-Scott

46. A book written by one of your favorite authors

47. A book written by multiple authors

- a. Multiple authors indicates two or more contributors

48. A book written by someone who is no longer living

49. A fantasy book inspired by the Middle East, Southeast, or South Asia

- a. This is a genre that draws on the cultures, religions, myths, and/or histories of these geographic regions

50. A horror or paranormal story

- a. Horror is a genre of fiction whose purpose is to create feelings of fear, dread, repulsion, and terror in the reader

- b. Paranormal is a genre of fiction that includes beings and phenomena that are outside the realm of mainstream scientific understanding of the natural world

51. A Jane Austen novel, or a retelling or adaptation of one

- a. A retelling is typically a new version of an old story, often including a modern setting or the addition of a minor character's perspective
- b. An adaptation is a composition written in a new form, such as a novel into a stage play, graphic novel, or screenplay

52. A locked-room mystery

- a. A subgenre of detective fiction in which a crime, typically a murder, is committed while seemingly impossible for the perpetrator to commit the crime or evade detection; these mysteries ask both whodunnit and how

53. A philosophical literature or philosophy book

- a. Books that devote a significant portion of their content to the sort of questions normally addressed in philosophy
- b. Topics such as the human condition, function and role of society, ethics and morals, or the purpose of life, etc.

54. A southern gothic novel

- a. A subgenre of gothic fiction that is set in the American South and often features grotesque or macabre themes, supernatural elements, with a focus on dark humor and flawed characters

55. A space opera

- a. A subgenre of science fiction set mostly in space, with most aspects of the story taking place in a large-scale way
- b. Aspects often include romance, melodramatic adventure, and/or fanciful technologies