

# Lantern Reading Challenge 2025

## Easy

- A book by Neil Gaiman
- A book published in 2025
- A novel set in the future
- A book written by a comedian
- A book with less than 100 pages
- A book from your To Be Read pile
- A book whose title includes the name of an animal
- A book whose title contains the word First
- A book written by an author from Iran
- A book of your choice
- A book adapted into a film
- A Shakespeare play

## Medium

- A book about cinema
- A book based on a true story
- A book of short stories
- A novel by Colleen Hoover
- A book written by an author from Switzerland
- A book whose title contains the word Second
- A book adapted into a TV series
- A book whose title includes the name of a bird
- A book aimed at children or teenagers
- A book about someone who was assassinated
- A book written by an actor
- A book of your choice

## Challenging

- A book by or about a monarch
- A novel by Alistair McCall Smith
- A library book
- A play written in the last 100 years
- A book you have read before
- A locked room mystery
- A classic novel
- A book whose author shares your surname
- A book with more than 600 pages
- An autobiography or memoir
- A book on a current GCSE curriculum
- A novel which features a real person
- A book you own but never read
- A book of your choice
- A book written by a singer/songwriter
- A book whose title features the name of an insect
- A book with a pink cover
- A book adapted into a play
- A book about theatre
- A book whose title includes the word Third
- A debut novel
- An Edwardian novel
- A book written by an author from Brazil
- A post-apocalyptic novel

## Insane

- A biography
- A banned book
- A book by or about a politician
- A book of poetry
- A book set in or about Ancient Rome
- A book written by an author from Cambodia
- A book that has won 2 or more awards
- A book aimed at children or teenagers
- A book on a current A-Level curriculum
- A book whose title features a point on the compass
- A book purchased from a charity shop
- A book read on a Kindle or e-reader
- A book first published in the year you finished school
- A novel set in more than one country
- A book written by someone from a reality TV show
- A novel by Marian Keyes
- A book about the English language
- A book adapted into a musical
- A book whose title features the name of a drink
- A book about a historical event
- A book whose title contains the word Fourth
- A novel whose title includes the name of a Book of the Bible
- A book about a subject that interests you
- A novel set in an Olympic host city
- A book about a game or hobby
- A book whose title includes the name of an organ in the human body
- A book of your choice
- A book whose title features the name of a fish
- An audiobook
- A book about writing or storytelling
- A book published posthumously
- A book with an alliterative title
- A book whose title has the same number of letters as your name
- A book about a sport
- A novel set in Cornwall
- A novel set in a country you have visited
- A book whose title features punctuation
- A book about economics
- A novel whose title features the colour of a ball in snooker
- A novel that features mythological creatures
- A book whose title includes two or more words that rhyme
- A novel based around a character from a Shakespeare play
- A novel described as a bestseller
- A book whose title is a question
- A book whose title features the name of a chocolate bar
- A book about science
- A book by an author you have never read before
- A novel set at Christmas

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### Instructions

No matter how much you like to read, you are welcome to join us the Lantern Reading Challenge

The challenge is designed to help you read more, as well as broaden the range of your reading, and hopefully introduce you to books you might not choose to read otherwise. Start with the Easy list, which includes suggestions for 12 books.

You can read them in any order, and tick them off as you complete them. Once this list has been completed, you can progress onto the Medium level. Use the criteria to select another 12 books. Once you have finished these 2 levels, you will have read 24 books.

There are 2 more levels - Challenging and Insane, and the number of criteria increases. If you get to the end of the insane level, you will have read 96 books in the year.

In most cases, we have used the term 'book' to give you the option of either fiction or non-fiction. In a few places, we have specified a novel or a nonfiction book, but otherwise, the choice is yours!

Set your goal at the start of the year, and let us know what you hope to achieve using the hashtag #thebiglanternread on social media

You don't have to do the list alone. Divide the list in two, and read with your spouse or partner, or a friend - but discuss what you are reading. Or work with your book group, or another group you are involved with to get through the whole challenge. Share your progress with the group throughout the year. You can prepare your list at the start of the year, and work through the titles in any order, rather than starting at the top of the list and working down. Or you can just discard the rules completely, and choose books from any level, in any order.

The main purpose of the reading challenge is that you diversify and expand your reading throughout the year, and have fun doing it.

Keep us up to date with your goals, and the books you are reading, as well as keeping track of other readers using the #thebiglanternread on social media