

Cup of Tea's

2026 READING CHALLENGE



- Read a mystery based/inspired by a real crime
- A fiction book based on a real historical figure
- A book you meant to read in 2025
- A nonfiction comic/graphic novel
- A book by an autistic author
- A book being adapted into a TV show/movie in 2026
- A book you discovered by browsing a library or independent bookstore
- A nonfiction book about a time period
- A classic from the Harlem Renaissance
- A novella
- A book about AI or social media
- A domestic fiction
- A book in the 800s of the Dewey Decimal System
- A book that is set in a small town/village
- A genre blend
- A book with a cover you would want as a poster in your house
- A book that includes illustration that is not a comic or a picture book
- A debut novel
- A book longer than 400 pages
- A dark academia
- The Best Book To Look Out For in 2026
(Full list on the blog)
- An epistolary/mixed media novel
- A collection of historical writings
- Literary criticism
- A book about female friendship
- A book that is set outside the US, the UK and Canada
- A picture book
- A middle grade book
- A book set in an alternate world
- A book about resistance
- A book part of your favorite series
- Reread a favorite
- A gothic novel written by a contemporary author
- A book with a cat on the cover
- A translated book
- A book that an author recommended
- A book featured on the Fake Book Club Podcast
- A book about incel/manosphere culture
- A holiday mystery or romance
- A book that reflects the power of reading
- Bonus:** A book that doesn't cost anything to you to read
- Bonus:** An underrated holiday classic

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2026 CLASSICS READING CHALLENGE

- Read a classic from **Jane Austen's Bookshelf** by Rebecca Romney
- A gothic novel
- Reread a classic that you read in high school or college.
- A classic that is being made into a movie/TV show
- A biography or a memoir
- A classic that is published under a pseudonym
- A classic written by underappreciated author
- A feminist classic: either a novel or a collection of essays and writings
- A classic that revolves around a family
- A classic with a name as a title
- A play written by a woman
- A controversial or banned classic
- A classic about resistance and human rights
- A classic that originated from a country other than the US, the UK or Canada.
- A novel by an author that is brand new to you
- A classic you wish would get adapted to a movie/TV show
- A novel that features an unlikeable protagonist
- Poetry/short story collection
- A classic locked room mystery
- A translated classic
- Bonus:** A classic you wanted to read due to the book cover design