



## This Year in Books from Amazon Charts: Sally Rooney and Kazuo Ishiguro's new novels make 2021's most sold books list alongside award-winners from 2020

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- New releases *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro and *Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney make the top ten most sold fiction in 2021, alongside the books that swept the awards last year, with *The Midnight Library*, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, *Hamnet*, *American Dirt* and *Shuggie Bain* topping the list of the top ten most sold books in 2021 from [Amazon Charts](#).
- Cooking, cleaning and organizing books sweep the most sold non-fiction charts with Kay Featherstone's *Pinch of Nom* series featuring three times in the top ten.
- Bob Mortimer and Dave Grohl take the top celebrity autobiography spots with *And Away* and *The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music* while Paul McCartney's *The Lyrics: 1956 to the Present* and Miriam Margolyes' *This Much is True* also feature highly in the non-fiction list.

**London, UK, 14th December 2021:** Amazon.co.uk today reveals the bestselling and most read books of 2021, with award-winning books from 2020 dominating this year's fiction charts. Amazon has also revealed its own ' [Best Books of the Year](#)' longlist curated by its editorial team.

### **The *Midnight Library* tops most sold fiction list**

Matt Haig's award-winning book, *The Midnight Library* leads the way, alongside Delia Owens' coming-of-age story, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, which is now being turned into a film by Reese Witherspoon. Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet* which won the Women's Prize for Fiction last year and *Shuggie Bain* by Stuart Douglas which wowed the judges to win the Booker Prize in 2020 also show staying power to keep high in the charts for the second year running.

Heavyweight new entries by Kazuo Ishiguro with *Klara and the Sun* and Sally Rooney with *Beautiful World, Where Are You* also make the top ten.

### **Cooking, cleaning and organizing books lead most sold non-fiction list**

In a year in which people have still been spending a lot more time at home, the non-fiction charts are dominated by cooking, cleaning and organizing books with Kay Featherstone's *Pinch of Nom* Series featuring no fewer than three times in the top ten, with *Pinch of Nom Quick & Easy: 100 Delicious, Slimming Recipes* taking the top spot. Stacey Solomon's *Tap To Tidy: Organising, Crafting & Creating Happiness in a Messy World* comes in at second place.

While celebrity autobiographies might have been kept off the top spots, there are still autobiographies from Bob Mortimer, Dave Grohl, Miriam Margolyes and Paul McCartney high in the year's non-fiction charts showing the format is still popular with the British public.

### **The *Midnight Library* also tops most read list**

*The Midnight Library* also tops the most read list, which includes e-books and audio books on Audible in addition to physical copies. It is closely followed by runaway success *The Thursday Murder Club*, by Richard Osman and *Where The Crawdads Sing*, while *Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling remains a perennial favourite in fourth spot.

### ***Klara and the Sun* takes top spot in Amazon's ' [Best Books of the Year](#)' longlist**

Amazon's ' [Best Books of the Year](#)' longlist, chosen by their editorial team, agreed with the public in also singling out *Klara and the Sun* and *Beautiful World Where Are You*, alongside an array of works by new writers including *Taste* by Stanley Tucci, *Detransition Baby* by Torrey Peters, and *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* by Margaret Cronin, and established literary heavyweights such as Haruki Murakami with his collection of short stories, *First Person Singular*.

"We've been lucky to have a breathtaking array of brilliant books to choose from while we've been in and out of lockdown over the past year and the British public have shown they have wide ranging tastes from crime to cookery and romance to real life stories," commented Lisa de Meyer, UK Books Country Manager at Amazon.co.uk. "And with our own 'Best Books of the Year' list, we're delighted to shine a light on debut novels such as *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* as well as new releases from literary giants like Kazuo Ishiguro and Haruki Murakami"

[Amazon Charts](#) showcases the top 20 most sold and most read books of every week. Amazon's Most Sold charts rank books according to the number of copies sold and pre-ordered, while Amazon's Most Read charts rank titles by the average number of daily Kindle readers and Audible listeners each week.

To find out more about This Year in Books visit [www.amazon.co.uk/books2021](http://www.amazon.co.uk/books2021). Selected titles will appear on digital billboards in London's Leicester Square and at Old Street roundabout as part of a campaign to inspire reading this Christmas.

### **This Year in Books by [Amazon Charts](#): Top Ten Most Sold (Fiction)**

1. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
2. *Harry Potter Children's Collection: The Complete Collection* by J. K Rowling

3. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
4. *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell
5. *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart
6. *The Missing Sister* by Lucinda Riley
7. *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro
8. *Better off Dead* by Lee Child
9. *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
10. *Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney

**This Year in Books by [Amazon Charts](#): Top Ten Most Sold (Non-Fiction)**

1. *Pinch of Nom Quick & Easy: 100 Delicious, Slimming Recipes* by Kay Featherstone
2. *Tap to Tidy: Organising, Crafting & Creating Happiness in a Messy World* by Stacey Solomon
3. *Jane's Patisserie: Deliciously customisable cakes, bakes and treats* by Jane Dunn
4. *Pinch of Nom: 100 Slimming, Home-style Recipes* by Kay Featherstone & Kate Allinson
5. *Pinch of Nom Everyday Light: 100 Tasty, Slimming Recipes All Under 400 Calories* by Kay Featherstone
6. *Good Vibes, Good Life: How Self-Love Is the Key to Unlocking Your Greatness* by Vex King
7. *Atomic Habits* by James Clear
8. *And Away...* by Bob Mortimer
9. *The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music* by Dave Grohl
10. *The Fast 800 Easy: Quick and simple recipes to make your 800-calorie days even easier* by Dr Clare Bailey

**This Year in Books by [Amazon Charts](#): Top Ten Most Read**

1. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
2. *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
3. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
4. *Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
5. *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
6. *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri
7. *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart
8. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
9. *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro
10. *Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney

**Amazon's [Best Books of the Year](#)**

*Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

*Taste* by Stanley Tucci

*Detransition Baby* by Torrey Peters

*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin

*The Appeal* by Janice Hallett

*First Person Singular* by Haruki Murakami

*The Comfort Book* by Matt Haig

*Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney

*A Cook's Book: The Essential Nigel Slater* by Nigel Slater

*An Island* by Karen Jennings

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