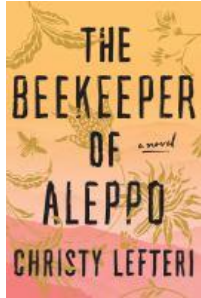


# Rise to the Challenge Reading Program: Read a book you've always meant to read

Below are recommendations for books that Indian Trails staff have always meant to read



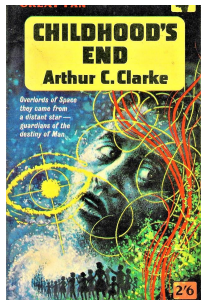
## [The Beekeeper of Aleppo](#)

By Christy Lefteri

**Genre:** Mainstream Fiction

**Recommended by:** Abida Salahuddin

**Descriptors:** Beekeeping; Husband and Wife; Refugees; Voyages; Loss; Haunting; Heart Wrenching; Life During Wartime



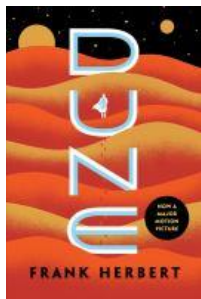
## [Childhood's End](#)

By Arthur C. Clarke

**Genre:** Hard Science Fiction; Science Fiction Classics

**Recommended by:** Evelina Podkowa

**Descriptors:** Melancholy; Thought Provoking; Plot-Driven; Aliens; Children; Evolution; freedom; Peace; Posthumanism



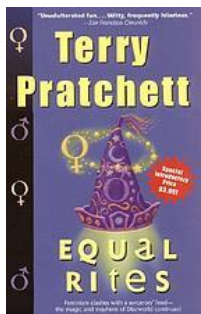
## [Dune](#)

By Frank Herbert

**Genre:** Science Fiction

**Recommended by:** Juli Walker

**Descriptors:** Coming-of-age Story; Dramatic; Descriptive; Intricately Plotted; Space Opera



## [Equal Rites](#)

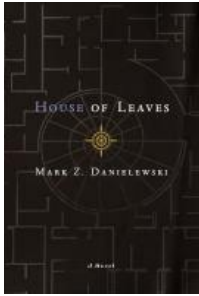
By Terry Pratchett

**Genre:** Fantasy

**Recommended by:** Sarah Heimsoth

**Descriptors:** Humorous; Plot-Driven; Hidden Heritage; Engendering Gender; Magic; Wizards





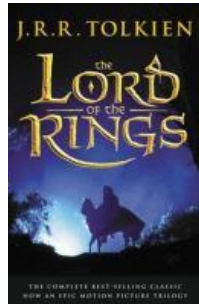
### [House of Leaves](#)

By Mark Z. Danielewski

**Genre:** Experimental Fiction; Horror

**Recommended by:** Shannan Evanson

**Descriptors:** Literary Fiction; Stylistically Complex; Intricately Plotted; Unconventional; Cosmic Horror; Found Footage; Unreliable Narrator; Paranormal Phenomena



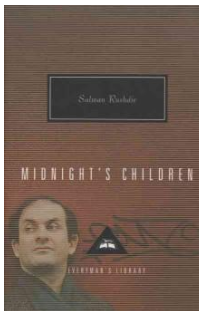
### [Lord of the Rings](#)

by JRR Tolkien

**Genre:** Epic Fantasy

**Recommended by:** Elizabeth Gibbons, Shannan Evanson

**Descriptors:** Good and Evil; Magic; Friendship; Quests; Classic Fantasy



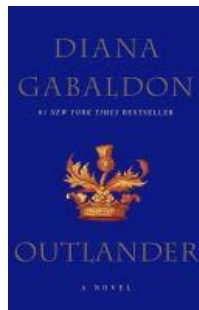
### [Midnight's Children](#)

by Salman Rushdie

**Genre:** Literary Fiction

**Recommended by:** Faye Levin-O'Leary

**Descriptors:** Magical Realism; Modern Classics; Funny; Moving; Religiously Diverse; Children; Character-driven; Intricately Plotted; Richly Detailed



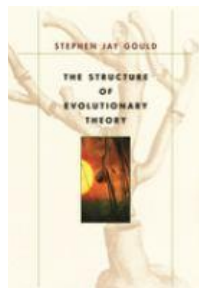
### [Outlander](#)

By Diana Gabaldon

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

**Recommended by:** Sarah Rose Collins

**Descriptors:** Time Travel; Romantic; Fast Paced; Character Driven; Suspenseful



### [The Structure of Evolutionary Theory](#)

by Steven J. Gould

**Genre:** Science Writing

**Recommended by:** Rob Kamm

**Descriptors:** Scholarly; Thought-provoking; Human Evolution

