

2024 categories & definitions

1. Article of clothing in the title
2. Author who has a relative that is also an author (Author 1)
 - a. Relatives are connected by blood, marriage, adoption, etc.
 - b. This includes in-laws and stepfamilies
 - c. Example: Parent and child, Siblings, Spouses, Cousins, Grandparent and grandchild, etc.
 - d. Example Author 1: Stephen King & Author 2 Joe Hill
3. Author who has a relative that is also an author (Author 2)
 - a. See description for Category #2
4. Author whose name contains an animal
 - a. Example: Dick Wolf, Destiny O. Birdsong, Bear Grylls
5. Author you think is under rated
6. Author you would name a child or pet after
7. Based on a true story
8. Bildungsroman
 - a. Genre that focuses on the psychological and moral growth of the protagonist from childhood to adulthood
 - b. Also called a coming-of-age story
9. Body of water depicted on the cover
 - a. Any significant accumulation of water on the surface of a planet
 - b. This can include oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, etc.
10. Book you wish you could read again for the first time
11. Book you would read in a café
12. Book you've been waiting for (or anticipating)
13. Booker Prize winner or shortlist nominee
 - a. The Booker Prize is awarded to works of fiction written in English and published in the UK and Ireland
 - b. These titles can be found at: <https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/features/full-list-of-booker-prize-winners-shortlisted-authors-and-their-books>
14. Cake on the cover
15. Centers the Arab and/or Arab American experience
 - a. Arab is an ethno-linguistic category, identifying people who speak the Arabic language
 - b. Arab countries include Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Israel, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen
16. Character who shares your initials
17. Character who is a president of a nation
18. Character you could fall in love with
19. Choose a book of your liking
20. Dark Academia

- a. Genre that focuses on the pursuit of knowledge and usually features a dark twist
- 21. Describes a party
- 22. Exceeded your expectations
- 23. Eye/s on the cover
- 24. Features a famous landmark
 - a. Example: Angkor Wat, Big Ben, Space Needle, Taj Mahal, etc.
- 25. Features a mistaken identity
- 26. Found the title in a magazine or online article
- 27. From an author who passed away in 2023
- 28. Gritty
 - a. A story described in an intense and starkly realistic way, often depicting violence or other dark themes
- 29. Hyphenated author name
 - a. Two names paired together with a – between them.
 - b. Ex. Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Lin-Manuel Miranda
- 30. Includes a competition
- 31. Includes a dedication
- 32. Includes hockey
- 33. Includes recipes
- 34. Lambda Literary Awards winner or finalist
 - a. The Lambda Literary Awards are awarded to the best LGBTQ literature
 - b. These titles can be found at: <https://lambdaliterary.org/awards/lammys-directory-1988-present/>
- 35. Made you angry
- 36. Mood-boosting
- 37. One of the 5 Ws in the title
 - a. The 5 Ws are: Who, What, When, Where, Why
 - b. Can be any iteration of the words:
 - i. Who (who's, whose, whom, whomever)
 - ii. What (what's, whatever)
 - iii. When (when's, whenever)
 - iv. Where (where's, whereas, whereof, wherever)
 - v. Why (whys, why's, whyever)
- 38. Orange cover (at least 50%)
- 39. *Other* in the title
 - a. Can be any iteration of the word:
 - i. Others, otherwise, otherworldly, othering, etc.
- 40. Photograph/snapshot on the cover
- 41. Popcorn Thriller
 - a. A subgenre of mystery
 - b. Typically are suspenseful, entertaining, and lighter in content
- 42. Rags to riches
- 43. Saw someone else reading
- 44. Set in a gym or health studio
- 45. Set in a place that no longer exists or has changed names
 - a. Countries, cities, regions, or other places that existed in the past, but have become new places or changed names since.

- b. Examples: Soviet Union (Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, etc.), Burma (presently Myanmar), Constantinople (presently Istanbul)
46. Set in Cuba
47. Set in the Midwestern United States
- a. This area includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
48. Stand-alone book
49. The 2024 Tacoma Reads adult or teen title
- a. Tacoma Reads is a city-wide reading program through a longstanding partnership and collaboration between the City of Tacoma's Mayor's Office and the Tacoma Public Library. It seeks to unite the community in dialogue around contemporary themes through reading a common text.
 - b. These titles can be found at: <https://www.tacomalibrary.org/tacomareads>
50. Title that made you laugh
51. Title with a word that ends in -ing
52. Title you think is terrible
53. Takes place during the Tudor Era (1485-1603)
54. Type of dwelling in the title
- a. Example: Bungalow, flat, houseboat, hut, etc.
55. [Women's Prize for Fiction](#)
- a. The Women's Prize for Fiction is awarded to novels written in English by women from anywhere in the world. It is awarded by women.
 - b. These titles can be found at: <https://womensprizeforfiction.co.uk/reading-women>