YouGov Survey: Reading Books
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1. Read Books Growing Up

When you were growing up, did you read any books?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| Yes | 89\% | 86\% | 91\% | 79\% | 85\% | 93\% | 95\% | 92\% | 87\% | 76\% | 85\% |
| No | 8\% | 10\% | 6\% | 14\% | 10\% | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 9\% | 11\% | 9\% |
| Not sure | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% | 13\% | 6\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (995) | (469) | (526) | (198) | (226) | (361) | (210) | (729) | (119) | (80) | (67) |


|  | Total | Party ID |  |  | 2020 Vote |  | Family Income (3 category) |  |  | Census Region |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Biden | Trump | < \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 89\% | 90\% | 86\% | 90\% | 93\% | 92\% | 87\% | 89\% | 93\% | 89\% | 92\% | 87\% | 87\% |
| No | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Not sure | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (995) | (324) | (395) | (276) | (347) | (316) | (439) | (243) | (192) | (164) | (212) | (392) | (227) |

## 2. Book Genres Read Growing Up

When you were growing up, which of the following genres of books did you read? Select all that apply.

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| Short stories | 39\% | 34\% | 43\% | 29\% | 33\% | 46\% | 45\% | 40\% | 40\% | 29\% | 47\% |
| Historical fiction | 30\% | 29\% | 31\% | 21\% | 23\% | 29\% | 47\% | 31\% | 24\% | 23\% | 38\% |
| Literary fiction | 29\% | 26\% | 31\% | 22\% | 26\% | 28\% | 39\% | 28\% | 26\% | 25\% | 39\% |
| History | 39\% | 45\% | 33\% | 29\% | 30\% | 41\% | 54\% | 41\% | 33\% | 24\% | 50\% |
| Thrillers | 26\% | 24\% | 28\% | 20\% | 29\% | 31\% | 23\% | 27\% | 18\% | 27\% | 30\% |
| Fantasy | 36\% | 36\% | 36\% | 42\% | 41\% | 34\% | 29\% | 36\% | 33\% | 38\% | 40\% |
| Romance | 21\% | 9\% | 34\% | 26\% | 22\% | 19\% | 21\% | 20\% | 20\% | 24\% | 28\% |
| Mystery and crime | 40\% | 34\% | 46\% | 33\% | 38\% | 41\% | 48\% | 45\% | 27\% | 32\% | 37\% |
| Science fiction | 36\% | 44\% | 28\% | 34\% | 34\% | 37\% | 37\% | 34\% | 31\% | 44\% | 43\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 19\% | 20\% | 19\% | 15\% | 20\% | 21\% | 20\% | 17\% | 29\% | 16\% | 28\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 16\% | 16\% | 17\% | 11\% | 17\% | 19\% | 18\% | 18\% | 15\% | 5\% | 27\% |
| Graphic novels | 14\% | 15\% | 13\% | 23\% | 16\% | 11\% | 6\% | 13\% | 11\% | 12\% | 29\% |
| Poetry | 21\% | 15\% | 26\% | 22\% | 23\% | 19\% | 20\% | 19\% | 29\% | 17\% | 28\% |
| Young Adult | 35\% | 24\% | 45\% | 39\% | 38\% | 32\% | 32\% | 36\% | 30\% | 31\% | 37\% |
| Academic | 24\% | 23\% | 24\% | 20\% | 20\% | 21\% | 34\% | 24\% | 27\% | 15\% | 28\% |
| Drama | 23\% | 16\% | 29\% | 21\% | 22\% | 24\% | 22\% | 24\% | 20\% | 19\% | 19\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 28\% | 24\% | 31\% | 14\% | 23\% | 27\% | 46\% | 31\% | 22\% | 17\% | 28\% |
| Other non-fiction | 20\% | 20\% | 20\% | 14\% | 21\% | 21\% | 24\% | 20\% | 21\% | 17\% | 23\% |
| Other fiction | 19\% | 16\% | 21\% | 18\% | 14\% | 18\% | 25\% | 21\% | 10\% | 17\% | 17\% |
| None of the above | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 7\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 14\% | 4\% |
| I didn't read any books growing up | 8\% | 10\% | 6\% | 14\% | 10\% | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 9\% | 11\% | 9\% |
| Unweighted N | (995) | (469) | (526) | (198) | (226) | (361) | (210) | (729) | (119) | (80) | (67) |

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| Short stories | 39\% | 40\% | 38\% | 38\% | 41\% | 42\% | 40\% | 40\% | 37\% | 35\% | 38\% | 41\% | 39\% |
| Historical fiction | 30\% | 32\% | 28\% | 29\% | 36\% | 36\% | 24\% | 34\% | 37\% | 26\% | 31\% | 30\% | 31\% |
| Literary fiction | 29\% | 34\% | 29\% | 21\% | 39\% | 27\% | 25\% | 30\% | 38\% | 23\% | 28\% | 30\% | 31\% |
| History | 39\% | 37\% | 39\% | 39\% | 42\% | 45\% | 34\% | 44\% | 47\% | 32\% | 40\% | 40\% | 40\% |
| Thrillers | 26\% | 26\% | 27\% | 26\% | 25\% | 30\% | 26\% | 26\% | 32\% | 23\% | 27\% | 24\% | 31\% |
| Fantasy | 36\% | 34\% | 38\% | 36\% | 39\% | 33\% | 38\% | 31\% | 36\% | 32\% | 37\% | 36\% | 38\% |
| Romance | 21\% | 29\% | 16\% | 20\% | 27\% | 17\% | 22\% | 19\% | 25\% | 20\% | 21\% | 23\% | 21\% |
| Mystery and crime | 40\% | 37\% | 39\% | 46\% | 37\% | 48\% | 40\% | 40\% | 42\% | 33\% | 45\% | 40\% | 41\% |
| Science fiction | 36\% | 36\% | 38\% | 32\% | 39\% | 36\% | 35\% | 39\% | 34\% | 35\% | 35\% | 34\% | 40\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 19\% | 17\% | 19\% | 23\% | 14\% | 28\% | 21\% | 17\% | 19\% | 13\% | 17\% | 22\% | 21\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 16\% | 15\% | 16\% | 19\% | 15\% | 18\% | 16\% | 20\% | 11\% | 13\% | 18\% | 18\% | 16\% |
| Graphic novels | 14\% | 12\% | 15\% | 13\% | 14\% | 14\% | 13\% | 10\% | 16\% | 16\% | 10\% | 13\% | 16\% |
| Poetry | 21\% | 23\% | 22\% | 16\% | 24\% | 17\% | 24\% | 15\% | 20\% | 22\% | 18\% | 22\% | 21\% |
| Young Adult | 35\% | 37\% | 34\% | 35\% | 40\% | 37\% | 37\% | 32\% | 33\% | 31\% | 40\% | 37\% | 30\% |
| Academic | 24\% | 24\% | 22\% | 25\% | 27\% | 23\% | 22\% | 24\% | 24\% | 22\% | 23\% | 23\% | 26\% |
| Drama | 23\% | 23\% | 24\% | 21\% | 26\% | 24\% | 23\% | 21\% | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% | 24\% | 22\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 28\% | 29\% | 28\% | 27\% | 34\% | 31\% | 22\% | 31\% | 37\% | 20\% | 26\% | 29\% | 32\% |
| Other non-fiction | 20\% | 19\% | 20\% | 21\% | 19\% | 24\% | 21\% | 18\% | 22\% | 16\% | 20\% | 21\% | 22\% |
| Other fiction | 19\% | 18\% | 19\% | 19\% | 19\% | 21\% | 20\% | 16\% | 17\% | 14\% | 23\% | 18\% | 20\% |
| None of the above | 3\% | 2\% | 6\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 5\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 5\% |
| I didn't read any books growing up | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Unweighted N | (995) | (324) | (395) | (276) | (347) | (316) | (439) | (243) | (192) | (164) | (212) | (392) | (227) |

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## 3. Book Genre Read MOST Growing Up

When you were growing up, which of the following genres of books did you read MOST often?
Asked of people who read books when growing up and liked at least one genre

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| Short stories | 7\% | 7\% | 7\% | 3\% | 4\% | 11\% | 6\% | 6\% | 14\% | 6\% | 6\% |
| Historical fiction | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 10\% | 5\% | 6\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Literary fiction | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% | 6\% |
| History | 8\% | 13\% | 4\% | 6\% | 5\% | 11\% | 11\% | 9\% | 4\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Thrillers | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 7\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Fantasy | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 18\% | 8\% | 7\% | 0\% | 8\% | 5\% | 12\% | 7\% |
| Romance | 4\% | 1\% | 7\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 1\% |
| Mystery and crime | 10\% | 6\% | 13\% | 5\% | 11\% | 12\% | 9\% | 11\% | 4\% | 11\% | 4\% |
| Science fiction | 10\% | 17\% | 4\% | 7\% | 8\% | 12\% | 12\% | 9\% | 7\% | 17\% | 14\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 9\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| Graphic novels | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| Poetry | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| Young Adult | 12\% | 6\% | 17\% | 18\% | 15\% | 7\% | 12\% | 12\% | 8\% | 11\% | 19\% |
| Academic | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 6\% |
| Drama | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 0\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 0\% | 4\% |
| Other non-fiction | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 8\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| Other fiction | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| Totals | 101\% | 99\% | 99\% | 100\% | 98\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% | 101\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (886) | (405) | (481) | (157) | (198) | (334) | (197) | (662) | (105) | (62) | (57) |

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|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Biden | Trump | < \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Short stories | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 9\% | 7\% | 3\% | 7\% | 9\% | 7\% | 5\% |
| Historical fiction | 5\% | 7\% | 3\% | 3\% | 8\% | 3\% | 2\% | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 4\% |
| Literary fiction | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 7\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% |
| History | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% | 11\% | 6\% | 11\% | 11\% | 11\% | 9\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Thrillers | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| Fantasy | 8\% | 6\% | 10\% | 7\% | 6\% | 5\% | 11\% | 5\% | 5\% | 7\% | 7\% | 8\% | 8\% |
| Romance | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 1\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% |
| Mystery and crime | 10\% | 7\% | 9\% | 14\% | 6\% | 14\% | 10\% | 11\% | 9\% | 5\% | 10\% | 11\% | 11\% |
| Science fiction | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% | 10\% | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% | 10\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| Graphic novels | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Poetry | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 0\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Young Adult | 12\% | 12\% | 13\% | 11\% | 15\% | 11\% | 13\% | 12\% | 10\% | 12\% | 13\% | 11\% | 13\% |
| Academic | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 2\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 9\% | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% |
| Drama | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 5\% | 9\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 7\% |
| Other non-fiction | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% |
| Other fiction | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 101\% | 99\% | 100\% | 99\% | 99\% | 99\% | 99\% | 102\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 99\% | 102\% |
| Unweighted N | (886) | (293) | (345) | (248) | (324) | (289) | (386) | (217) | (176) | (145) | (194) | (351) | (196) |

## 4. Number of Books Read in Past Year

During the past 12 months, about how many books did you read either all or part of the way through? Please include any print, electronic, or audiobooks you may have read or listened to.

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| None | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% | 21\% | 23\% | 27\% | 16\% | 23\% | 18\% | 28\% | 17\% |
| 1 book | 10\% | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% | 12\% | 11\% | 8\% | 10\% | 13\% | 10\% | 14\% |
| 2-3 books | 24\% | 29\% | 20\% | 30\% | 26\% | 22\% | 19\% | 22\% | 29\% | 29\% | 25\% |
| 4-5 books | 12\% | 12\% | 12\% | 13\% | 12\% | 11\% | 12\% | 12\% | 17\% | 12\% | 8\% |
| 6-10 books | 8\% | 7\% | 10\% | 7\% | 7\% | 8\% | 12\% | 9\% | 12\% | 2\% | 6\% |
| 11-20 books | 7\% | 6\% | 7\% | 5\% | 4\% | 8\% | 8\% | 7\% | 4\% | 2\% | 12\% |
| More than 20 books | 12\% | 7\% | 16\% | 7\% | 9\% | 10\% | 22\% | 15\% | 1\% | 8\% | 11\% |
| Not sure | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 6\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% | 9\% | 7\% |
| Totals | 99\% | 100\% | 101\% | 100\% | 99\% | 99\% | 100\% | 101\% | 101\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (997) | (471) | (526) | (199) | (227) | (362) | (209) | (730) | (119) | (81) | (67) |


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| None | 22\% | 18\% | 27\% | 20\% | 18\% | 20\% | 28\% | 15\% | 17\% | 22\% | 26\% | 19\% | 25\% |
| 1 book | 10\% | 12\% | 9\% | 10\% | 10\% | 12\% | 11\% | 15\% | 9\% | 12\% | 8\% | 10\% | 12\% |
| 2-3 books | 24\% | 24\% | 20\% | 30\% | 20\% | 26\% | 22\% | 28\% | 25\% | 28\% | 17\% | 28\% | 22\% |
| 4-5 books | 12\% | 15\% | 9\% | 13\% | 13\% | 10\% | 12\% | 8\% | 15\% | 13\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% |
| 6-10 books | 8\% | 12\% | 6\% | 8\% | 13\% | 7\% | 7\% | 10\% | 11\% | 5\% | 12\% | 8\% | 7\% |
| 11-20 books | 7\% | 4\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 9\% | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| More than 20 books | 12\% | 12\% | 13\% | 10\% | 16\% | 13\% | 10\% | 14\% | 13\% | 9\% | 14\% | 11\% | 13\% |
| Not sure | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 1\% | 5\% | 3\% | 6\% | 3\% |
| Totals | 99\% | 100\% | 99\% | 101\% | 100\% | 100\% | 101\% | 100\% | 100\% | 101\% | 101\% | 99\% | 99\% |
| Unweighted N | (997) | (324) | (397) | (276) | (348) | (317) | (441) | (243) | (192) | (165) | (212) | (394) | (226) |

## 5. Book Genres Read Now

Currently, which of the following genres of books do you read? Select all that apply.

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| Short stories | 15\% | 13\% | 16\% | 14\% | 16\% | 14\% | 14\% | 14\% | 15\% | 17\% | 20\% |
| Historical fiction | 19\% | 16\% | 22\% | 13\% | 14\% | 19\% | 32\% | 22\% | 10\% | 16\% | 16\% |
| Literary fiction | 16\% | 12\% | 19\% | 12\% | 15\% | 14\% | 23\% | 17\% | 10\% | 11\% | 18\% |
| History | 27\% | 30\% | 24\% | 17\% | 21\% | 28\% | 41\% | 30\% | 17\% | 19\% | 27\% |
| Thrillers | 20\% | 15\% | 24\% | 17\% | 17\% | 22\% | 22\% | 21\% | 13\% | 19\% | 21\% |
| Fantasy | 16\% | 13\% | 18\% | 21\% | 18\% | 14\% | 11\% | 16\% | 9\% | 14\% | 22\% |
| Romance | 14\% | 6\% | 21\% | 20\% | 18\% | 9\% | 11\% | 14\% | 13\% | 13\% | 12\% |
| Mystery and crime | 28\% | 21\% | 35\% | 25\% | 25\% | 27\% | 38\% | 32\% | 17\% | 26\% | 23\% |
| Science fiction | 18\% | 22\% | 15\% | 17\% | 20\% | 17\% | 19\% | 19\% | 8\% | 19\% | 31\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 20\% | 16\% | 23\% | 16\% | 18\% | 20\% | 25\% | 19\% | 29\% | 11\% | 28\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 11\% | 9\% | 12\% | 7\% | 15\% | 10\% | 11\% | 12\% | 10\% | 5\% | 12\% |
| Graphic novels | 8\% | 8\% | 9\% | 14\% | 14\% | 5\% | 2\% | 8\% | 6\% | 11\% | 14\% |
| Poetry | 7\% | 6\% | 9\% | 10\% | 10\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% | 17\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| Young Adult | 10\% | 7\% | 12\% | 15\% | 14\% | 8\% | 3\% | 10\% | 8\% | 8\% | 10\% |
| Academic | 11\% | 12\% | 10\% | 13\% | 12\% | 8\% | 12\% | 9\% | 15\% | 9\% | 20\% |
| Drama | 16\% | 11\% | 20\% | 18\% | 13\% | 15\% | 18\% | 16\% | 13\% | 20\% | 12\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 22\% | 18\% | 26\% | 12\% | 20\% | 22\% | 34\% | 23\% | 20\% | 19\% | 23\% |
| Other non-fiction | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% | 9\% | 13\% | 17\% | 27\% | 17\% | 17\% | 14\% | 17\% |
| Other fiction | 11\% | 6\% | 15\% | 7\% | 11\% | 13\% | 10\% | 11\% | 6\% | 12\% | 10\% |
| None of the above | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 5\% | 1\% | 4\% |
| I haven't read a book in the past year | 23\% | 25\% | 22\% | 22\% | 24\% | 28\% | 17\% | 23\% | 19\% | 31\% | 18\% |
| Unweighted N | (959) | (451) | (508) | (185) | (218) | (353) | (203) | (711) | (111) | (75) | (62) |

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|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Biden | Trump | < \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Short stories | 15\% | 18\% | 13\% | 13\% | 18\% | 15\% | 13\% | 17\% | 13\% | 16\% | 15\% | 14\% | 15\% |
| Historical fiction | 19\% | 21\% | 19\% | 17\% | 26\% | 23\% | 14\% | 22\% | 25\% | 18\% | 19\% | 17\% | 24\% |
| Literary fiction | 16\% | 21\% | 16\% | 10\% | 23\% | 15\% | 11\% | 17\% | 23\% | 17\% | 15\% | 16\% | 15\% |
| History | 27\% | 28\% | 25\% | 27\% | 32\% | 32\% | 19\% | 30\% | 38\% | 30\% | 26\% | 24\% | 29\% |
| Thrillers | 20\% | 17\% | 16\% | 27\% | 19\% | 26\% | 19\% | 20\% | 20\% | 20\% | 19\% | 21\% | 18\% |
| Fantasy | 16\% | 14\% | 18\% | 14\% | 19\% | 14\% | 15\% | 16\% | 16\% | 15\% | 17\% | 17\% | 13\% |
| Romance | 14\% | 18\% | 10\% | 14\% | 17\% | 14\% | 12\% | 12\% | 17\% | 14\% | 12\% | 15\% | 13\% |
| Mystery and crime | 28\% | 27\% | 26\% | 33\% | 30\% | 33\% | 27\% | 28\% | 31\% | 30\% | 31\% | 29\% | 25\% |
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| Religion and spirituality | 20\% | 15\% | 18\% | 28\% | 14\% | 28\% | 20\% | 17\% | 20\% | 14\% | 19\% | 24\% | 19\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 11\% | 11\% | 12\% | 8\% | 11\% | 11\% | 10\% | 13\% | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% | 12\% | 10\% |
| Graphic novels | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 7\% | 10\% | 6\% | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 12\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Poetry | 7\% | 11\% | 7\% | 4\% | 10\% | 4\% | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 4\% | 8\% | 10\% |
| Young Adult | 10\% | 14\% | 7\% | 9\% | 10\% | 8\% | 10\% | 11\% | 6\% | 12\% | 9\% | 8\% | 10\% |
| Academic | 11\% | 13\% | 12\% | 7\% | 12\% | 9\% | 8\% | 10\% | 15\% | 13\% | 12\% | 8\% | 13\% |
| Drama | 16\% | 18\% | 14\% | 17\% | 19\% | 15\% | 16\% | 14\% | 18\% | 20\% | 19\% | 15\% | 12\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 22\% | 26\% | 22\% | 17\% | 29\% | 24\% | 18\% | 24\% | 28\% | 18\% | 23\% | 23\% | 22\% |
| Other non-fiction | 17\% | 20\% | 17\% | 13\% | 22\% | 18\% | 15\% | 18\% | 22\% | 9\% | 18\% | 19\% | 19\% |
| Other fiction | 11\% | 10\% | 12\% | 9\% | 13\% | 13\% | 9\% | 12\% | 9\% | 11\% | 11\% | 10\% | 10\% |
| None of the above | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| I haven't read a book in the past year | 23\% | 19\% | 29\% | 21\% | 18\% | 20\% | 29\% | 16\% | 17\% | 23\% | 26\% | 20\% | 26\% |
| Unweighted N | (959) | (316) | (377) | (266) | (342) | (308) | (424) | (238) | (189) | (159) | (207) | (374) | (219) |

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## 6. Book Genre Read MOST Now

Currently, which of the following genres of books do you read MOST often?
Asked of people who currently read books and like at least one genre

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| Short stories | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% |
| Historical fiction | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% |
| Literary fiction | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 2\% | 5\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% |
| History | 10\% | 14\% | 7\% | 6\% | 8\% | 11\% | 13\% | 10\% | 8\% | 12\% | 10\% |
| Thrillers | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| Fantasy | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 10\% | 7\% | 5\% | 2\% | 5\% | 5\% | 10\% | 5\% |
| Romance | 5\% | 2\% | 8\% | 10\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 8\% | 2\% |
| Mystery and crime | 14\% | 10\% | 18\% | 10\% | 10\% | 14\% | 21\% | 16\% | 5\% | 21\% | 9\% |
| Science fiction | 5\% | 8\% | 2\% | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 13\% | 13\% | 13\% | 10\% | 11\% | 13\% | 15\% | 11\% | 25\% | 2\% | 22\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 0\% | 0\% | 5\% |
| Graphic novels | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 5\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 6\% | 0\% |
| Poetry | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 10\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Young Adult | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 8\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% | 7\% |
| Academic | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 8\% |
| Drama | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 6\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 0\% | 6\% | 0\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 5\% | 3\% | 9\% | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 4\% |
| Other non-fiction | 6\% | 8\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 8\% | 8\% | 6\% | 12\% | 4\% | 7\% |
| Other fiction | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 101\% | 99\% | 99\% | 101\% | 100\% | 100\% | 101\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (710) | (320) | (390) | (137) | (162) | (245) | (166) | (528) | (81) | (52) | (49) |

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|  | Total | Party ID |  |  | 2020 Vote |  | Family Income (3 category) |  |  | Census Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Biden | Trump | < \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Short stories | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Historical fiction | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% | 6\% |
| Literary fiction | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 6\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% |
| History | 10\% | 9\% | 12\% | 8\% | 12\% | 10\% | 6\% | 13\% | 14\% | 13\% | 10\% | 6\% | 14\% |
| Thrillers | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 8\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 4\% | 7\% | 7\% | 4\% |
| Fantasy | 6\% | 3\% | 9\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 8\% | 6\% | 3\% | 5\% | 6\% | 9\% | 2\% |
| Romance | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| Mystery and crime | 14\% | 9\% | 16\% | 18\% | 13\% | 18\% | 15\% | 14\% | 13\% | 16\% | 16\% | 12\% | 15\% |
| Science fiction | 5\% | 8\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 7\% |
| Religion and spirituality | 13\% | 9\% | 13\% | 17\% | 8\% | 18\% | 14\% | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% | 10\% | 16\% | 10\% |
| Crafts, hobbies, and home | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% |
| Graphic novels | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 0\% |
| Poetry | 2\% | 5\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% |
| Young Adult | 4\% | 6\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% |
| Academic | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Drama | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% |
| Biographies and memoirs | 6\% | 8\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 8\% | 4\% | 4\% | 7\% | 9\% |
| Other non-fiction | 6\% | 8\% | 6\% | 5\% | 8\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 6\% | 2\% | 6\% | 8\% | 8\% |
| Other fiction | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 101\% | 99\% | 98\% | 100\% | 97\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 102\% |
| Unweighted N | (710) | (245) | (258) | (207) | (273) | (234) | (290) | (190) | (156) | (115) | (147) | (290) | (158) |

## 7. How Often Finish Book

When you start reading a book, how often do you finish it?
Asked of people who have read a book in the past 12 months or are unsure if they have

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age (4 category) |  |  |  | Race (4 category) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other |
| Always | 33\% | 30\% | 37\% | 22\% | 26\% | 42\% | 41\% | 35\% | 30\% | 30\% | 35\% |
| Most of the time | 42\% | 42\% | 42\% | 37\% | 41\% | 40\% | 50\% | 45\% | 35\% | 37\% | 36\% |
| About half the time | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% | 17\% | 14\% | 7\% | 2\% | 10\% | 8\% | 10\% | 11\% |
| Sometimes | 11\% | 13\% | 8\% | 17\% | 12\% | 8\% | 7\% | 8\% | 23\% | 9\% | 11\% |
| Never | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| I don't read books | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 5\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 12\% | 5\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 99\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (777) | (358) | (419) | (161) | (179) | (263) | (174) | (566) | (95) | (60) | (56) |


|  | Total | Party ID |  |  | 2020 Vote |  | Family Income (3 category) |  |  | Census Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Biden | Trump | < \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Always | 33\% | 32\% | 32\% | 37\% | 33\% | 41\% | 34\% | 32\% | 36\% | 28\% | 37\% | 35\% | 32\% |
| Most of the time | 42\% | 42\% | 42\% | 42\% | 48\% | 39\% | 40\% | 45\% | 41\% | 41\% | 46\% | 40\% | 43\% |
| About half the time | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 6\% | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 7\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| Sometimes | 11\% | 12\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 11\% | 11\% | 10\% | 9\% | 18\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% |
| Never | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| I don't read books | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 99\% | 99\% | 100\% | 101\% | 100\% |
| Unweighted N | (777) | (261) | (294) | (222) | (287) | (252) | (317) | (205) | (162) | (126) | (158) | (319) | (174) |

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| Interviewing Dates | July $19-22,2022$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Target population | U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over. |
| Sampling method | Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using <br> sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, <br> education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected <br> from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was <br> imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Regis- <br> tration and Voting Supplement. |
| Weighting | The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, <br> news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights <br> range from 0.239 to 3.236, with a mean of one and a standard devia- <br> tion of 0.356. |
| Number of respondents | 1000 <br> Margin of error <br> Survey mode$\quad$ Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 54 questions not reported. |

