

## **Cheryl Balcom's 2025 Reading List**

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### **Fiction:**

Love Comes Softly by Jannette Oake

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry (audiobook)

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns (audiobook)

Pollyanna by Eleanor H. Porter

Afraid of the Light by Cynthia Ruchti

A Table for Two by Amor Towles

Barefoot: A Story of Surrender to God by Sharon Garlough Brown

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

I Think I Was Murdered by Colleen Coble and Rick Acker

My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout

Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw

An Extra Mile by Sharon Garlough Brown

Foster by Claire Keegan

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

Oh, William! by Elizabeth Strout

Lucy By The Sea by Elizabeth Strout

The Secrets Beneath by Kimberley Woodhouse

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Three Days in June by Anne Tyler

Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout

The Wings of Poppy Pendleton by Melanie Dobson

Grandma Ruth Doesn't Go To Funerals by Sharon J. Mondragon

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

Leaving Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns

This Promised Land by Cathy Gohlke

Sipsworth by Simon Van Booy

When Silence Sings by Sarah Loudin Thomas

Truth-Stained Lies: Book 1 of the Moonlighters series by Terri Blackstock

Dear Henry, Love Edith by Becca Kinzer

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Distortion: Book 2 of the Moonlighters series by Terri Blackstock

The All-American by Susie Finkbeiner

The Baggage Handler by David Rawlings

Breathing Lessons by Anne Tyler

Where The Blue Sky Begins by Katie Powner

Relative Silence by Carrie Stuart Parks

A Different Kind of Legacy by Deborah Barber

Shadows of the Mind's Eye by Janyre Tromp

Catering to Nobody by Diane Mott Davidson

Crow Mary by Kathleen Grissom

Code of Silence by Tim Shoemaker

Back Before Dark by Tim Shoemaker

Veiled Promises by Carol Lacey

Leaf by Niggle by J.R.R. Tolkien

Love Remains: A Mercy House Novel by Terry Tamashiro Harris

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman

Famous Last Words by Gillian McAllister

The Second Chance Convenience Store by Kim Ho Yeon (audiobook)

Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

Love in Tandem by Becca Kinzer

Below the Surface by Tim Shoemaker

Courting Mr. Emerson by Melody Carlson

Sins of the Fathers by James Scott Bell

The Ghostwriter by Julie Clark

Wrong Place, Wrong Time by Gillian McAllister

The Banker's Wife by Cristina Alger

Miracle in a Dry Season by Sarah Loudin Thomas

Welcome to the Honey B&B by Melody Carlson

The Atlas of Untold Stories by Sarah Brunsvold

First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston

The Bitter End Birding Society by Amanda Cox

Just Another Missing Person by Gillian McAllister

The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill

Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston

## **Non-Fiction:**

New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp (daily devotional)

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson

On The Incarnation by St. Athanasius

Steal Like an Artist by Austin Kelon

Gospel-Centered Teaching by Trevin Wax

Commentary on Colossians by Charles Spurgeon

I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek

Witness by Whittaker Chambers

From the Rising of the Sun by Tim Challies and Tim Keese

Known & Loved by Glenna Marshall

Seasons of Sorrow by Tim Challies

Perfected by Bethany Broderick

George Muller of Bristol by Arthur T. Peterson

Story Genius by Lisa Cron

Big Dumb Eyes by Nate Bargatze (audiobook)

How to Write Short Stories and use them to further your writing career by James Scott Bell

Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More by Melissa Spoelstra (Bible study)

The Life of Our Lord by Charles Dickens

Broken But Beautiful edited by Benjamin Vrbicek – a Gospel-Centered Discipleship compilation

Show Don't Tell by Sandra Gerth (audiobook)

Food: A Love Story by Jim Gaffigan (audiobook)

The Last Sweet Mile by Allen Levi

When Strivings Cease by Ruth Chou Simons

No Plot? No Problem by Chris Baty

Practicing the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence

Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners by John Bunyan

Perfectionism: Pursuing Excellence with Wisdom by Lou Priolo (30-day devotional)

Better: A Study of Hebrews by Jen Wilkin (Bible study)

This Homeward Ache by Amy Baik Lee

How to Edit Your Novel by Karin Beery

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard

The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson

The Complete Guide to Heroes and Heroines: Sixteen Master Archetypes by Tami D. Cowden, Caro LaFever, and Sue Viders

Peace Over Perfection by Faith Chang

Nanaville by Anna Quindlen