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“You don’t have to burn books
to destroy a culture. Just get
people to **STOP READING**
them.”

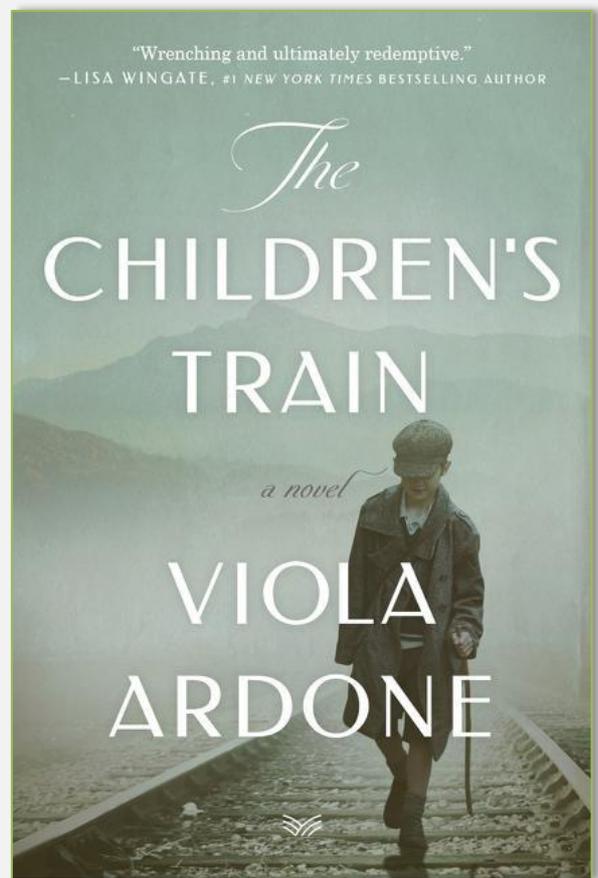
Ray Bradbury

The Children's Train

by Viola Ardone

Harper Collins Publishers

Genre: Fiction



Based on true events, a heart-breaking story of love, family, hope, and survival set in post- World War II Italy about poor children from the south sent to live with families in the north to survive deprivation and the harsh winters.

Though Mussolini and the fascists have been defeated, the war has devastated Italy, especially the south. Seven-year-old Amerigo lives with his mother Antonietta in Naples, surviving on odd jobs and his wits like the rest of the poor in his neighborhood. But one day, Amerigo learns that a train will take him away from Naples to spend the winter with a family in the north, where he will be safe and have warm clothes and food to eat. Amerigo's journey is a moving story of memory, indelible bonds, artistry, and self-exploration, and a soaring examination of what family can truly mean.

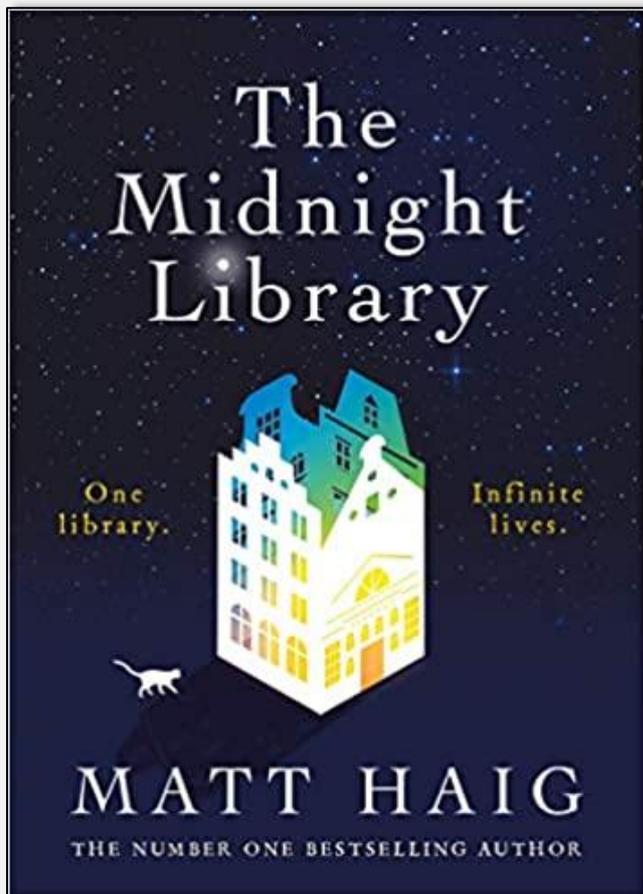
Reviews:

[New York Journal of Books / Book Page](#)

Listen to an Audio Sample:

[The Children's Train](#)

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The Midnight Library

by Matt Haig

Canongate Books 2020

Genre: Fiction

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting new novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

Reviews

[NPR.org / The Guardian](#)

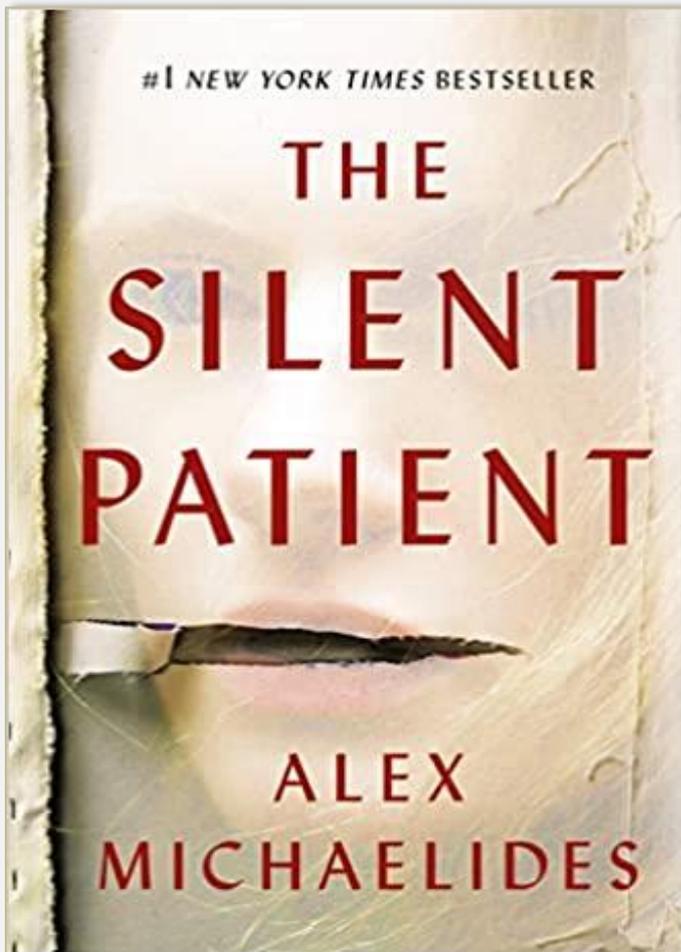
Video

[Introducing *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig](#)

Literary awards

Good Reads Choice Awards Best Fiction Book.

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The Silent Patient

by Alex Michaelides

Celadon Books 2019

Genre: Psychological Thriller

Alicia Berenson's life is seemingly perfect. A famous painter married to an in-demand fashion photographer, she lives in a grand house with big windows overlooking a park in one of London's most desirable areas. One evening her husband Gabriel returns home late from a fashion shoot, and Alicia shoots him five times in the face, and then never speaks another word.

Alicia's refusal to talk, or give any kind of explanation, turns a domestic tragedy into something far grander, a mystery that captures the public imagination and casts Alicia into notoriety. The price of her art skyrockets, and she, the silent patient, is hidden away from the tabloids and spotlight at the Grove, a secure forensic unit in North London.

Review

[The Washington Post](#)

Literary awards

Good Reads Choice Awards Best Thriller.

Video

[Interview with Alex Michaelides](#)

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