

2026 READING LIST FOR GLOBAL CITIZENS

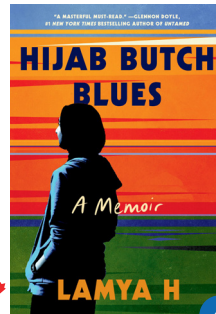
The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) is proud to present our annual book list. This diverse selection features books to inspire and educate readers on global perspectives, justice and sustainability. It also includes recommendations by award-winning author Danny Ramadan, Matter Queer Space and others.



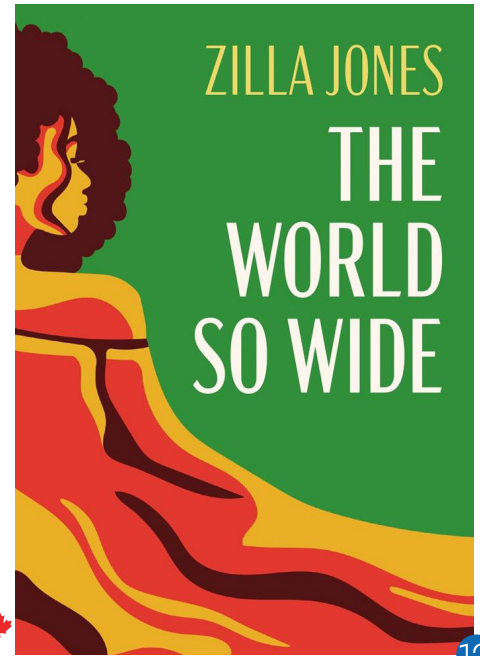
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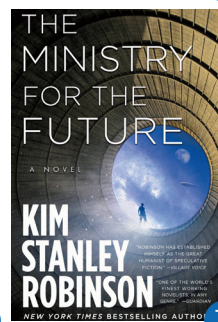
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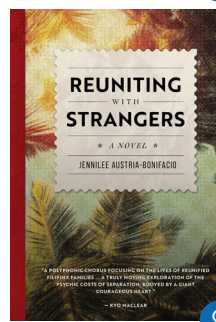
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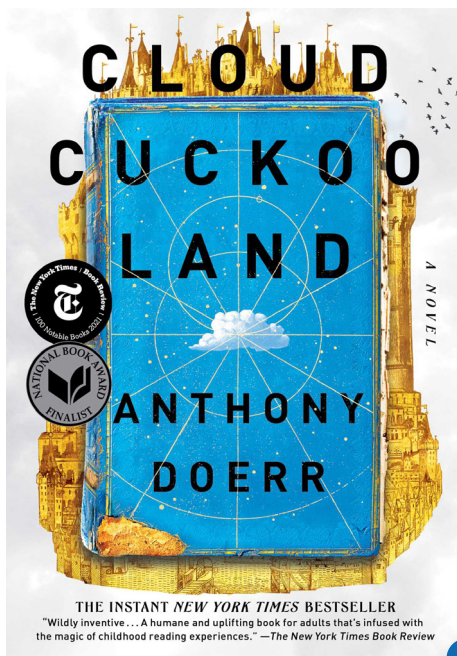
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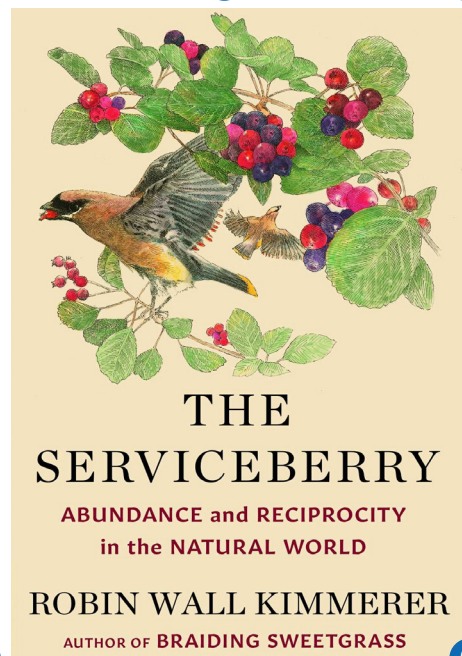
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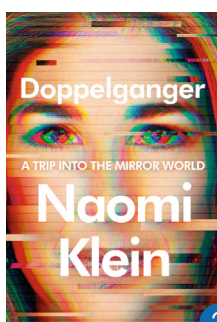
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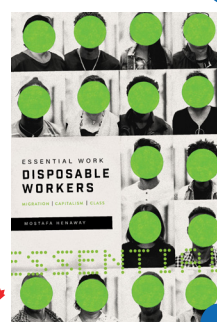
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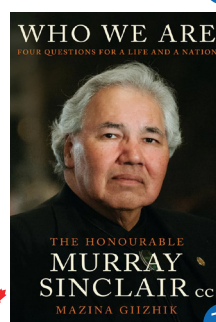
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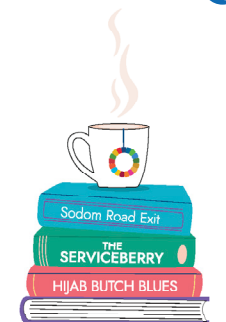
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1. **Bandit Queens**

Parini Shroff, Fiction, 2023

A young Indian woman finds the false rumours that she killed her husband surprisingly useful until other women in her small village start asking for her help to get rid of their own husbands.

Recommended by WhoDunit? Bookstore.

2. **Cloud Cuckoo Land**

Anthony Doerr, Fiction, 2021

A thought-provoking read that travels across time, perspectives, and space to tell multiple character stories that all hinge on humanity's healing and destructive relationship with the natural world.

Recommended by The Starfish Canada.

3. **Doppelganger: A Trip into the Mirror World**

Naomi Klein, Non-fiction, 2023 

What if you woke up one morning and found you'd acquired another self; a double who was almost you yet not you at all? Both a memoir and political analysis, this book examines the current climate of political polarization and conspiracy thinking.

4. **Essential Work, Disposable Workers: Migration, Capitalism and Class**

Mostafa Henaway, Non-fiction, 2023 

How can a person be at once essential and disposable? Henaway explores the local and global reality, with borders and temporary worker programs creating systems of exploitation across all industries.

Recommended by The Gaynor Family Regional Library.

5. **The Fair Trade Handbook: Building a Better World, Together**

Gavin Fridell, Zack Gross, Sean McHugh, Non-fiction, 2021 

Can global trade be made fair? This handbook brings together leading fair traders, activists, advocates, and commentators to find ways forward.

Recommended by the Fair Trade Steering Committee for the City of Brandon.

6. **Hijab Butch Blues: A Memoir**

Lamya H, Non-fiction, 2024

A queer hijabi Muslim immigrant discovers unexpected parallels between her own coming-of-age struggles and famous stories in the Quran. This witty, hopeful memoir shows faith and identity colliding in beautifully surprising ways.

Recommended by Matter Queer Space Manitoba Inc - chosen by popular vote!

7. **The Ministry for the Future**

Kim Stanley Robinson, Fiction, 2020

This sci-fi novel is a masterpiece of the imagination, weaving multiple points of view to tell the story of climate. This book is set in 2025.

8. **Reuniting With Strangers**

Jennilee Austria-Bonifacio, Fiction, 2023 

A good parent is a good provider, and a good provider is one who leaves. A tale as old as time, this novel expertly explores the pain of migration and the bottomless hope of family.

"Reuniting With Strangers is a radiant novel-in-stories about the pain and loneliness of trying to fit in as a new immigrant."

— Foreword Reviews

9. **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**

Robin Wall Kimmerer, Non-fiction, 2024

Indigenous scientist Kimmerer harvests serviceberries (or saskatoon berries) alongside the birds. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most?

"The Serviceberry is a call to action for 'ordinary people' everywhere, rather than an arcane technical treatise for experts."

— The Guardian

10. **Sodom Road Exit**

Amber Dawn, Fiction, 2018 

A queer woman returns to a dying lakeside Ontario town and starts experiencing the supernatural. This deeply human novel explores the search for redemption, healing and survivorship.

Recommended by Danny Ramadan.

"Sodom Road Exit is such a delightful mix of women perspectives, queerness, generational trauma, and a touch of horror."

— DANNY RAMADAN,
Syrian-Canadian author, public speaker, and a Canada Scholar.

11. **Who We Are: Four Questions for a Life and a Nation**

Murray Sinclair, Non-fiction, 2024 

Structured around the four questions that shaped the worldview of Senator Sinclair, this memoir takes readers into the story of his remarkable life as never before, while challenging us to embrace an inclusive vision for our shared future.

12. **The World So Wide**

Zilla Jones, Fiction, 2025 

Born in Winnipeg, opera prodigy Felicity rises to international stardom while her lover Claude brings revolution to Grenada, her homeland. Going their separate ways, they reunite years later during a time of political upheaval, forcing her to find her voice anew.

13. **You'll Pay For This! How We Can Afford a Great City for Everyone, Forever**

Michael Durand-Wood, Non-fiction, 2025 

Can your city afford parks, clean water, and safety... forever? Using Winnipeg as a case study, this short and humorous book reveals how cities can thrive for generations—with your help!

 Audio book
 Canadian author

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