

2025 Trivia BEE TBRs

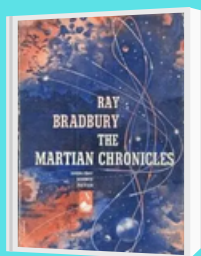
(To Be Read)



Ninth House
Leigh Bardugo

A dark academia fantasy where secret societies at Yale hide real, dangerous magic.

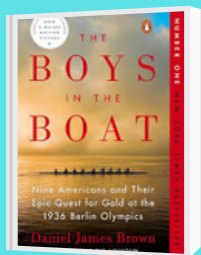
Why Read it?
“Magic + Yale + Classic romance trope with a twist.”



The Martian Chronicles
Clive Barker

A poetic, eerie collection of stories about humanity’s colonization of Mars.

Why Read it?
“Because!”



The Boys in the Boat
Daniel Brown

The inspiring true story of an underdog rowing team that triumphed at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Why Read It?
“It’s about a local rowing team.”



Red Rising
Pierce Brown

A miner on Mars infiltrates the ruling class to spark a revolution in a brutal, caste-driven future.

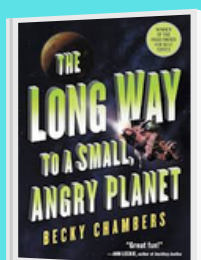
Why Read It?
“Star Wars and Game of Thrones had a baby - epic character action and banter.”



A Psalm for the Wild Built
Becky Chambers

A gentle, hopeful sci-fi about a monk and a robot exploring purpose and what it means to be alive.

Why Read It?
“In One Word: Robots”



The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet
Becky Chambers

A feel-good space opera about found family aboard a tunneling ship exploring the galaxy.

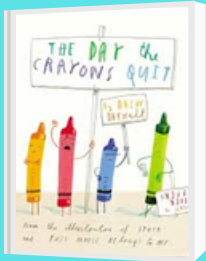
Why Read It?
In One Word: “Delightful”



Piranesi
Susanna Clarke

A surreal, mysterious story of a man living in an endless labyrinth of statues and secrets.

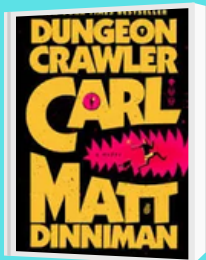
Why Read It?
"Infinite house- and birds"



The Day the Crayons Quit
Drew Daywalt

Crayons write letters of complaint to their owner in this hilarious picture book about creativity and color.

Why Read It?
"So clever and fun and colorful:"



Dungeon Crawler Carl
Matt Dinniman

A darkly funny, action-packed adventure where a man and his cat fight their way through a deadly game-like dungeon after the world ends.

Why Read It?
"Ever wish you could talk to your cat?"



All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr

A blind French girl and a German soldier's lives intersect during World War II in a story of beauty and survival.

Why Read It?
"Moving Historical Fiction"



The Mighty Red
Louise Erdrich

A poetic, powerful novel exploring heritage, resistance, and renewal in Native American life.

Why Read It?
"A blend of characters and current issues, love and life:"



Notes on Your Sudden Disappearance
Allison Espach

A tender, haunting story of grief and coming-of-age after a sister's tragic death.

Why Read It?
"Perfect for people who want a heart-felt, but funny coming-of-age story"



A Feast Unknown
Philip Farmer

A pulpy, controversial adventure pitting two immortal heroes against each other in violent conflict.



Emily Wilde's Encyclopedia of Faeries
Heather Fawcett

A grumpy scholar researching faeries discovers unexpected magic—and romance—in a remote village.

Why Read It?

“Good for people who are fans of Howl’s Moving Castle”



Madame Bovary
Gustave Flaubert

A classic story of a woman trapped by provincial life and her own romantic desires.

Why Read It?

“Emma. Romantic illusions, escapism, unmet desires... a classic.”



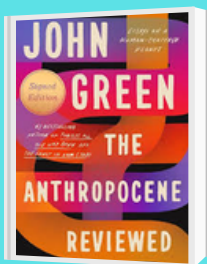
Isola

Allegra Goodman

A tender, layered story about art, love, and the ways family both shapes and constrains us.

Why Read It?

“Having experienced Canadian winters, I can’t imagine what she went through.”

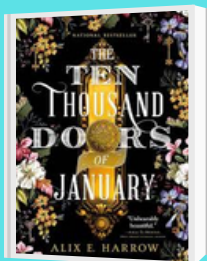


The Anthropocene Reviewed
John Green

Witty, heartfelt essays reviewing aspects of human life and the modern world.

Why Read It?

“In one word: Thoughtful”



The Ten Thousand Doors of January
Alix Harrow

A magical tale of hidden worlds and the girl who discovers she can open doors between them.

Why Read It?

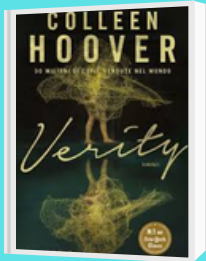
“OMG, the love, the anger, the adventure!”



Happy Place
Emily Henry

Exes pretending to be together at a beach getaway rediscover what made them fall in love.

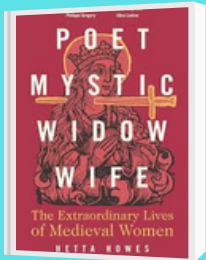
Why Read It?
“ Good for people who love Emily Hendry’s books!”



Verity
Colleen Hoover

A chilling psychological thriller where a writer uncovers disturbing secrets in a famous author’s unfinished manuscript.

Why Read It?
“ Great Read - Spicy!”



Poet Mystic Widow Wife
Hetta Howes

A lyrical exploration of women, spirituality, and power in medieval literature and beyond.

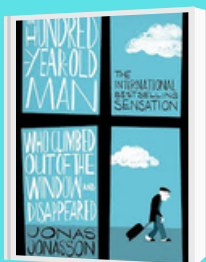
Why Read It?
“ Great read - and it’s all true



Children of Men
PD James

In a world where humans can no longer reproduce, one woman’s pregnancy could change everything.

Why Read It?
“If you want to be creeped out by a dystopian future in the realm of possibility”



The 100 Year Old Man who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
Jonas Jonasson

A hilarious adventure following a centenarian who escapes his nursing home and stumbles into global chaos.



The Zorg
Kara Siddarth

A powerful exposé on modern slavery and the human cost of global industry.



The Spare Man
Mary Robinette Kowal

A witty, glamorous murder mystery set aboard an interplanetary cruise honeymoon.

Why Read It?

“Think the thin man’s Nick and Nora on a space cruise! Well developed characters, tons of fun and intrigue.”

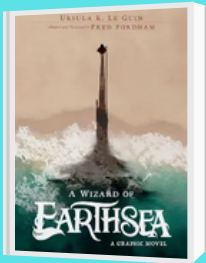


Girl In Translation
Jean Kwok

A young immigrant balances school, work, and family duty while hiding her double life.

Why Read It?

“Diversity”.



A Wizard of Earthsea
Ursula K. Le Guine

A coming-of-age fantasy about a boy wizard who must confront his own darkness.

Why Read It?

“Perfect for people who are on an adventure of the soul”.

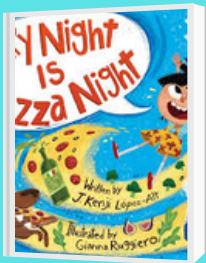


Martin Eden
Jack London

An ambitious writer struggles for artistic success and self-worth in a society that exploits him.

Why Read It?

“If you care about freedom of the press - read this book”.



Every Night is Pizza Night
J. Kenji Lopez

A kid learns that while pizza is amazing, trying new foods can be too—especially when shared with friends.

Why Read It?

“Pizza!”



Wild Dark Shore
Charlotte McConaghy

A haunting ecological drama about grief, wildness, and finding hope in a broken world.

Why Read It?

“Descriptions of remote island near Antartica!”



The October Daye Series
Seanan McGuire

A half-fae detective solves magical crimes in a rich, modern urban fantasy world.

Why Read It?
"Fae fantasy, witty, thoughtful, such good writing!"



The Night Circus
Erin Morgenstern

A lush fantasy romance set in a mysterious circus that appears without warning and serves as a battleground for two rival magicians.

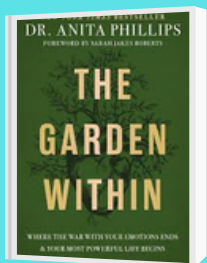
Why Read It?
"In one word: Magical".



Born a Crime
Trevor Noah

The comedian's hilarious and poignant memoir of growing up mixed-race in apartheid South Africa.

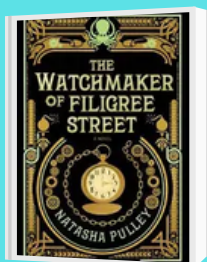
Why Read It?
"If you want a unique perspective of humankind."



The Garden Within
Anita Phillips

A faith-centered guide to emotional healing and self-understanding through spiritual growth.

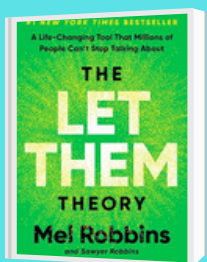
Why Read It?
"Good for people who like to learn how faith interacts with others and growth."



The Watchmaker of Filigree Street
Natasha Pulley

A steampunk mystery involving time, fate, and a mechanical octopus in Victorian London.

Why Read It?
"So sweet, and even those characters making bad choices are likable."



The Let Them Theory
Mel Robbins

A mindset-shifting guide encouraging you to stop controlling others and focus on your own peace.

Why Read It?
"Self help - boundries"



Rhythm of War
Brandon Sanderson

Epic battles, moral struggles, and magical storms collide in the fourth installment of The Stormlight Archive.

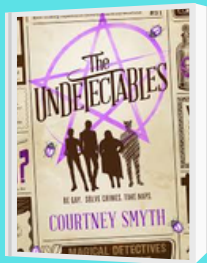
Why Read It?
“Good for people who like a killer fantasy world!”



Tress of the Emerald Sea
Brandon Sanderson

A charming fairy-tale adventure of a young woman who sets sail across deadly seas to rescue her love.

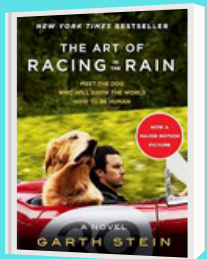
Why Read It?
“Great world-building, pirate-esque high seas adventure.”



The Undetectables
Courtney Smyth

Three queer witches juggle friendship, investigations, and saving the world from supernatural chaos.

Why Read It?
“Very unconventional scooby gang in magical UK society. LGBTQIA/YA-ish.”



The Art of Racing in the Rain
Garth Stein

A loyal dog reflects on life, love, and family while believing he'll be reborn as a man.

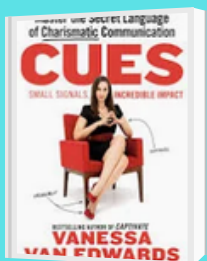
Why Read It?
“Will make you cry and think about how precious TIME is.”



Remarkably Bright Creatures
Shelby Van Pelt

An elderly widow and a clever octopus form an unlikely friendship that heals old wounds.

Why Read It?
“Good for people who like NW settings and feel good stories.”



Cues: Master the secret language of charismatic communication
Vanessa Van Edwards

A guide to decoding the subtle signals that make communication more charismatic and effective.

Why Read It?
“Good for people who want to ace the job interview.”

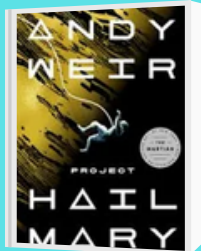


On All Fronts
Clairissa Ward

A journalist's gripping memoir about reporting from the world's most dangerous war zones.

Why Read It?

"A fascinating book from an international war correspondent."

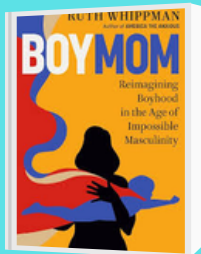


Project Hail Mary
Andy Weir

A lone astronaut must save humanity from extinction—armed only with science, ingenuity, and an unlikely alien ally.

Why Read It?

"A sci-fi book that let me not worry about climate change for a moment."

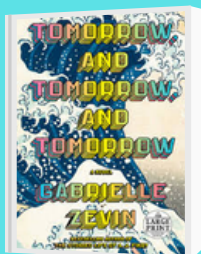


Boymom
Ruth Whippman

A sharp, insightful look at raising boys amid toxic masculinity and reimagining modern manhood.

Why Read It?

"Good for people who work with kids, moms, dads, teachers, etc."



Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow
Gabrielle Zevin

A decades-long friendship unfolds through video games, creativity, and love in all its complicated forms.

Why Read It?

"Perfect for people who like video games, long-term friendships, and adventureless stories."