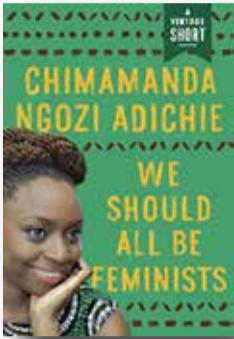




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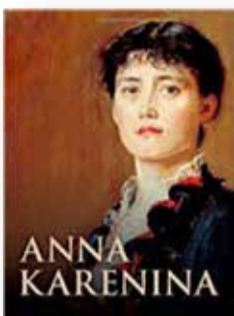
Staff Picks



We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Recommended by Sakina

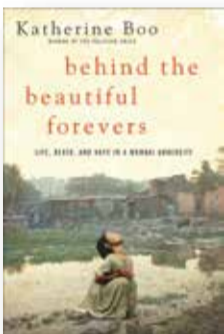
With a sense of humor and straight forward language, Lagos-based Adichie conveys an inspiring and nuanced speech about feminism, which has gone so viral that R&B artist Beyoncé sampled it in her empowerment song “Flawless.” She weaves together stories from her childhood in Nigeria with a complicated discourse about gender roles in the modern world and a literal textbook definition of feminism. Adichie’s “flawless” speech resonates with advocates of gender equality around the world and is a vivid reminder that ideas about feminism are still relevant.



Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy, translated by Rosamund Bartlett

Recommended by Lola

This is a new translation of the masterfully written, classic love story. It is not about romance, though. Love is the channel through which characters search deeply for meaning, personal identity and significance. Their humanity is moving, and their darkness, terrifying. You will be taken on a carousel of emotions, you will like/dislike the same character many times, your assumptions and values will be shaken.



Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

Recommended by Janice

This nonfiction book—by a MacArthur “genius grant,” Pulitzer Prize winning journalist—reads like a novel. We learn how different people in India arrived in a makeshift slum near a luxury hotel, how they survive, and how a single incident can change their hopes for the future. After I finished reading it, I wanted to know more about each of the individuals, their community and if the book changed any of the corrupt practices that suppress those who are most impoverished.



One Hundred Years of Solitude

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Recommended by Nora

One of my top five picks of all time, the only fiction I have read multiple times. Fantastical, wild, crazy, funny—a labyrinthine family history of so many diverse characters and stories you have to read it again to remind yourself of the incredible places it took you. Truly a must-read classic.

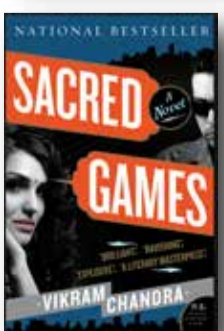


Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

by Susan Cain

Recommended by Brenda

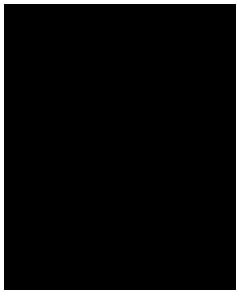
This is an excellent book, and not just for introverts! Western culture emphasizes extroversion to the point that nearly half the population can feel alienated, which means we’re all missing out. Cain provides real-life examples of how introverts can thrive, instead of just survive. It’s especially useful if you are raising a child who shows introvert tendencies.



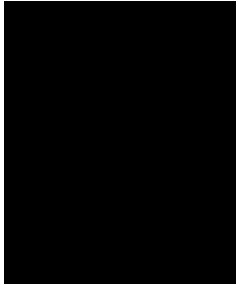
Sacred Games, by Vikram Chandra

Recommended by Guy

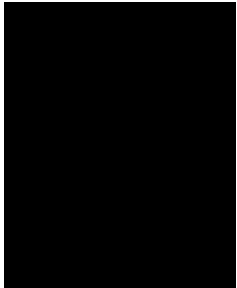
Following the lives of a detective and a gangster in Mumbai as they become more and more intertwined, this 900 page novel moves apace as you get to know the characters and their motivations. You’d think 900 pages is a lot, but in the hands of Vikram Chandra, you wish it would never end.



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