

# RECOMMENDED READS FOR 2019

1. [A Thousand Splendid Suns](#) by Khaled Hosseini  
"Beautifully written and a powerful and intimate account on the less publicized costs of war and violence. Historical fiction and strong, resilient female leads? Yes, please." - Mary Kate, 2014
2. [Think and Grow Rich](#) by Napoleon Hill  
"This book helped me think about my purpose and what I want to achieve in life. It's about growing richer in terms of your thinking. It's about how to believe in yourself and your ability to make a difference and follow your dreams." - Nia, 2017
3. [Pink Three](#) by Randi Zuckerberg  
"This book is about picking three major areas to focus on each day (fitness, family, friends, work, etc.) to live a more balanced and healthier lifestyle. An important read for female leaders!" - Teresa, 2014
4. [The Rights of Others](#) by Seyla Benhabib  
"For those interested in international relations, this book is an important read as it delves into relevant topics such as the sovereignty of nation-states, distributive justices, and human rights in the age of globalization." - Allie, 2016
5. [This is An Uprising](#) by Mark Engler and Paul Engler  
"This is a must read if you're at all interested in community mobilization, and how to strike a balance between mass uprising and organization! Also, super compelling thoughts on nonviolent action."  
- Vishu, 2018
6. [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie  
"This book is a humorous but insightful look at a population that is often forgotten, Native Americans, from the perspective of a dreamer who is an outsider even in his own community." - Alina, 2018
7. [Born a Crime](#) by Trevor Noah  
"An insightful, funny, and valuable look at the history of South Africa." - Roann, 2016
8. [Decolonizing Wealth](#) by Edgar Villanueva  
"A much needed analysis of oppressive power dynamics within philanthropy and strategies for a more inclusive future." - Rara, 2014
9. [Educated](#) by Tara Westover  
"A beautiful memoir of an American girl who did not step foot into school until she was 17." - Lauren, 2015
10. [Exit West](#) by Mohsin Hamid  
"It's a novel about love and refugees that has some of the most beautiful writing I've ever read (and it was one of Barack Obama's best books of the year, so what more can you want?)" - Emily, 2012
11. [Becoming](#) by Michelle Obama  
"It's inspiring and empowering!" - Roann, 2016
12. [Covering Islam](#) by Edward W. Said  
"Demonstrates how every media source is in some way biased." - Sarah, 2017
13. [The Defining Decade](#) by Meg Jay  
"A book explaining the importance of our twenties and how to proactively make the most of them."  
- Lauren, 2015
14. [Winners Take All](#) by Anand Giridharadas  
"A critique of surface-level approaches to social change promoted by business elite that serve to cement the status quo." - Rara, 2014
15. [Small Great Things](#) by Jodi Picoult  
"Intriguing and riveting plot that covers topics like racism and privilege." - Roann, 2016

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