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ultimate list of
German-language
books translated
into English

100 German Must-Reads

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| 1901 Thomas Mann
Buddenbrooks | 1936 Klaus Mann
Mephisto | 1977 Edgar Hilsenrath
The Nazi and
the Barber | 1998 Hans-Ulrich Treichel
Lost | 2008 Siegfried Lenz
A Minute's Silence |
| 1906 Robert Musil
The Confusions of Young
Master Törless | 1939 Stefan Zweig
Beware of Pity | 1978 Martin Walser
Runaway Horse | 1999 Veza Canetti
The Tortoises | 2008 Uwe Tellkamp
The Tower |
| 1909 Robert Walser
Jakob von Gunten | 1942 Anna Seghers
The Seventh Cross | 1979 Gregor von Rezzori
Memoirs of an
Anti-Semite | 1999 Inka Parei
The Shadow-Boxing
Woman | 2009 Juli Zeh
The Method |
| 1910 Rainer Maria Rilke
The Notebooks of
Malte Laurids Brigge | 1946 Ernst Lothar
The Vienna Melody | 1982 Peter Schneider
The Wall Jumper | 2000 Elke Schmitter
Mrs. Sartoris | 2009 Johanna Adorján
An Exclusive Love |
| 1912 Else Lasker-Schüler
My Heart | 1947 Hans Fallada
Alone in Berlin | 1983 Rainald Goetz
Insane | 2000 Stefan Heym
The Architects | 2009 Herta Müller
The Hunger Angel |
| 1912 Kurt Tucholsky
Rheinsberg | 1948 Ilse Aichinger
The Greater Hope | 1983 Sten Nadolny
The Discovery of
Slowness | 2001 W. G. Sebald
Austerlitz | 2009 Sibylle Lewitscharoff
Apostoloff |
| 1918 Heinrich Mann
The Loyal Subject | 1954 Wolfgang Koeppen
Death in Rome | 1983 Elfriede Jelinek
The Piano Teacher | 2001 Sven Regener
Berlin Blues | 2009 Esther Kinsky
Summer Resort |
| 1919 Hermann Hesse
Demian | 1956 Heimito von Doderer
The Demons | 1984 Thomas Bernhard
Woodcutters | 2002 Zsuzsa Bánk
The Swimmer | 2010 Wolfgang Herrndorf
Why We Took the Car |
| 1920 Ernst Jünger
Storm of Steel | 1956 Gert Ledig
Payback | 1984 Jörg Fauser
Raw Material | 2003 Cornelia Funke
Inkheart | 2011 Eugen Ruge
In Times of Fading
Light |
| 1925 Franz Kafka
The Trial | 1957 Max Frisch
Homo Faber | 1985 Patrick Süskind
Perfume | 2004 Pascal Mercier
Night Train to Lisbon | 2011 Judith Schalansky
The Giraffe's Neck |
| 1929 Alfred Döblin
Berlin Alexanderplatz | 1959 Günter Grass
The Tin Drum | 1990 Gert Hofmann
The Film Explainer | 2004 Frank Schätzing
The Swarm | 2012 Olga Grjasnowa
All Russians Love
Birch Trees |
| 1929 Erich Maria Remarque
All Quiet on the
Western Front | 1959 Anonymous
A Woman in Berlin | 1990 Birgit Vanderbeke
The Mussel Feast | 2004 Ralf Rothmann
Young Light | 2012 Christoph Ransmayr
Atlas of an Anxious
Man |
| 1929 Vicki Baum
Grand Hotel | 1963 Marlen Haushofer
The Wall | 1992 Angelika Schrobsdorff
You are Not Like
Other Mothers | 2004 Terézia Mora
Day In Day Out | 2013 Clemens Meyer
Bricks and Mortar |
| 1930 Joseph Roth
Job | 1963 Christa Wolf
They Divided the Sky | 1992 Emine Sevgi Özdamar
Life is a Caravanserai | 2005 Daniel Kehlmann
Measuring the World | 2014 Katja Petrowskaja
Maybe Esther |
| 1931 Erich Kästner
Going to the Dogs | 1969 Jurek Becker
Jakob the Liar | 1992 Robert Schneider
Brother of Sleep | 2006 Saša Stanišić
How the Soldier Repairs
the Gramophone | 2014 Robert Seethaler
A Whole Life |
| 1932 Irmgard Keun
The Artificial Silk Girl | 1970–1983 Uwe Johnson
Anniversaries | 1992 Wolfgang Hilbig
»I« | 2006 Iliya Troyanov
The Collector of Worlds | 2014 Yoko Tawada
Memoirs of a
Polar Bear |
| 1932 Ernst Haffner
Blood Brothers | 1971 Ingeborg Bachmann
Malina | 1995 Bernhard Schlink
The Reader | 2007 Julia Franck
The Blind Side of
the Heart | 2014 Lutz Seiler
Kruso |
| 1933 Lion Feuchtwanger
The Oppermanns | 1972 Peter Handke
Short Letter,
Long Farewell | 1996 Monika Maron
Animal Triste | 2007 Volker Kutscher
Babylon Berlin | 2015 Dörte Hansen
This House is Mine |
| 1934 Bertolt Brecht
Threepenny Novel | 1973 Ulrich Plenzdorf
The New Sorrows
of Young W. | 1996 Uwe Timm
Midsummer Night | 2008 Alina Bronsky
Broken Glass Park | 2016 Benedict Wells
The End of Loneliness |
| 1935 Elias Canetti
Auto-da-Fé | 1974 Heinrich Böll
The Lost Honour of
Katharina Blum | 1998 Peter Stamm
Agnes | 2008 Jenny Erpenbeck
Visitation | 2016 Philipp Winkler
Hooligan |