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Books Read Between 1999 and 2019

1776
By David McCullough

1984: A Novel
By George Orwell

Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths
By Bruce S. Feiler

Against All Enemies: Inside America’s War on Terror
By Richard Clarke

Ahab’s Wife or the Star Gazer
By Sena Jeter Naslund

The Alchemist
By Paulo Coelho

The Alienist
By Caleb Carr

All He Ever Wanted
By Anita Shreve

All Over but the Shoutin’
By Rick Bragg

All the Light We Cannot See
By Anthony Doerr

And the Mountains Echoed
By Khaled Hosseini

The Art of Racing in the Rain
By Garth Stein

Ask Me: 100 Essential Poems
By William Stafford

Back When We Were Grown-Ups
By Anne Taylor

Beautiful Ruins
By Jess Walter

Before We Were Yours
By Lisa Wingate

Behind the Beautiful Forevers
By Katherine Boo

The Big Picture
By Douglas Kennedy

Big Stone Gap
By Adriana Trigiani

Blue Diary
By Alice Hoffman

Blue Highways: A Journey into America
By William Least Heat Moon

The Book of Unknown Americans
By Cristina Henriquez

The Book that Matters Most
By Ann Hood

Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Ever Seen
By Christopher McDougall

The Boston Girl
By Anita Diamant

Boys in the Boat
By Daniel Brown

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
By Junot Diaz
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By Amor Towles

*Gilead*
By Marilynne Robinson

*Girl in Hyacinth Blue*
By Susan Vreeland

*The Girls*
By Lori Lansens

*Girl with a Pearl Earring*
By Tracy Chevalier

*The Giver*
By Lois Lowry

*The Glass Castle: A Memoir*
By Jeanette Walls

*Gone Girl*
By Gillian Flynn

*The Good earth*
By Pearl S. Buck

*Good Morning, Midnight*
By Lily Brooks-Dalton

*The Great Divide*
By T. Davis Bunn

*Growing Up*
By Russell Baker

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
By Marry Ann Shaffer

*Half Broke Horses*
By Jeannette Walls

*Headlong*
By Michael Frayn

*The Help*
By Kathryn Stockett

*The Hobbit, or There and Back Again*
By J.R.R. Tolkien

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*
By Jamie Ford

*The House of the Seven Gables*
By Nathaniel Hawthorne

*The House on Mango Street*
By Sandra Cisneros

*I Captured the Castle*
By Dodie Smith

*In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden*
By Kathleen Cambor

*I’m a Stranger Here Myself*
By Bill Bryson

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
By Rebecca Skloot

*Isaac’s Storm*
By Erik Larson

*Julie*
By Catherine Marshall
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By Molly Gloss

*Life is so Good*
By George Dawson

*King Lear*
By William Shakespeare

*Life of Pi*
By Yann Martel

*The Kitchen House*
By Kathleen Grissom

*The Light Between Oceans*
By M. L. Stedman

*The Kite Runner*
By Khaled Hosseini

*Look Me in the Eye: My Life With Asperger’s*
By John Elder Robison

*The Lacuna*
By Barbara Kingsolver

*The Lost City of Z*
By David Grann

*Ladder of Years*
By Anne Tyler

*The Lost Wife*
By Alyson Richman

*The Lake Dreams the Sky*
By Swain Wolfe

*Loving Lindsey: Raising a Daughter with Special Needs*
By Linda Atwell

*La’s Orchestra Saves the World*
By Alexander McCall Smith

*Maisie Dobbs*
By Jacqueline Winspear

*Ladder of Years*
By Anne Tyler

*Maggie Now*
By Betty Smith

*The Last Child*
By John Hart

*The Magic of Ordinary Days*
By Ann Howard Creel

*The Last Lecture*
By Randy Pausch

*Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand*
By Helen Simonson

*The Last Time I Was Me*
By Cathy Lamb

*The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*
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*Let the Great World Spin*
By Colum McCaan

*Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase of Lincoln’s Killer*
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The Postmistress  
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A Prayer for Owen Meany  
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Prayers for Sale  
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Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil  
By Jean P. Sasson

The Prize Winner of Defiance Ohio  
By Terry Ryan

Prodigal Summer  
By Barbara Kingsolver

The Professor & the Madman  
By Simon Winchester

Quite a Year for Plums  
By Bailey White

A Redbird Christmas  
By Fannie Flagg

Remains of the Day  
By Kazuo Ishiguro

Rise of the Rocket Girls: the Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars  
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The Road to Wellville  
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Room  
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The Rosie Project  
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Running the Rift  
By Naomi Benaron

The Samurai’s Garden  
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The Scapegoat  
By Daphne Du Maurier

Secret Life of Bees  
By Sue Monk Kidd

The Shack  
By William Young

Shadow Divers  
By Robert Kurson

Skinny Dip  
By Carl Hiaasen

She’s Come Undone  
By Wally Lamb

Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis  
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Snow Falling on Cedars  
By David Guterson

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan  
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Step-Ball-Change
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By Gabrielle Zevin

The Story of Arthur Truluv
By Elizabeth Berg

A Sudden Light
By Garth Stein

Tender at the Bone
By Ruth Reichl

Thirteen Moons
By Charles Frazier

A Thousand Splendid Suns
By Khaled Hosseini

Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace – One School at a Time
By Greg Mortenson

Three Weeks with My Brother
By Nicholas Sparks

Tisha: The Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaska Wilderness
By Robert Specht

Tough Cookie
By Diane Matt Davidson

Travels with Charley
By John Steinbeck

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
By Betty Smith

Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption
By Laura Hillenbrand

An Unfinished Life
By Mark Spragg

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
By Rachel Joyce

Vanishing Acts
By Jodi Picoult

Waiting
By Ha Jin

A Walk in the Woods
By Bill Bryson

Water for Elephants
By Sarah Gruen

When Breath Becomes Air
By Paul Kalanithi

Where River Turns to Sky
By Gregg Kleiner

The Whistling Season
By Ivan Doig

Wild
By Cheryl Strayed

Winter Wheat
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By Ruth Ware

*Woman of the Silk*
By Gail Tsukiyama

*The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*
By Timothy Egan

*A Wrinkle in Time*
By Andrea Walker

*The Zookeeper’s Wife: A War Story*
By Diane Ackerman

*Zoya’s Story: An Afghan Woman’s Struggle for Freedom*
By Zoya
All three faiths claim Abraham as their own, and they all assert to be the correct modern day representative of the Abrahamic religious tradition. The book’s first half addresses what the Bible and Koran say about Abraham, his call to monotheism, and his sons Isaac and Ishmael. Particularly fascinating are Feiler's discussions of how the three religious traditions invented This book portrays the role of Abraham in the history, theology and contemporary thought in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

I realized at the conclusion of this book that I just completed a journey of my own faith. I have an appreciation for other faiths, I do not believe there is only one faith or one way to God. What I do know is I am comfortable with my choice of Christianity. This thought provoking journey inexorably leads to one person, namely, Abraham. Who was Abraham? Why is it that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all claim him as their common patriarch? Finally, why is it that approximately four thousand years after his birth, Abraham and his life continue to have relevance in contemporary times?

As such, I recommend this unconventional book to all readers who wish to know more about how one manâ€™s journey to the heart of three faiths can tell us a lot about our own feelings of an intimate nexus between our land and God. Department of Economics AMITRAJEET A. BATABYAL Rochester Institute of Technology 92 Lomb Memorial Drive Rochester, NY 14623-5604 USA E-mail: aabgsh@rit.edu. Each of the three religions claim Abraham as their patriarch. However, their relationships with Abraham are very different. I recommend this book to anyone interested in the study of Abraham, and his relationship to each of these major religions. A thoughtful journey into the story of Abraham as seen through the eyes of 3 religions with middle eastern origins. To understand one of the underpinnings of these cultures and religions, this book does help. Read more.

It is common for Jews to affectionately refer to the first Patriarch as Avraham Avinu, Avraham our Father. But is Abraham so certainly our father alone? If we approach the figure of Abraham from the perspective of later Jewish exegesis, we note a number of additions to Abrahamâ€™s biography that seem peculiar and unwarranted by the biblical text. A more careful examination of the circumstances reveals that some of these added details reflect some very heated controversies that preoccupied the Jewish commentators through the generations in their contacts with competing religious outlooks.