

Booktopia reveals the nation's most sought-after books and crowns the best of 2022

- 2022 'book-geist' reveals the most-searched for books, authors and genres
 - Australia's biggest bookstore chooses its top reads of the year

Australia, 12 December 2022: As the New Year fast approaches, Booktopia, Australia's biggest online bookstore, has selected its best books of 2022 and released a list of the nation's most in-demand books and authors of the year. The numbers don't lie: book mania is alive and well, with Booktopia's book-geist shining a spotlight on the top bestsellers, book searches, hottest trends, favourite authors and most popular categories.

Booktopia's list of the most-searched-for books of 2022 sees book-to-screen adaptations dominating the field, with the top 10 populated by silver screen fiction series such as **Heartstopper** by **Alice Oseman**, **The Summer I Turned Pretty** by **Jenny Han**, **Bridgerton** by **Julia Quinn** and **The Lord of the Rings** by **J.R.R. Tolkien**, as well as blockbuster adaptations *Dune* by **Frank Herbert** and *Where the Crawdads Sing* by **Delia Owens**.

As for the authors that commanded the most attention in 2022, familiar faces abound, with social media darling **Colleen Hoover** coming out on top, followed by an array of other popular fiction authors including fantasy giant **Sarah J. Maas**, horror legend **Stephen King** and manga mastermind **Junji Ito**, as well as home-grown Aussie talent such as crime queen **Jane Harper** and blockbuster star **Matthew Reilly**. The only non-fiction author to make the list was **Brené Brown**, arguably the biggest name writing in the personal development space today.

The most sought-after genre to come from the most-searched list was **Manga**, a fast-growing category for Booktopia with voracious and passionate fans.

Joel Naoum, Head of Trade Product at Booktopia, said: "Manga is booming right now following an explosion of interest over the past few years. We expect to see this genre continue to grow in 2023 as manga publishers continue to turn out releases that surprise and delight the audience."

Booktopia's Best Books of 2022 campaign wraps up the crème de la crème of the thousands of fantastic books published this year as picked by Booktopia's book experts. They had a tough job selecting their favourites across categories such as Australian and International Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biographies, Kids & YA and more. This year, Booktopia has awarded the following books and authors with its 'Best of the Year' awards:

Best Overall Book of 2022: *The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding* by Holly Ringland
Best Debut of 2022: *Sunbathing* by Isobel Beech

Ben Hunter, Fiction Category Manager at Booktopia, said: “*The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding* transcends the everyday, embraces space, nature and humanity and rattles the hearts of readers. It’s an absolute must-read. *Sunbathing* is similarly embracing and healing as a reading experience and I can’t wait to see what Isobel Beech writes next.”

The full collection of Booktopia’s Best Books of 2022 can be found [here](#).

The full lists of Booktopia’s top search lists are as follows:

Top 5 Best Selling Books

1. Barefoot Kids by Scott Pape
2. RecipeTin Eats: Dinner by Nagi Maehashi
3. Atomic Habits by James Clear
4. It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover
5. Exiles by Jane Harper

Top 10 Most Searched Books

1. Harry Potter (Series) by J.K. Rowling
2. Heartstopper by Alice Oseman
3. Atomic Habits by James Clear
4. It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover
5. The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
6. Dune by Frank Herbert
7. Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
8. Bridgerton (Series) by Julia Quinn
9. Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi
10. The Lord Of The Rings J.R.R. Tolkien

Top 10 Most Searched Authors

1. Colleen Hoover
2. Sarah J. Maas
3. Stephen King
4. Brené Brown
5. Junji Ito
6. Alice Oseman
7. Jane Harper
8. Nora Roberts
9. Matthew Reilly
10. Jane Austen

Top 5 Most Searched Australian Books

1. The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku
2. Wolf Girl (series) by Anh Do
3. Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe
4. The Hating Game by Sally Thorne
5. Barefoot Kids by Scott Pape

Top 5 Most Searched Australian Authors

1. Jane Harper
2. Matthew Reilly
3. Donna Hay
4. Fiona McIntosh
5. Ash Barty

Top 5 Most Searched Fiction Books

1. It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover
2. Dune by Frank Herbert
3. Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
4. Bridgerton by Julia Quinn
5. The Lord Of The Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

Top 5 Most Searched Manga

1. Berserk by Kentaro Miura
2. Chainsaw Man by Tatsuki Fujimoto
3. One Piece by Eiichiro Oda
4. Demon Slayer by Koyoharu Gotouge
5. Jujutsu Kaisen by Gege Akutami

Top 5 Most Searched Non Fiction Books

1. Atomic Habits by James Clear
2. The Body Keeps The Score by Bessel Van Der Kolk
3. Atlas of the Heart by Brené Brown
4. Stolen Focus by Johann Hari
5. Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki

Top 5 Most Searched Kids Books

1. Harry Potter (Series) by J.K. Rowling
2. Heartstopper by Alice Oseman
3. The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
4. Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi
5. Wings Of Fire (Series) by Tui T. Sutherland

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Notes to Editors

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