



## **Staff Picks: 100 books**

Halifax Public Libraries staff's list of their all time favourite adult books.

### **Adult Fiction:**

**2001: A Space Odyssey**, by Arthur C. Clarke

**Atlas Shrugged**, by Ayn Rand

**Bridget Jones's Diary: a novel**, by Helen Fielding

**Brighton Rock**, by Graham Greene

**Burden of Desire**, by Robert MacNeil

**The Catcher in the Rye**, by J.D. Salinger

**The Castle**, by Franz Kafka

**Collected Fictions**, by Jorge Luis Borges

**The Colony of Unrequited Dreams**, by Wayne Johnston

**A Confederacy of Dunces**, by John Kennedy Toole

**The Count of Monte Cristo**, by Alexandre Dumas

**Cowboys Are My Weakness: Stories**, by Pam Houston

**The Decameron**, by Giovanni Boccaccio

**The Diviners**, by Margaret Laurence

**Dune**, by Frank Herbert

**East of Eden**, by John Steinbeck

**Ender's Game**, by Orson Scott Card

**Family Matters**, by Rohinton Mistry

**The Fat Man in History and Other Stories**, by Peter Carey

**Feed My Dear Dogs**, by Emma Richler

**Fifth Business**, by Robertson Davies

**Fly on the Wall**, by Trista Russell

**For Those Who Hunt the Wounded Down**, by David Adams Richards

**Fugitive Pieces**, by Anne Michaels

**Gone With the Wind**, Margaret Mitchell

**The Grapes of Wrath**, by John Steinbeck

**Great Apes**, by Will Self

**The Great Gatsby**, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**The Handmaid's Tale**, by Margaret Atwood

**Hens Dancing**, by Raffaella Barker

**How Green Was My Valley**, by Richard Llewellyn

**Howards End**, by E.M. Forster

**Island**, by Aldous Huxley

**Jane Eyre**, by Charlotte Bronte

**Kiss of the Fur Queen**, by Thomson Highway



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**The Kite Runner**, by Khaled Hosseini

**Lamb: the Gospel according to Biff, Christ's childhood pal**, by Christopher Moore

**Latitudes of Melt: a novel**, by Joan Clark

**Life of Pi**, by Yann Martel

**The Lord of the Rings**, by J.R.R. Tolkien

**The Lost Salt Gift of Blood**, by Alistair MacLeod

**The Lovely Bones: a novel**, by Alice Sebold

**Martha Quest: a complete novel from Doris Lessing's Master Work Children of Violence**, by Doris Lessing

**The Martian Chronicles**, by Ray Bradbury

**Middlesex**, by Jeffrey Eugenides

**Night**, by Elie Wiesel

**No Great Mischief**, by Alistair Macleod

**Not Wanted on the Voyage**, by Timothy Findley

**One Hundred Years of Solitude**, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

**An Opening Act of Unspeakable Evil**, by Jim Munroe

**Outlander**, by Diana Gabaldon

**The Personal History of David Copperfield**, by Charles Dickens

**Picture of Dorian Gray**, by Oscar Wilde

**The Pillars of the Earth**, by Ken Follett

**The Poisonwood Bible: a novel**, by Barbara Kingsolver

**Pride and Prejudice**, by Jane Austen

**The Secret Life of Bees**, by Sue Monk Kidd

**The Shadow of the Wind**, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

**The Shadow Man**, by John Katzenbach

**The Shell Seekers**, by Rosamunde Pilcher

**Shikasta: re: Colonized Planet 5: personal, psychological, historical documents relating for visit by Joha (George Sherban) Emissary (Grade 9) 87<sup>th</sup> of the Last Period of the Last Days**, by Doris Lessing

**The Stand**, by Stephen King

**A Star Called Henry**, by Roddy Doyle

**The Stone Diaries**, by Carol Shields

**A Strange Manuscript Found in a Copper Cylinder**, by James De Mille

**The Three Musketeers**, by Alexandre Dumas

**Time Traveler's Wife**, by Audrey Niffenegger

**To Kill a Mockingbird**, by Harper Lee



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**Tough Guys Don't Dance**, by Norman Mailer

**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**, by Betty Smith

**The Tree of Hands**, by Ruth Rendell

**Ulysses**, by James Joyce

**Waiting for Time**, by Bernice Morgan

**The Way the Crow Flies**, by Ann-Marie MacDonald

**Wide Sargasso Sea**, by Jean Rhys

**Winter's Tale**, by Mark Helprin

**Wise Blood**, by Flannery O'Connor

**The Woman in White**, by Wilkie Collins

**Wuthering Heights**, by Emily Bronte

### **Adult Non-Fiction:**

**Book of Mercy**, by Leonard Cohen

**John Thompson: collected poems and translations**, by John Thompson

**The Group of Seven and Tom Thomson**, by David Silcox

**Hard Chance: Sailing Into the Heart of Love**, by Tom Gallant

**I Dreamed of Africa**, by Kuki Gallman

**Let Us Now Praise Famous Men: three tenant families**, by James Agee and Walker Evans

**Me Talk Pretty One Day**, by David Sedaris

**Memory of Fire**, by Eduard Galeano

**My Family and Other Animals**, by Gerald Durrell

**My Love Affair With England**, by Susan Allen Toth

**Naked**, by David Sedaris

**A Natural History of the Senses**, by Diane Ackerman

**The Power of Myth**, by Joseph Campbell

**The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich: a history of Nazi Germany**, by William L. Shirer

**The Road Less Traveled: a new psychology of love, traditional values and spiritual growth**, by M.Scott Peck

**Roots**, by Alex Haley

**The Songlines**, by Bruce Chatwin

**Unearthing the Dragon: the great feathered dinosaur discovery**, by Mark Orell

**The Way of the Earth: encounters with nature in ancient and contemporary thought**, by T.C. McLuhan

**A Year By the Sea: thoughts of an unfinished woman**, by Joan Anderson

**Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: an inquiry into values**, by Robert Pirsig

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