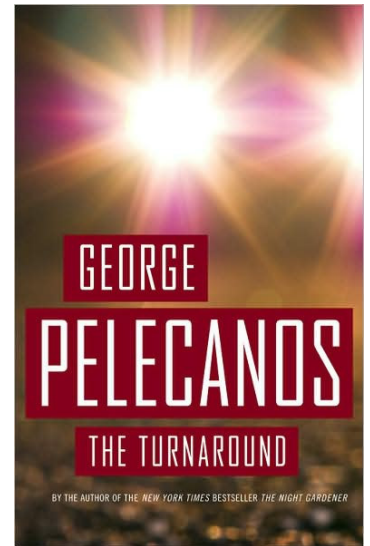


## ★ The Most Notable Books of 2008 ★

### FICTION

1. *The Turnaround* by George Pelecanos (Little Brown)
2. *Lush Life* by Richard Price (Farrar Straus Giroux)
3. *Man in the Dark* by Paul Auster (Henry Holt)
4. *Indignation* by Philip Roth (Houghton Mifflin)
5. *Hold Tight* by Harlan Coben (Dutton Books)
6. *The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane (William Morrow)
7. *Exit Music* by Ian Rankin (Little Brown)
8. *City of Thieves* by David Benioff (Viking Books)
9. *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri (Alfred A. Knopf)
10. *Songs for the Missing* by Stewart O’Nan (Viking Books)
11. *The Brass Verdict* by Michael Connelly (Little Brown)
12. *The Dreaming Void* by Peter F. Hamilton (Del Rey Books)
13. *The Messenger* by Jan Burke (Simon & Schuster)
14. *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison (Alfred A. Knopf)
15. *The Third Angel* by Alice Hoffman (Shaye Areheart Books)
16. *Home* by Marilynne Robinson (Farrar Straus Giroux)
17. *The Memorist* by M. J. Rose (Mira Books)
18. *My Sister, My Love: The Intimate Story of Skyler Rampike* by Joyce Carol Oates (Ecco)
19. *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* by Anne Rice (Alfred A. Knopf)
20. *I See You Everywhere* by Julie Glass (Pantheon Books)
21. *Killer View* by Ridley Pearson (Putnam)
22. *The Calling* by Inger Wolfe (Harcourt)
23. *The Gate House* by Nelson DeMille (Grand Central Publishing)
24. *Scarpetta* by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
25. *A Dangerous Age* by Ellen Gilchrist (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill)
26. *The Appeal* by John Grisham (Doubleday Books)
27. *The Ten-Year Nap* by Meg Wolitzer (Riverhead)
28. *Duma Key* by Stephen King (Scribner)
29. *Divine Justice* by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
30. *The People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks (Viking Books)
31. *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride (Riverhead)
32. *Betrayal* by John Lescroart (Dutton Books)
33. *Grace* by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Schuster)
34. *Before Green Gables* by Budge Wilson (Putnam)
35. *Souvenir* by Therese Fowler (Ballantine Books)
36. *The Condition* by Jennifer Haigh (Harper)
37. *The Killer’s Wife* by Bill Floyd (St. Martin’s Minotaur)
38. *Devil Bones* by Kathy Reichs (Scribner)
39. *City of the Sun* by David Levien (Doubleday Books)
40. *The Other* by David Guterson (Alfred A. Knopf)
41. *The Last Oracle* by James Rollins (William Morrow)
42. *Off Season* by Anne River Siddons (Grand Central Publishing)



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### NONFICTION

1. *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*  
by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter (Grand Central Publishing)
2. *Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and What It Says about Us)*  
by Tom Vanderbilt (Alfred A. Knopf)
3. *American-Made: The Enduring Legacy of the WPA: When FDR Put the Nation to Work*  
by Nick Taylor (Bantam)
4. *Hagerstown During World War II, 1939-1945: Images of the Maryland Homefront*  
by Kurtis Meyers (Hagerstown Aviation Museum)
5. *Bad Money: Reckless Finance, Failed Politics, and the Global Crisis of American Capitalism*  
by Kevin Phillips (Viking Books)
6. *My Jesus Year: A Rabbi's Son Wanders the Bible Belt in Search of His Own Faith*  
by Benyamin Cohen (HarperOne)
7. *The Longest Trip Home: A Memoir* by John Grogan (William Morrow)
8. *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* by David Sedaris (Little Brown)
9. *Izzy & Lenore: Two Dogs, an Unexpected Journey, and Me* by Jon Katz (Villard Books)
10. *The Anglo Files: A Field Guide to the British* by Sarah Lyall (Norton)
11. *Searching for Schindler: A Memoir* by Thomas Keneally (Nan A. Talese)
12. *Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (and Stick You with the Bill)*  
by David Cay Johnston (Portfolio)
13. *Against Medical Advice: A True Story* by James Patterson and Hal Friedman (Little Brown)
14. *Emily Post: Daughter of the Gilded Age, Mistress of American Manners* by Laura Claridge (Random House)
15. *Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World* by Dan Koeppel (Hudson Street Press)
16. *The Physics of NASCAR: How to Make Steel + Gas + Rubber = Speed* by Diandra Leslie-Pelecky (Dutton Books)
17. *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America* by Allen C. Guelzo (Simon & Schuster)
18. *Delta Blues: The Life and Times of the Mississippi Masters Who Revolutionized American Music* by Ted Goia (Norton)
19. *Reasons to Believe: One Man's Journey Among the Evangelicals and the Faith He Left Behind* by John Marks (Ecco)
20. *A Romance on Three Legs: Glenn Gould's Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Piano* by Katie Hafner (Bloomsbury)
21. *Homeschooling: A Family's Journey* by Gregory and Martine Millman (Jeremy P. Tarcher)
22. *Jumbo: This Being the True Story of the Greatest Elephant in the World* by Paul Chambers (Steerforth Press)
23. *The Man Who Made Lists: Love, Death, Madness, and the Creation of Roget's Thesaurus* by Joshua Kendall (Putnam)
24. *Our Daily Meds: How the Pharmaceutical Companies Transformed Themselves Into Slick Marketing Machines and Hooked the Nation on Prescription Drugs* by Melody Peterson (Farrar Straus Giroux)
25. *The China Price: The True Cost of Chinese Competitive Advantage* by Alexandra Harney (Penguin Press)
26. *The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century* by Steve Coll (Penguin Press)
27. *Tuna: A Love Story* by Richard Ellis (Alfred A. Knopf)
28. *Earth: The Biography* by Iain Stewart (National Geographic Society)
29. *The Art of Happiness in a Troubled World* by Dalai Lama and Howard Cutler (Doubleday Books)
30. *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez (Putnam)
31. *Bottlemania: How Water Went on Sale and Why We Bought It* by Elizabeth Royte (Bloomsbury Publishing PLC)
32. *The Downhill Lie: A Hacker's Return to a Ruinous Sport* by Carl Hiaasen (Alfred A. Knopf)
33. *The Last Campaign: Robert F. Kennedy and 82 Days That Inspired America* by Thurston Clarke (Henry Holt)
34. *The Pixar Touch: The Making of a Company* by David A. Price (Alfred A. Knopf)
35. *The Best Game Ever: Giants vs. Colts, 1958, and the Birth of the Modern NFL* by Mark Bowden (Atlantic Monthly Press)
36. *The Slaves' War: The Civil War in the Words of Former Slaves* by Andrew Ward (Houghton Mifflin)

