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## A ReadICT Podcast

### Show Notes

#### **Season 4 Episode 0:** **#ReadICT 2024 Kickoff** **Live featuring Suzanne** **Perez and Beth Golay** **from the *Books and*** ***Whatnot* Podcast**

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### In this episode

Sara and Daniel are joined by Suzanne Perez and Beth Golay of the *Books and Whatnot* podcast to talk about the new #ReadICT 2024 challenge categories. In this special kickoff episode which was recorded in front of a live audience at the Advanced Learning Library in Wichita, KS on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Sara, Daniel, Suzanne, and Beth talk about what their (reading) plans are this year for each category as well as some titles they would recommend to others participating in the challenge.



### About *Books and Whatnot*

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## Relevant links to topics mentioned in this episode

- [1,000 Books to Read Before You Die website](#)
- [Atlas Obscura website](#)
- [The Millions: The William Trevor Reader: An Introduction by Adam O'Fallon Price \(September 21, 2021\)](#)
- [Big Read Wichita](#)
- [Creepypasta](#)
- [Does the dog die?](#)
- [Famous Neurodiverse Individuals \(Casscounseling.co.uk\)](#)
- [Wikipedia link to search for books published by year](#)
- [Read Return Repeat episode featuring author John Scalzi \(Season 3, Episode 10\)](#)
- [Read Return Repeat episode featuring author David Heska Wanbli Weiden \(Season 3, Episode 6\)](#)

## Books recommended in this episode

Beth's Recommendations:

- *Map: Collected and Last Poems* by Wislawa Szymborska (Category 1)

- *The Collected Stories* by William Trevor (Category 2)
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett (Category 3)
- *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (Category 3)
- *Ficciones* by Jorge Luis Borges (Category 4)
- *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* By Edward Albee (Category 5)
- *Sherlock Holmes* series by Arthur Conan Doyle (Category 5)
- *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne (Category 6)
- *Room* by Emma Donoghue (Category 6)
- *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville (Category 7)
- *Winter's Tales* by Isak Dinesen (Category 8)
- *My Dog Tulip* by J.R. Ackerley (Category 9)
- *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus (Category 9)
- *Clementine in the Kitchen* by Samuel Chamberlain (Category 10)
- *Life & Times of Michael K.* by J.M. Coetzee (Category 11)
- *Blue Highways: A Journey into America* by William Least Heat-Moon (Category 12)

#### Suzanne's Recommendations:

- *The Wager* by David Grann (Category 1)
- *Fatherland: A Memoir of War, Conscience and Family Secrets* by Burhard Bilger (Category 1)
- *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (Category 2)
- *Mary Jane* by Jessica Anya Blau (Category 3)
- *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb (Category 3)
- *Shark Heart: A Love Story* by Emily Habeck (Category 3)
- *The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet* by John Green (Category 4)
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon (Category 5)
- *Strange Sally Diamond* by Liz Nugent (Category 5)
- *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir (Category 6)
- *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by Loren Grush (Category 6)
- *The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives* by Dashka Slater (Category 7)
- *A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara (Category 7)
- *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo (Category 8)
- *Last Summer on State Street* by Toya Wolfe (Category 8)
- *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck (Category 9)
- *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Ed Yong (Category 9)
- *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt (Category 9)
- *Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci (Category 10)

- *Search* by Michelle Huneven (Category 10)
- *Salt Fat Acid Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking* by Samin Nosrat (Category 10)
- *Dinner: A Love Story: It All Begins at the Family Table* by Jenny Rosenstrach (Category 10)
- *Home Cooking: A Writer in the Kitchen* by Laurie Colwin (Category 10)
- *The Witches of Eastwick* by John Updike (Category 11)
- *Empire of the Sun* by J.G. Ballard (Category 11)
- *The Hunt for Red October* by Tom Clancy (Category 11)
- *Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl (Category 11)
- *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Category 12)
- *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange (Category 12)

#### Sara's Recommendations:

- N.K. Jemisin's *Broken Earth* Trilogy and the *Great Cities* duology (Category 1)
- *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson (Category 2)
- *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai (Category 3)
- *The Future* by Naomi Alderman (Category 3)
- Phoebe Robinson's essay books (Category 4)
- Mindy Kaling's essay books (Category 4)
- *Call Us What We Carry: Poems* by Amanda Gorman (Category 4)
- Helen Hoang's books (*The Kiss Quotient*, *The Bride Test* and *The Heart Principle*) (Category 5)
- *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim
- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams (Category 6)
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (Category 6)
- *Station Eternity (The Midsolar Mysteries #1)* by Mur Lafferty (Category 6)
- *Hell's Half-Acre: The Untold Story of the Benders, a Serial Killer Family on the American Frontier* by Susan Jonusas (Category 7)
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (Category 7)
- *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon (Category 8)
- *The Longest Autumn* by Amy Avery (Category 8)
- *Starter Villain* by John Scalzi (Category 9)
- *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros (Category 9)
- *The Food of a Younger Land: A Portrait of American Food From the Lost WPA Files* by Mark Kurlansky (Category 10)
- *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner (Category 10)
- *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling (Category 11)
- *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman (Category 11)
- *The Removed* by Brandon Hobson (Category 12)

### Daniel's Recommendations:

- *Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders* by Joshua Foer, Dylan Thuras and Ella Morton (Category 1)
- *Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre* by Max Brooks (Category 1)
- *There There* by Tommy Orange (Category 2)
- Silvia Moreno-Garcia's novels (*The Island of Doctor Moreau*, *Mexican Gothic*, *Gods of Jade and Shadow*) (Category 2)
- *Mister Magic* by Kiersten White (Category 3)
- *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro (Category 3)
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (Category 3)
- *Out There Screaming: An Anthology of New Black Horror* Edited by Jordan Peele (Category 4)
- *Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology* Edited by Shane Hawk and Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. (Category 4)
- *Billie Eilish: The Official Book* by Billie Eilish (Category 5)
- *I've Never Met an Idiot on the River: Reflections on Family, Photography, and Fly-Fishing* by Henry Winkler (Category 5)
- *Dune* by Frank Herbert (Category 6)
- *Aliens: Bishop* by T.R. Napper (Category 6)
- *The Keys: A Memoir* by DJ Khaled (Category 7 & 10)
- *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* by Marie Kondo (Category 7)
- Bret Easton Ellis's Novels (Category 7)
- *Winter Counts* by David Heska Wanbli Weiden (Category 8)
- *The Neverwinter saga* (book series) by R.A. Salvatore (Category 8)
- *Saga* (graphic novel series) by Brian K. Vaughan (Category 9)
- *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman (Category 11)
- *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen (Category 11)
- *Robocalypse* series by Daniel H. Wilson (Category 12)
- *The Way to Rainy Mountain* by N. Scott Momaday (Category 12)
- *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* by Vine Deloria Jr. (Category 12)

### Other Staff Recommendations:

- Brett: *Gobbelino London & a Scourge of Pleasantries* by Kim M. Watt (Category 3)
- Charles: *Antkind* by Charlie Kaufman (Category 2)
- Jaime: Joy Harjo's poetry books, *Love Medicine* by Louis Erdrich or *There There* by Tommy Orange (Category 12)
- Lexi: *Powerless* by Lauren Roberts (Category 1)
- Kelly: *A Winter in New York* by Josie Silver (Category 8)
- Zoe: *Ragtime* by E.L. Doctorow (Category 11)

- Alicia: *Get a Life, Chloe Brown* by Talia Hibbert (Category 9)
- Erin: *Speculative Los Angeles* by Denise Hamilton (Category 4)
- Brenda: *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim (Category 5)
- Racine: *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel (Category 10)

## Other books mentioned in this episode

- *1,000 Books to Read Before You Die* by James Mustich
- *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann
- *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb
- *The Power* by Naomi Alderman
- *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
- *The House of Asterion* by Jorge Luis Borges (Short Story)
- Eudora Welty's short stories
- *The Martian* by Andy Weir
- *Aliens: Vasquez* by V. Castro
- *Mein Kampf* by Adolph Hitler
- *The Turner Diaries* by William Luther Pierce
- *The Satanic Bible* by Anton Szandor Lavey
- David Foster Wallace's novels
- *Nobody's Fool* by Richard Russo
- *Love & Saffron: A Novel of Friendship, Food and Love* by Kim Fay
- Diane Mott Davidson's novels (cozy mystery series)
- Joanne Fluke's novels (cozy mystery series)
- *Flour Water Salt Yeast: The Fundamentals of Artisan Bread and Pizza* by Ken Forkish
- *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling
- *Quidditch Through the Ages* by J.K. Rowling
- *The Pole* by J.M. Coetzee
- *Foe* by J.M. Coetzee
- *We Had a Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans & Comedy* by Kliph Nesteroff

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