NYT 100 Best Books Of The 21st Century

1. My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante – 2012
2. The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson – 2010
3. Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel – 2009
4. The Known World by Edward P. Jones – 2003
5. The Corrections by Jonathan Franzen – 2001
6. 2666 by Roberto Bolaño – 2008
7. The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead – 2016
8. Austerlitz by W. G. Sebald – 2001
9. Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro – 2005
10. Gilead by Marilynne Robinson – 2004
11. The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz – 2007
12. The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion – 2005
13. The Road by Cormac McCarthy – 2006
14. Outline by Rachel Cusk – 2015
15. Pachinko by Min Jin Lee – 2017
16. The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay by Michael Chabon – 2000
17. The Sellout by Paul Beatty – 2015
18. Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders – 2017
19. Say Nothing by Patrick Radden Keefe – 2019
20. Erasure by Percival Everett – 2001
21. Evicted by Matthew Desmond – 2016
22. Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo – 2012
23. Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage by Alice Munro – 2001
24. The Overstory by Richard Powers – 2018
25. Random Family by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc – 2003
26. Atonement by Ian McEwan – 2002
27. Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – 2013
28. Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell – 2004

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29. The Last Samurai by Helen DeWitt – 2000
30. Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward – 2017
31. White Teeth by Zadie Smith – 2000
32. The Line of Beauty by Alan Hollinghurst – 2004
33. Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward – 2011
34. Citizen by Claudia Rankine – 2014
35. Fun Home by Alison Bechdel – 2006
36. Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates – 2015
37. The Years by Annie Ernaux – 2018
38. The Savage Detectives by Roberto Bolaño – 2007
39. A Visit From the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan – 2010
40. H Is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald – 2015
41. Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan – 2021
42. A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James – 2014
43. Postwar by Tony Judt – 2005
44. The Fifth Season by N. K. Jemisin – 2015
45. The Argonauts by Maggie Nelson – 2015
46. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt – 2013
47. A Mercy by Toni Morrison – 2008
48. Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi – 2003
49. The Vegetarian by Han Kang – 2016
50. Trust by Hernan Diaz – 2022
51. Life After Life by Kate Atkinson – 2013
52. Train Dreams by Denis Johnson – 2011
53. Runaway by Alice Munro – 2004
54. Tenth of December by George Saunders – 2013
55. The Looming Tower by Lawrence Wright – 2006
56. The Flamethrowers by Rachel Kushner – 2013
57. Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich – 2001
58. Stay True by Hua Hsu – 2022
59. Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides – 2002
60. Heavy by Kiese Laymon – 2018
61. Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver – 2022
62. 10:04 by Ben Lerner – 2014
63. Veronica by Mary Gaitskill – 2005
64. The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai – 2018
65. The Plot Against America by Philip Roth – 2004

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66. We the Animals by Justin Torres – 2011
67. Far From the Tree by Andrew Solomon – 2012
68. The Friend by Sigrid Nunez – 2018
69. The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander – 2010
70. All Aunt Hagar's Children by Edward P. Jones – 2006
71. The Copenhagen Trilogy by Tove Ditlevsen – 2021
72. Secondhand Time by Svetlana Alexievich – 2016
73. The Passage of Power by Robert Caro – 2012
74. Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout – 2008
75. Exit West by Mohsin Hamid – 2017
76. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin – 2022
77. An American Marriage by Tayari Jones – 2018
78. Septology by Jon Fosse – 2022
79. A Manual for Cleaning Women by Lucia Berlin – 2015
80. The Story of the Lost Child by Elena Ferrante – 2015
81. Pulphead by John Jeremiah Sullivan – 2011
82. Hurricane Season by Fernanda Melchor – 2020
83. When We Cease to Understand the World by Benjamín Labatut – 2021
84. The Emperor of All Maladies by Siddhartha Mukherjee – 2010
85. Pastoralia by George Saunders – 2000
86. Frederick Douglass by David W. Blight – 2018
87. Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters – 2021
88. The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis by Lydia Davis – 2010
89. The Return by Hisham Matar – 2016
90. The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen – 2015
91. The Human Stain by Philip Roth – 2000
92. The Days of Abandonment by Elena Ferrante – 2005
93. Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel – 2014
94. On Beauty by Zadie Smith – 2005
95. Bring Up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel – 2012
96. Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments by Saidiya Hartman – 2019
97. Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward – 2013
98. Bel Canto by Ann Patchett – 2001
99. How to Be Both by Ali Smith – 2014
100. Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson – 2007

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