

“I cannot choose one hundred best books because I have written only five”

—Oscar Wilde—



NOBEL PRIZE - BOB DYLAN?



[Bob Dylan](#) is the winner of the 2016 Nobel Prize for Literature. The announcement was met with gasps, applause - and laughter. This is absolutely the first time a songwriter has received the award under the category of poetry. But as the novelist Norman Mailer said over a half a century ago "If Dylan's a poet, I'm a basketball player." Obviously the majority of the people disagree: and as he is a favourite of my wife - I disagree too!

OH, BY THE WAY...

1. *Girl on the train* by Paula Hawkins has been on the bestseller list for over a year now. After much publicized fanfare, the movie is now out and is also doing well in the box office. Something about this story has captured the imagination of the public; I think probably because everyone has imagined, at one time or another, what the lives of others are like, just like the girl on the train does. [HERE](#) is a trailer of the movie.

2. The book recommendations by and for our readers this time have a bit of everything included: three books I read and loved (*Freedom*, *Tuesdays With Morrie*, *Book Thief*), a classic (*Pride and Prejudice*), A big bestseller (*The Magic*), an autobiography (*This is What I Know*) ...even a Nobel Prize winner (Saramago). Here is the list of recommended books from our last newsletter.

TITLE / AUTHOR

[The Magic](#)/Rhonda Byrne

[Freedom](#)/Jonathan Janzen

[The Boof Thief](#)/Markus Zusak

[Cutting for Stone](#)/Abraham Verghese

[Counting by 7s](#)/Holly Goldberg Sloan

[Out of My Mind](#)/Sharon Draper

[Pride and Prejudice](#)/Jane Austen
[Tuesdays with Morrie](#)/Mitch Albom
[The Old Neighborhood](#)/Avery Corman
[What I Know For Sure](#)/Oprah Winfrey
[Son](#)/Lois Lowry
[The Elephant's Journey](#)/José Saramago

Anything you want to recommend to us? Simply list yours on question #13 of our quiz, or drop us a line and we will include it. We often have a copy of the recommended books, but we can't promise. Many thanks for our contributors' input.

QUIZ RESULTS - TRIVIAL PURSUIT 3

The quiz #53 winners were **Khrystynn, Amreeta, Mat, Shawn** and **Vicki**. Congratulations!

A great turnout with almost everyone getting a perfect score. A bit of everything in this one (hence the title) with no particular theme and covering a entire range of books from self-help – to classics – to sci-fi!

The following are the correct answers:

1. Which author do you associate with Jeeves and Wooster? /[P.G. Wodehouse](#)
2. Which book coined the phrase 'Big Brother is Watching You?'/[1984](#)
3. In which J.D. Salinger novel is central character called the Holden Caulfield? /[Catcher in the Rye](#)
4. Who wrote one of the first and most popular self-help books "How to Win Friends and Influence People?"/[Dale Carnegie](#)
5. What is the sequel and booker prize winning novel to Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel? /[Bring Up the Bodies](#)
6. In which book do the people of Lilliput appear? /[Gulliver's Travels](#)
7. Who also writes as Barbara Vine? /[Ruth Rendell](#)
8. Who wrote "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy?"/[Douglas Adams](#)
9. Which author wrote the autobiographies "Boy" and "Going Solo?"/[Roald Dahl](#)
10. Which novel is the story of the gentle knight and his faithful servant Sancho Panza? /[Don Quixote](#)

The quiz this time is a variation from one I did about 3 months ago. Famous quotations and their authors. The title being 'GREAT BRITISH WIT.' Please, please try and do it without googling as each quote reflects the personality of the author. Multiple choice, 12 questions, 3 quotes for each author, four authors. Piece of cake. Good luck. Remember to submit your recommended book at question 13. Go to [our website](#) and click on 'The Quiz.'
REMEMBER, OUR WEBSITE IS NOW MOBILE FRIENDLY!! Fill in your name and address. Many thanks for your participation.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 23/10/16

1. **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN**, by Paula Hawkins. A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals. [Read Review](#)
2. **TWO BY TWO**, by Nicholas Sparks. A man who became a single father when his marriage and business collapsed learns to take a chance on a new love.
3. **MISSING**, by Jame Patterson and Kathryn Fox. Private Sydney's elite team looks for a seemingly untraceable man.
4. **THE TRESPASSER**, by Tana French. In the sixth Dublin Murder Squad novel. Detective Antoinette Conway confronts a case that is more complicated than it appears.
5. **HOME**, by Harlan Coben. Myron Bolivar and his friend Win locate a boy who was kidnapped 10 years earlier; the 11th Myron Bolivar novel.
6. **A MAN CALLED OVE**, by Fredrik Backman. A curmudgeon's gruff exterior masks a generosity of spirit. Originally published in Sweden in 2014.
7. **TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**, by Debbie Macomber. A woman starts a blog about her attempt to reach out to a grumpy neighbor at Christmastime, and finds herself falling for him.
8. **COMMONWEALTH**, by Ann Patchett. Five decades in the lives of two families – parents, children, siblings, stepchildren – remade by divorce. [Read Review](#)
9. **TODAY WILL BE DIFFERENT**, by Maria Semple. A calamitous day in the life of a cynical Seattle transplant from the author of "Where'd You Go, Bernadette."
10. **INFERNO**, by Dan Brown. The symbolist Robert Langdon, on the run in Florence, must decipher a series of codes created by a Dante-Loving scientist.

Click [here](#) for the complete list

Our winner for Newsletter #54

The subscriber who wins a free bundle book this time is **Khawla Rashid**. Congratulations Khawla, please drop us a note to say where and when you want to choose your bundle book.

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