



Road Less Traveled

Adult Reading Challenge

Follow the prompts and fill in the titles!

Earn a prize voucher for every category you complete. Please see the instructions on how to redeem your vouchers on the last page. Complete all 10 categories and earn a grand prize for being a Literary Hiker! \$20 gift card, certificate, and optional Library plaque.

While we provide prompts, try not to overthink them. The whole point of the challenge is to enjoy it! We hope you feel guided, not limited. Be creative and have fun!

- Read 100 different books. Repeated titles do not count.
- There is no time limit. Take 3 months or 3 years! You may even repeat the challenge.

First Impressions Can Be Deceiving

A book you picked just for the cover	
The wackiest title you've ever seen	
A book with terrible reviews (once read, do you agree with the reviews?)	
A National Award-Winning book (once read, do you agree it deserves the award?)	
A book someone else picked out for you	
A book with a subtitle	
A book you stopped reading once	
A book geared toward another age group	
A book that was spoiled for you	
A book recommended by your favorite author	

You may choose to check off this box after receiving your prize for your own records. ☐

Want to go paperless?

Reading 100 books isn't an overnight task. We get it if you want to ditch the paper and track digitally instead. Just scan the QR code and head to **Beanstack** to track online!



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Good Feels

A beach read	
A book by an author who has a name you've always loved	
Reread your favorite book as a kid (picture books count)	
Reread your favorite book as an adult	
A book with "happiness" or "joy" in the title	
A love story (this could be any type of love)	
A book that makes you laugh out loud	
A book about a game	
A graphic novel	
A book that someone describes as a "warm hug"	

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Reading Is An Art

An audiobook	
A book whose title has song lyrics in it	
A book about music/musical instruments	
A book whose title rhymes	
An epistolary or mixed media book	
A volume of poetry	
A book about books (perhaps books about libraries, bookstores, book clubs, book lovers, or authors all count)	
A book about an artist (either fictional or not)	
A book rooted in mythology (perhaps mythology retellings, anthologies, etc.)	
A play	

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Literature M'Lady

A classic (think fundamental works of literature from the 1950s and prior)	
A retelling of a classic	
A book whose title has the word "crown" in it	
A Regency era read	
A book based on or inspired by a Jane Austen novel	
A book over 500 pages	
A book about dragons	
An anthology (you decide what of)	
A book about time	
A book about magic or witches	

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Walk A Mile In Someone's Shoes

A book written by someone not originally from the US or Europe	
A book written by a BIPOC person	
A book not set in North America	
A book with a disability representation (either in the story or the author)	
A book with a queer representation (either in the story or the author)	
A book with an indigenous representation (either indigenous to the US or other places)	
A middle grade novel	
A book about an animal	
A book with a chronically ill character	
A book with a high-stakes risk	

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Reading Is Real Life

A book about cooking	
A nonfiction read	
A memoir	
A book with a veteran protagonist	
A book that's been made into a movie or TV show	
The history of something you know nothing about (this could be a person, activity, food, technique, place, or subject. Feel free to get creative)	
A book with photographs in it	
A book about a famous parent	
A book whose title starts with "How to"	
An alternative history	

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World Traveler

A book with a map	
A book that is set in 2 different locations	
A book set in any state other than Illinois	
A book set at sea	
A book with a bilingual main character	
A book that was originally published in another language	
A book whose protagonist is different from you (occupation, race, sexuality, etc.)	
A book set in space	
A western book (could be nonfiction or not)	
An armchair travel book	

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Danger. Danger

A banned book	
A book about something that scares you	
A book with a shocking twist	
A book about spies	
A cozy mystery	
A book about a natural disaster (real or fictional)	
A story about a haunting (ghosts are optional)	
A true crime book (either a fiction book about true crime or true crime lovers, or a nonfiction book about a true crime case)	
A horror novel	
The first book in a series	

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Are We There Yet?

A book that's been on your TBR for over a year	
A debut publication (novel or otherwise)	
An independently published book	
A book where something or someone is lost	
A book with a maze (either literal or not)	
A book about flight (either literal or not)	
A book featuring Artificial Intelligence (robots count)	
A book about letting go	
A cliffhanger	
A novella	

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Time Reads

A book published in the year you were born	
A book published last year	
A book with a number in the title	
A multigenerational story	
A book with a one-word title	
A book featuring a mathematician (they don't have to have a degree in math, but they can)	
A book you read in one sitting (if you don't normally do this, this is your chance to try it. If reading a full-length novel in one sitting isn't possible, remember that short fiction and picture books also count)	
A book that jumps back and forth in time	
A book set in another century	
A book whose protagonist is over 70	



Don't cut just yet!

This slip will act as your final voucher to win the grand prize, so please hold off on cutting until you have all the boxes to the right checked off by a staff member. When you complete a category, bring the corresponding reading log in plus this sheet, and we'll mark it off. Repeat that 10x and you'll be awarded the grand prize as described on the first page.

Vouchers can be redeemed for:

- An Advanced Reader Copy from a selection we have available, OR
- A free book or material from the Friends of the Library book sale collection

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