

Chapter 1 : The 25 Best LGBT Novels of All Time

Oct 12, Â· From Don Quixote to American Pastoral, take a look at the greatest novels of all time The greatest non-fiction books The version of the best novels.

By Richard Lacayo Jan. Just ask our theater critic, Richard Zoglin. For the books project, Grossman and I each began by drawing up inventories of our nominees. Once we traded notes, it turned out that more than 80 of our separately chosen titles matched. Even some of the less well-known ones, like *At-Swim Two Birds*. We decided then that we would more or less divide the remaining slots between us. That would allow each of us to include books that the other might not have chosen. Or might not even have read. This means you, Stephen King. This project, which got underway in January, was not just a reading effort. It was a re-reading effort. It meant revisiting a lot of novels both of us had not looked into for some time. A few titles that seemed indispensable some years ago turned out on a second tasting to be, well, dispensable. It was one of the first adult novels I attempted in late adolescence. It left its treadmarks on me even then, but this time his experienced heart spoke to me differently. There were also first time discoveries. I have spent the months since then pressing it into the hands of anybody who will take it, including yours. It is now part of my personal canon. Lists like this one have two purposes. One is to instruct. The other of course is to enrage. You pathetic bourgeoisie insect! How could you have left offâ€¦ insert title here. We say *Naked Lunch*. You say *Breakfast at Tiffanys*. Just the oppositeâ€”bring it on. Sometimes judgmentâ€”best formed under fire. But please, no e-mails about *Ulysses*.

Removed two books that weren't on Time's list, added two books that were on Time's list which were missing, and changed The Catcher in the Rye to the English language title.

Share Tweet Submit Pin Horror is a peculiar genre. And what is scary? What might shock one reader is laughable to another. Ghosts, serial killers, great heaving monsters, the loss of self-control, plagues, impossible physics and a creepy clown all figure into our countdown, with entries spanning from the s to the last few years. One obvious author makes five! And while we kept an eye on the diversity of our featured authors, the inclusion of women, authors of color and queer creators came naturally as we gathered the best of the best. Without further ado, we present our choices for the best horror novels of all time. But *The Summer Is Ended* and *We Are Not Yet Saved* gets the nod for importing the genre from film into prose while layering in subtle, smart commentary on our thirst for teen blood. Eleven-year-old Martin is used to entrailsâ€”his mother does special-effect makeup for horror moviesâ€”but would like to keep his inside of his body. A maniac employed at his bible camp has other intentions. Fans of Mark Z. Abby and Gretchen are best friends for life on the eve of the first Bush presidencyâ€”until Gretchen gets lost in the woods and comes back different. In this depraved galleria of a novel, with graphic depictions of incest and cannibalism, an in-over-his-head bodyguard attempts to interfere a Faustian pact to save the relatively innocent daughter of a wealthy degenerate. After the first few years of his career, Barker more often delved into dark fantasy than straight-up horror. *Piercing* and *In the Miso Soup* are similarly disturbing tales from this master of Japanese thrillers. *Bird Box* by Josh Malerman With your eyes closed and your imagination unfettered, you can envision creatures whose monstrosity knows no bounds. Detroit-based author Josh Malerman manifests an apocalypse of the obscured in *Bird Box*, in which undiscovered entities start appearing around the world and just one glance of their grotesquery drives people to suicide. The Rolfe family rent a vacation home at the far end of Long Island to get away from their Queens apartment for the summer months. *John Dies at the End* by David Wong A rollercoaster of weird, sprung from a hallucinogenic and possibly demonic drug known as soy sauce and written in bracing, punchy style shooting swift sentences, often sliced to seven words or less, and stung with spicy diction detailing psychedelic imagery and delivered with sustained breathlessness. Something of a punk-rock-ified, video-game-esque tear and tumble into the *Weird Tales* tradition, Wong a. Whereas Tampa introduced an admitted predator from the first page, Conlon takes care to build a believable case for how Mona justifies her taboo actions, even as her control of the situationâ€”and her sanityâ€”slip out of her grasp. Of all the novels on this list, *Savaging the Dark* may be one of the scariest if only because of its plausibility. *World War Z* by Max Brooks Zombie fiction has never come close to the cultural impact and artistic importance of zombie cinema, until *World War Z* came along. He shows us how the infection could realistically spread around the globe thanks to human trafficking. He shows us how modern militaries could possibly be defeated via poor planning and mass defections. He shows us how society might be after 90 percent of humanity has been killed and an uneasy rebuilding period has begun. With shades of *Carrie*, *Little Star* does little to dissuade that similarity. Two young girls, one extraordinary and one suffocating under her own feelings of mediocrity, connect online and form a friendship that will have terrible consequences. Lindqvist taps into the modern-day fears that drive adolescent anxietyâ€”less locker room, more Internet comment sectionâ€”and stretches them out to their most disturbing logical conclusion. *The Shining Girls* by Lauren Beukes While horror has always flourished on the small-press scene, Lauren Beaukes is helping to forge a continued legacy for the genre at major publishers as well. As in her exceptional follow-up, *Broken Monsters*, South African novelist Beukes weaves together a diverse cast of characters and just enough science fiction to complicate her premise without distracting from the horror at hand. The novel, which is based on the Indiana murder case of Sylvia Likens, follows single mother, alcoholic and next-door neighbor Ruth, who takes in two nieces after their parents die in a car accident. *At the Mountains of Madness* by H. P. Lovecraft Madness in particular has captivated the imaginations of audiences consistently since it was first published in 1931, and its bitterly cold, ice-caked horrors can be felt reverberating through the ages and all the way into modern AMC

TV series such as the first season of *The Terror*. And when those forces wake up to the annoyance of human incursion? *The Ceremonies* by T. Is the novel truly horror, or is it gothic romance? What an absurd delineation!

Chapter 3 : Time Magazine's All-Time Novels (books)

Best Novels Top novels of all time voted by regular people. We asked people to choose the best novels of all calendrierdelascience.com then awarded one point to each top ten vote and entered them all into a database.

Share Tweet Submit Pin A traveling carnival brings tempting delights and sinister frights, and readers young and old should find this one to be a timeless autumnal classic. Ellis received hate mail, death threats and became the subject of immense criticism after serial killer Paul Bernardo was found with a copy of the book. He tortures a homeless man. At one point, he gets his hands on a chainsaw. What the novel also does particularly well is make us probe into the motivations and ambition of Starling, going beyond her desire to simply help people and catch a killer. Opposed at nearly every turn by the institutional roadblocks erected in the path of female FBI trainees, the reader can sense the desperation of Starling and her borderline selfish desire to stand out and prove herself to her entirely male superiors. You can also sense this is part of the reason that Lecter takes an interest in her, finding her ambitions an interesting character trait that he can use to wrap Starling around his finger. There was some truth to this. When a cat belonging to his daughter was killed on the busy truck route in front of his house, King wondered: And what if a child were killed, too, then came back changed and not for the better? In the novel, doctor Louis Creed takes a job at the University of Maine Infirmity and moves his wife, daughter and two-year-old son Gage into a house by a busy interstate. But the permanency of death is a hard lesson for a parent to learn, and when Creed interferes with the natural order, fate slams him tenfold with retribution. In Pet Sematary King swings it wide. The darkness and the dim shape of Oz, the great and terrible, awaits. By the final page, no title short of Hell House will feel appropriate. Swan Song by Robert R. McCammon Robert R. As the novel opens, various countries have already obliterated themselves in nuclear fire, and the United States and Russia are locked in a tensely escalating standoff. Though it took years for Straub to arrive at supernatural tales, Ghost Story will be remembered as his first critical successâ€”not to mention his most beloved work. Struggling is how you get stronger. The titular Coraline, a plucky youth bored of her hyper-domestic parents, assumes the modern incarnation of Alice, crossing the looking glass into a far less hospitable wonderland. She may have to sew buttons over her eyes before sacrificing her soul. Coraline arms parents with a anecdotal warhead for when their kids take them for granted. Carrion Comfort by Dan Simmons Possession tales are terrifying for a specific reason. With some of our most famous horror storiesâ€”ones that follow knife-wielding masked madmen, houses that consume humans, scorned telekinetic teensâ€”the victim, even in death, retains control of his or her own mind. They use the human mind to feed, prolonging their own lives at the expense of others. In both outings, Beukes masterfully rotates perspectives, slowly filling in a complete picture of the atrocities men will commit when given a push by a malevolent force. With its impeccably researched setting and its unflinching look at evils both known and unknown, Broken Monsters is the best work yet from a young horror writer to watch. It possesses enough camp to nod at fellow friends of Dorothy and enough chills to titillate any scare-junkie. With its sun-bleached setting, The Elementals is a sweltering read for horror fans and a potent reminder of the generation of talent lost to the AIDS epidemic. Dracula by Bram Stoker The Dracula tale is possibly the most-embedded horror story in American culture, and if Let the Right One In, True Blood and the Twilight series are any indication, the classic vampire tale is still alive and well in the pop culture realm. The Turn of the Screw by Henry James Are two immaculate little children possessed by their former caretakers? Henry James posed this question in his novella, The Turn of the Screw, and like some literary Mona Lisa smile, any attempts to excavate its truth have just sprung more debate. Produced at the tail end of the Victorian era, a few of these themes are far more transparent then the alleged ghosts that embody them: Indeed, The Turn of the Screw unintentionally advertises its most sensual points of conflict. Everything else here suffocates the reader in creeping, ambiguous tension. NOS4A2 by Joe Hill Not one to be outdone by his dear old dad, Heart-Shaped Box and Horns author Joe Hill unleashed full holiday terror for his third novel, along with a warm embrace of the nostalgia-tinged magic so frequently employed by Stephen King. House of Leaves by Mark Z. Danielewski The story within a story in House of Leaves would have been unsettling enough: House of

Leaves is told in myriad ways, including layers of footnotes, sections with color-blocked words, fake interviews with real celebrities and passages that require you to transcribe the first letter of each sentence to reveal another chapter hidden within. The mounting terror of the Navidson family is all embedded within the story of a young tattoo artist losing his grip on reality. The labyrinthine structure of this tome over pages constantly calls into question the sanity of not just the protagonists, but of the person flipping the pages, too. Victor Frankenstein accomplishes his goal, synthesizing a lumbering, grotesque humanoid. This book brings the word monster under the strictest of scrutinies: The walking, talking science miracle feels, loves and suffers the abhorrent reactions of an uncaring humanity. We the reader have a new thing to fear: We are the horror. We create our own monsters. And, like the Prometheus referenced in the secondary title, we burn in the flames we ignite. Just watch a neglected, misshapen child pushed to the bottom of a lake evolve into a vengeful teenager dismemberment machine, and Friday the 13th takes on a whole new flavor after reading this terrifying trailblazer. The Exorcist by William Peter Blatty William Peter Blatty is better known today for the Academy Award-winning screenplay he adapted from his own novel than for the original text itself. In the novel, Blatty asks the reader to imagine truly horrific things, and the depths of human imagination will always be a scarier place than a film editing room. But Swedish writer John Ajvide Lindqvist breathed new life into the eternally overdone tale with his debut novel, Let the Right One In, which tells the story of a bullied grade-school student named Oskar and his new friend and neighbor, Eli. Eli is brilliant, deathly pale— not to mention dirty and smelly. It by Stephen King Of all the King books revolving around plucky kids, these might be the pluckiest, most iconic and possibly the most annoying. King remains and has always been obsessed with the turbulent years of early adolescence. An evil clown that kills kids? That could at least be dealt with in ways accessible to adults. Hill House, not sane, stood by itself against the hills, holding darkness within; it had stood so for eighty years and might stand for eighty more. John Montague, a paranormal investigator, a young artist named Theodora and Hill House heir Luke Sanderson, Eleanor examines the cold, labyrinthine old mansion.

Chapter 4 : The Greatest Books: The Best Books - 1 to 50

The best non-fiction books of all time judged by a panel of historians, authors, publishers, and experts for the National Review Magazine. National Review The Greatest British Novels.

It is the enemy of thought and the friend of flattering illusions. Only in the conduct of our action can we find the sense of mastery over the Fates. But did you ever have people laughing at you? Even if I did do some bad things I didnt do any before I was a year old and I was born this way. I asked Papa and he says he doesnt know, but that maybe I did something in the other world before I was born or that maybe I was being punished for his sins. I dont believe that because he is a very nice man. Ought I commit suicide? The groan of leather mingled with the jangle of iron and over all beat the tattoo of a thousand hooves. He hurried to the window. I just like to know what your interest is" Afterwards, when his keen perception of the Intolerable drove him away for good from seaports and white men, even into the virgin forest, the Malays of the jungle village, where he had elected to conceal his deplorable faculty, added a word to the monosyllable of his incognito. They called him Tuan Jim: George Orwell "Big Brother is watching you. Even to those readers who have not seen the Messenger, it will be unnecessary to point out where his portion ends and my own commences; the difference in point of style will be readily perceived. You just slept the big sleep, not caring about the nastiness of how you died or where you fell. Once I was that one, and now I am this. When I see what you know, what you have read, and seen, and thought, I feel what a nothing I am! During the war years, when I was still a grade school boy, this was a magical name in our Newark neighborhood. So, for you at least, the song is lost. That is why it is so interesting. She was dressed in white muslin, with a hundred frills and flounces, and knots of pale-coloured ribbon. She was bare-headed; but she balanced in her hand a large parasol with a deep border of embroidery; and she was strikingly, admirably pretty. In the depth of his heart he knew he was dying, but not only was he not accustomed to the thought, he simply did not and could not grasp it. Thomas Mann Buddenbrooks "Beauty can pierce one like pain. Dalloway "Outside the trees dragged their leaves like nets through the depths of the air; the sound of water was in the room and through the waves came the voices of birds singing. It has happened before, but there is nothing to compare it to now. The Leopard "For things to stay the same, things have to change. There are millions of them nowadays. They laughed at its jealousy, but at the same time felt a little afraid. Follow Ted Gioia on Twitter:

Chapter 5 : The greatest novels of all time

Welcome to the massive, anguished, exalted undertaking that is the ALL TIME books list. The parameters: English language novels published anywhere in the world since , the year that TIME Magazine began, which, before you ask, means that Ulysses () doesn't make the cut.

Queer people face dangerous and deadly challenges “ both in the United States and abroad ” and it falls on writers to continue to bring these stories to light. Spanning from the 19th century to the present day, these books demonstrate that, while much has changed for LGBT people, many struggles persist. Their words have much to offer in lessons about our history, our shared experience of being otherized, and how to address the challenges of today. Nominate your own favorites in the comments. Go Tell It on the Mountain, for example, is not about a church, and Giovanni is not really about homosexuality. Highsmith went on to write more queer-tinged fiction, including The Talented Mr. Ripley and all of the Ripley novels to follow. Orlando, by Virginia Woolf Orlando, which Virginia Woolf wrote in tribute to friend and lover Vita Sackville-West, is a study in gender fluidity across time and space. The eponymous protagonist starts as a rakish young nobleman in Elizabethan England, finding favor with the queen, then falling out with her and indulging liberally in sex with a variety of women but having an intense friendship with a male poet. The book ends in , with Orlando still a woman, with a husband and children but also a new sense of possibility, as this is the year women won full voting rights in England. Forster Although the great E. In a lush tale of manners, position, and desire, the titular character meets and falls for his classmate Clive while at Oxford. The pair embark on a two-year affair until Clive leaves Maurice to marry a woman and live out his proscribed life as part of the landed gentry, leaving Maurice in shambles and seeking to cure his homosexuality. Maurice falls in love with another man, Alec Scudder, and finally abandons his station so that they can be together. The author of Night Drop, Marshall Thornton called the novel "the original gay romance. While Middlesex has received some criticism from the intersex community “ the author does not identify as intersex, nor did he consult with those who do “ the novel is undoubtedly a landmark in queer visibility. In some literary circles, it is considered a candidate for the title of the Great American Novel. Hollinghurst was praised for his expert command of the English language and his flawless re-creation of upper-class British society and conservative political circles of the s. Hollinghurst set his pen on the sexual hypocrisies of homophobic politicians, many of whom had their own indiscretions behind closed doors. The book follows Nick Guest, a gay graduate student unofficially adopted by the family of a schoolmate. Nick gets a sneak peek at the aristocracy, while indulging in no shortage of sex and party favors; the fun comes to a crashing halt as AIDS enters the fray. Now assigned in many queer literature courses, Rubyfruit Jungle is brazen and brave; its frank discussion of lesbian sexuality can seem shocking to modern readers who imagine life in the early s was less raunchy. Rubyfruit Jungle is a page-turning reminder that queer lust and queer sex are timeless. Zami, by Audre Lorde "She calls it a biomythography and leads us through a heart-wrenching account of the black lesbian experience. A fierce love letter to the strength women have given her throughout her upbringing, the book explores her challenges growing up blind in s Harlem, fighting for dignity in the heat of Jim Crow, and finding a voice in the New York City lesbian bar scene. The short novel “ under pages “ tracks the experiences of an aging college professor in Los Angeles. Wracked with depression over the loss of his partner in a car accident, George matter-of-factly plots his suicide. But, as Isherwood demonstrates, life gets in the way. After crashing into others who are suffering as much as he is, George has a change of heart. But a last-minute twist changes everything. The queer coming-of-age novel about Jim Willard and his search for love was the first novel from a respected writer Gore Vidal to speak directly and sympathetically about the gay experience in an era when homosexuality was still very much taboo. You and he were inseparable. What began as serialized stories in the San Francisco Chronicle by writer Armistead Maupin became a novel. The book by Edmund White, which begins with the first sexual encounter of a year-old boy, is based on his own experiences coming to terms with his gay identity as a youth in the Midwestern United States. White would later write two additional novels, The Beautiful Room Is Empty and The Farewell Symphony , which follow his gay protagonist into young

adulthood. Together, they form a poignant trilogy that chronicles a gay life in the latter half of the 20th century. The novel also stood trial on obscenity charges both in the United Kingdom where the book was deemed obscene and ordered destroyed, and in the United States, where it was eventually banned. *Fun Home*, by Allison Bechdel You might not expect to see a graphic novel in this list, but iconic cartoonist and Bechdel test namesake Alison Bechdel always takes the less traveled road. The book was adapted into a musical, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. *Death in Venice*, by Thomas Mann Some might say *Death in Venice* is not necessarily a gay novel, since there is no overt same-sex coupling or coitus. German writer Thomas Mann crafted this novella based on his own experience in Venice, where he caught sight of a handsome young man who captivated him, body and soul. Or is it something more lustful and disturbing? *Under the Udala Trees*, by Chinelo Okparanta "This lyrical book is a wonderful story with a background of a civil war and a love story between two young girls on the frontlines. The book unpacks the emotional life of a young girl displaced by the Nigerian civil war who begins a gut-wrenching affair with a fellow refugee. These girls are from different ethnic communities, forcing them to face not only the taboos of being queer but the prejudices of surviving in a nation that is eating itself alive. Quirky and memorable secondary characters further enhance the novel, which made Winterson a literary star overnight, esteemed by both readers and fellow authors. In England in the s, Virginia Woolf struggles with depression and writing *Mrs. Dalloway*, a novel to which Cunningham pays homage; in midth-century Los Angeles, housewife Laura Brown, discontented with her life, confronts her attraction to women; and in s New York City, Clarissa Vaughan, who is lesbian, plans a party for her best friend, writer Richard Brown, a gay man dying of AIDS. Cunningham weaves their stories together seamlessly and movingly in a novel that is deservedly recognized as a modern classic. We follow them for three decades, withstanding alongside them the waves of trauma that life so often sends. The friends survive together, as described in intensely vulnerable detail. Yanagihara talked with *The Guardian* about friendship and hardship. Heartbreak eventually ensues and Nan is left to her own defenses on the streets in the big city. She dabbles in sex work to survive before she becomes a boy-toy for a wealthy older lesbian renowned for throwing Bacchanalian gatherings of women. Finally, though, without the trappings of a male alter ego, Nan comes into her own.

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Chapter 8 : Best Romance Novels of All Time

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