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## EP 51 - 2023 Reading Review

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It's been another fantastic year of reading. On today's episode, I'll recap my 2023 reads, in case anything piques your interest. You can view the complete list, with links to each book in the show notes.

If you like this episode, I recommend going back and checking out [Episode 20, where I reviewed my 2022 reads](#).

*Also: If you're a fan of the show, you should sign up for my e-mail newsletter. These short, once-per-month e-mails contain updates, insights, and recommendations. You can sign up via the link on the homepage of [chriskreuter.com](http://chriskreuter.com)*

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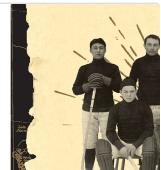
- 36 Books (Goal of 40)
- >10,000 Pages (Goal of 10,000)
- 75/25 split between fiction & non-fiction (last year: 50/50)
  - science fiction only 40% of my reads this year (50% last year)
- Nearly 50/50 split between audio & print (last year: 1/3 audio, 2/3 print)

### The Hockey Books

BOOK  
OF THE  
YEAR

Klondikers: Dawson City's Stanley Cup Challenge and How a Nation Fell in Love with Hockey by Tim Falconer  
For readers of The Boys in the Boat and Against All Odds Join a ragtag group of misfits from Daws...

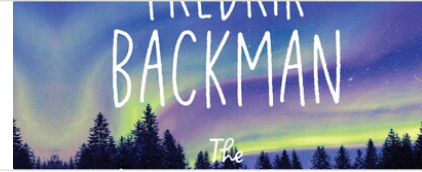
<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/9316f71d-af07-4ef6-a429-aa3f2c8c07bf>



**The Winners by Fredrik Backman**


The long-awaited conclusion to the beloved New York Times bestselling and "engrossing" (People) B...

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/4f22013b-d139-4f18-abf6-9ea3f0d8bb27>



**The Rink Rats by Irene Punt**

It's a snowy February in Calgary, and the bumpy outdoor rink at Crescent Park needs a lot of work...

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/4464b1f3-bc7a-4097-a602-d84acd0227e1>



**Sci-Fi Novels**

**BOOK OF THE YEAR**

**Starter Villain by John Scalzi**

Inheriting your uncle's supervillain business is more complicated than you might think. Particula...

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/98affc66-6322-47fc-a006-52534dc2b4e9>



**AUDIOBOOK OF THE YEAR**

**Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice**

A daring post-apocalyptic thriller from a powerful rising literary voice With winter looming, a sm...

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/3da8a4ac-499f-443c-b4f2-15af04802809>



**Exhalation by Ted Chiang**


From an award-winning science fiction writer (whose short story "The Story of Your Life" was the ...

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/d7bbf7be-7f9f-4e60-934f-e52f77474330>



**Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin**


Let the games begin! From the New York Times best-selling author of The Storied Life of A. J. Fik...

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/167cc896-1a42-4383-8189-56630e602911>




**Deadly Memory by David Walton**

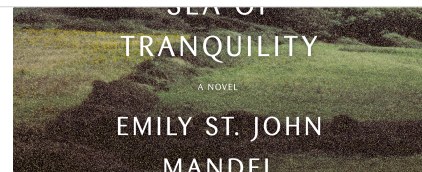
David Walton

 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/228a29ca-ee1e-439a-a04f-f4424a62f163>

**Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel**

Edwin St. Andrew is eighteen years old when he crosses the Atlantic by steamship, exiled from pol...

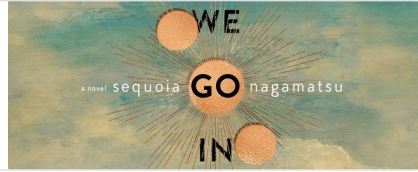
 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/0b8bb16d-9464-4bf6-b5c5-a517ae227705>



**How High We Go in the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu**

For fans of Cloud Atlas and Station Eleven, a spellbinding and profoundly prescient debut that fo...

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**The Terraformers by Annalee Newitz**

The Terraformers is an equally heart-warming and thought-provoking vision of the future for fans ...

📖 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/8f3c2116-0ff7-4b27-9a12-bc5fc54fbb7>



**The Word for World Is Forest by Ursula K. Le Guin**

The award-winning masterpiece by one of today's most honored writers, Ursula K. Le Guin The ...

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**Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi**

If you could go back in time, who would you want to meet? In a small back alley of Tokyo, there is...

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**Into the Riverlands by Nghi Vo**

Wandering cleric Chih of the Singing Hills travels to the riverlands to record tales of the notor...

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**Kids**

**BOOK OF THE YEAR**

**Unplugged by Gordon Korman**

From New York Times bestselling author Gordon Korman comes a hilarious middle grade novel about a...

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**I Was a Sixth Grade Alien #1 by Bruce Coville**

He came from the stars -- and sixth grade will never be the same The aliens have finally made c...

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**The Search for Snout by Bruce Coville**

Somewhere Snout is waiting. Rod Allbright and his alien friends face the biggest mystery of their ...

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### Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan

New York Times #1 best-selling author Rick Riordan pays homage to Jules Verne in his exciting mod...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/d6f6269d-46ad-4884-8940-0fb5f27d40aa>



## Romance

### BOOK OF THE YEAR

#### Beard Science by Penny Reid

Make a deal with the devil and you might get what you want, but will it be what you need? From the...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/4f08567f-f2e0-49a7-bc58-81c6f7c365ef>



#### Homecoming King by Penny Reid

Rex "TW" McMurtry's perpetual single-hood wouldn't bother him so much if all his ex-girlfriends d...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/a536d3e8-d85f-400c-a46e-f7f32137db1c>



#### Get a Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert

"Absolutely charming... a flawless balance of humor, heat, sweetness, and depth, and I loved ever...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/54d0ad9e-f00d-4ea9-8422-b745159cbea8>



#### Spoiler Alert by Olivia Dade

Olivia Dade bursts onto the scene in this delightfully fun romantic comedy set in the world of fa...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/db397670-65ae-4274-8e4e-d9200fbbfbbc>



## Biographies Both Real & Unreal

### BOOK OF THE YEAR

#### Bell Hammers: The True Folk Tale of Little Egypt, Illinois by Lancelot Schaubert

PRANKS. OIL. PROTEST. JOKES BETWEEN NEWLYWEDS. AND ONE HILARIOUS SIEGE OF A MAJOR CORPORATION. Re...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/87b46c43-dcbd-4799-b8bf-e46089abb8ea>



*In fact, the best dirt is really just a big old pile of shit and that big old pile of shit hardens over time by leaking out all the soft stuff, and the hard stuff became gems and minerals and things, and the soft stuff became oil. One you could polish for making your home and city pretty and the other you could dig up to power your cars and boats and planes. The whole fancy big city world was just a well-polished, well-designed pile of shit that ran on more shit.*

*Bullshit powered bullshit. You simply had to think about all that shit in the right way to make it look pretty and work good. It's the mind that matters, not the body or the will.*



## Lancelot Schaubert - Bellhammers pg 115

The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams by Daniel Nayeri

This is the tale of an exciting journey along the Silk Road with a young Monk and his newfound gu...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/06ca5aad-e700-4224-9f99-e41078153d66>



Paddle Your Own Canoe: One Man's Fundamentals for Delicious Living by Nick Offerman

Parks and Recreation actor and Making It co-host Nick Offerman shares his humorous fulminations o...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/00b12da5-4051-4ab3-bef0-e6b9c3ab7401>



Hondo by Louis L'Amour

He was etched by the desert's howling winds, a big, broad-shouldered man who knew the ways of the...

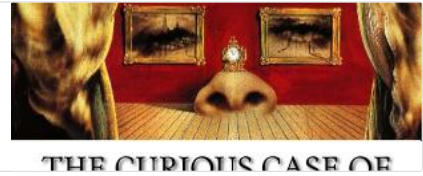
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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button by Sheba Blake, F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button is a short story written by F. Scott Fitzgerald and first pub...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/11b08104-0432-4026-82e7-acff0924701>



Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry

From the simple setting of his own barber shop, Jayber Crow, orphan, seminarian, and native of Po...

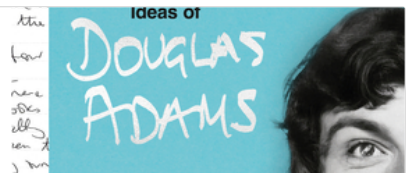
<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/70be27d6-3802-4680-aa97-5683d3682883>



42: The Wildly Improbable Ideas of Douglas Adams by Kevin Jon Davies

Over 60 boxes full of notebooks, research, letters, scripts, jokes, speeches, to-do lists, hard d...

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/624cf022-bc29-4ee3-b32b-37195155aec2>



Post Office by Charles Bukowski

Charles Bukowski  
with Niall Griffiths

<https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/fcdc3690-7c65-46c6-92e8-9119809b2039>



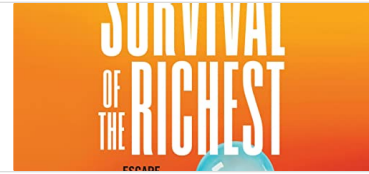
## Nonfiction

**BOOK  
OF THE  
YEAR**

**Survival of the Richest: The Tech Elite's Ultimate Exit Strategy** by Douglas Rushkoff

The tech elite have a plan to survive the apocalypse: they want to leave us all behind. Five mysterious...

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**The Extended Mind: The Power of Thinking Outside the Brain** by Annie Murphy Paul

A bold new book that proves our bodies and surroundings know more than our brains do. For centuries...

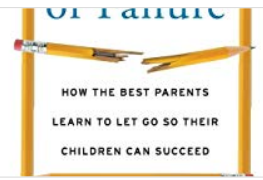
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**The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed** by Jessica Lahey

Este libro innovador se centra en los niños escolares crínicos, cuando los padres tienen que aprende...

📖 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/4e7a298e-507b-446d-900d-bdcdcd698b60>



**How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk** by Elaine Mazlish, Adele Faber

The ultimate "parenting bible" (The Boston Globe) with a new foreword--and available as an ebook ...

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**Flour Water Salt Yeast: The Fundamentals of Artisan Bread and Pizza** by Ken Forkish

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - From Portland's most acclaimed and beloved baker comes this must-have...

📖 <https://app.thestorygraph.com/books/0802010d-6592-4d01-86ab-89fb9398be6b>



**The French Art Of Tea** by Mariage Frères

Published by the Mariage Frères French Tea House, a compendium of the art of tea as practiced ...

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