



# READ HARDER CHALLENGE

# 2026

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1. Read a microhistory.  \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read a book featured on a “best book covers” list.  \_\_\_\_\_
3. Read a YA book by a Latine author.  \_\_\_\_\_
4. Read a novel with a main character who uses they/them pronouns.  \_\_\_\_\_
5. Read a nonfiction book about resistance.  \_\_\_\_\_
6. Read a gothic novel published in the last ten years.  \_\_\_\_\_
7. Read a sports book by a woman, trans, or nonbinary writer.  \_\_\_\_\_
8. Read a classic from the Zero to Well-Read Podcast.  \_\_\_\_\_
9. Read a romanticsy book with a queer and/or BIPOC main character.  \_\_\_\_\_
10. Read a book recently adapted for film, TV, or musical.  \_\_\_\_\_
11. Read a book by a d/Deaf author.  \_\_\_\_\_
12. Read/try a recipe from a cookbook about a culture whose food you’ve never eaten.  \_\_\_\_\_
13. Read a nonfiction comic.  \_\_\_\_\_
14. Read a work of magical realism or fabulism.  \_\_\_\_\_
15. Read a book by a librarian.  \_\_\_\_\_
16. Read a queer picture book.  \_\_\_\_\_
17. Read a book about a cult or cults.  \_\_\_\_\_
18. Read a nonfiction book about AI or social media.  \_\_\_\_\_
19. Read a book by an intersex author.  \_\_\_\_\_
20. Read a book set in space.  \_\_\_\_\_
21. Read a genre (SFF, horror, mystery, romance) book in translation.  \_\_\_\_\_
22. Read a nonviolent true crime book.  \_\_\_\_\_
23. Read a book by an African author.  \_\_\_\_\_
24. Pick a challenge from any of the previous years’ challenges to repeat!  \_\_\_\_\_

**BONUS TASK: COMPLETE ALL TASKS WITH LGBTQ AND/OR BIPOC BOOKS.**

For you multi-taskers who found titles that ticked more than one box: well done! It's A-OK to use the same book for multiple categories.