

## **2018 Year in Review for Adult Fiction**

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Handout

### Live Slides:

- <https://goo.gl/1C6pvN>

### Links From Presentation in Order:

- “The World’s on Fire? Can We Still Talk about Books” by Rebecca Makkai via Electric Literature
  - <https://electricliterature.com/the-worlds-on-fire-can-we-still-talk-about-books-5293c62d8944>
- Attack of the Best Lists: Becky’s Advice to Stay Ready and Look Smart
  - <https://raforall.blogspot.com/2015/11/attack-of-best-lists-beckys-advice-to.html>
- Largehearted Boy: Best of Best Lists 2018 [with links to previous years]
  - [http://www.largeheartedboy.com/blog/archive/2018/10/online\\_best\\_of\\_76.html](http://www.largeheartedboy.com/blog/archive/2018/10/online_best_of_76.html)
- Amazon’s Best of 2018
  - <https://goo.gl/Egju78>
- Entertainment Weekly’s Book Coverage
  - <https://ew.com/books/>
- NPR Book Concierge
  - <https://apps.npr.org/best-books-2018/>
- New York Times Notable Books 2018
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/11/19/books/review/100-notable-books.html>
- Lit Hub: Ultimate Best Books List
  - <https://lithub.com/the-ultimate-best-books-of-2018-list/>
- Book Marks Best Reviewed Books of 2018
  - <https://lithub.com/presenting-book-marks-best-reviewed-books-of-2018/>
- Library Journal’s Best of 2018
  - <https://www.libraryjournal.com/?page=best-books-2018>
- Publisher’s Weekly Best Books of 2018 [includes easy access to backlist and summer reads too]
  - <https://best-books.publishersweekly.com/pw/best-books/2018>

- Booklist's Editors' Choice [all age levels and audio too]
  - <https://www.booklistreader.com/2018/12/13/book-lists/2018-booklist-editor-s-choice-top-of-the-list-announced/>
- Library Reads Favorite of Favorites 2018
  - <http://libraryreads.org/favorite-of-favorites-2018/>
- Chicago Public Library: Best of the Best 2018
  - <https://www.chipublib.org/news/cpl-best-of-the-best-books-2018/>
- Every post Becky has tagged "Best Lists" on RA for All with advice on how to use them to help patrons
  - <http://raforall.blogspot.com/search/label/best%20lists>
- Goodreads: Best Books of 2018
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/choiceawards/best-books-2018>
- Book Riot
  - <https://bookriot.com>
- #LibFaves2018
  - Becky's discussion with a link to spreadsheet  
<https://raforall.blogspot.com/2018/12/the-libfaves18-votes-are-in.html>
  - Direct link to spreadsheet  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E84gccuHSilluOQNrPGm8-e7CET\\_zvZ\\_f-JnAbaotpE/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E84gccuHSilluOQNrPGm8-e7CET_zvZ_f-JnAbaotpE/edit#gid=0)
- Becky's Using Awards Lists as a RA Tool: A Semi-Regular Rant
  - <https://raforall.blogspot.com/search?q=using+awards+ra+tool&max-results=20&by-date=true>
- Alyssa Cole's Best Romances of 2018 via Buzz Feed
  - <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/alyssacole/2018-best-romance-books>
- Becky's Happy Discussable Book List
  - <https://raforall.blogspot.com/2018/09/new-content-by-me-available-on-novelist.html>
- "The Notebook' to Become a Broadway Musical" via The Chicago Tribune
  - <https://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/theater/ct-ent-the-notebook-broadway-musical-20190103-story.html>
- "The '90s Are Having a Literary Moment. That is, the 1980s..." via The Washington Post
  - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/the-90s-is-having-a-literary-moment-that-is-the-1980s/2018/12/05/18460eec-f724-11e8-8d64-4e79db33382f\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/the-90s-is-having-a-literary-moment-that-is-the-1980s/2018/12/05/18460eec-f724-11e8-8d64-4e79db33382f_story.html)
- NPR Summer Reading 2018-- Horror
  - <https://www.npr.org/series/617220176/summer-reader-poll-2018-horror>

- LJ 7/1/18 Cover Story- Horror Preview by Becky
  - <https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=fear-not-genre-spotlight-horror>  
[premium access required to read online]
- Article about Summer Scares in United for Libraries Newsletter
  - <http://www.ala.org/united/about/news/summerscares>
- “Ling Ma’s *Severance* Captures the Bleak, Fatalistic Mood of 2018” via The New Yorker
  - <https://www.newyorker.com/books/under-review/ling-ma-severance-captures-the-bleak-fatalistic-mood-of-2018>
- “After Furor, Literary Group Withdraws Honor for ‘Central Park Five’ Prosecutor” via the NYT
  - <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/28/nyregion/linda-fairstein-central-park-5.html>
- It Finally Sinks in That Some People Aren’t White via NiemanLab
  - <http://www.niemanlab.org/2018/12/it-finally-sinks-in-that-some-people-arent-white/>
- Book Riot’s Feminism Archive
  - <https://bookriot.com/category/feminism/>
- “In Fiction It Was The Year of the Woman” via Vulture
  - <https://www.vulture.com/2018/12/women-wrote-the-best-most-inventive-fiction-of-2018.html>
- A Reading List of Women Rewriting The West via Electric Literature
  - <https://electricliterature.com/a-reading-list-of-westerns-by-women-writers-3f48d4f00e73>
- Book Becky mentioned title for next year’s predicted trend in books-- immigration theme
  - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/42530511-coyote-songs>
- Trend Alert: Podcast RA- Stop Making Excuses and Start Doing It from RA for All
  - <http://raforall.blogspot.com/2017/11/trend-alert-podcast-ra-stop-making.html>
- So You Want to Podcast: ALA 2018 program recap
  - <http://raforall.blogspot.com/2018/06/ala-conference-2018-report-podcasting.html>
- Fast-Growing Independent Publishers 2018: a PW report
  - <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/publisher-news/article/76544-fast-growing-independent-publishers-2018.html>
- Favorite Small Presses via Powell’s Bookstore
  - <https://www.powells.com/post/lists/24-of-our-favorite-small-presses>

- Small Press Coverage via LitHub
  - <https://lithub.com/tag/small-press-distribution/>
- Book Riot's Indie Lit Archive
  - <https://bookriot.com/tag/indie-lit/>
- Becky assesses her 2018 resolutions on RA for All
  - <http://raforall.blogspot.com/2019/01/reading-resolutions-2019-part-1-assesses.html>
- Becky's 2019 Resolutions on RA for All
  - <http://raforall.blogspot.com/2019/01/reading-resolutions-2019-part-2-becky.html>
- Staff Top 3 Books Display Idea via RA for All
  - <https://raforall.blogspot.com/2019/01/display-idea-ask-your-staff-for-their.html>