

2017 Most Popular Nonfiction Books

The following is a list of Nonfiction books that circulated the most in 2017. Check them out and see if you agree. These titles are shelved in the Nonfiction section by the first three letters of the author's last name. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Adams, Simon. [Titanic](#). (J 910.0163 ADA)

Offers detailed descriptions of the Titanic, including its accommodations, and a retelling of its sinking in the North Atlantic in April, 1912.



Broom, Jenny. [Animalium](#). (J 590 BRO)

Welcome to the museum! There are more than 160 animal specimens to be discovered in Animalium, the first in a series of virtual museums. Wander the galleries - open 365 days a year - and discover a collection of curated exhibits on every page, accompanied by informative text.

Chrisp, Peter. [Explore Titanic](#). (J 910.916 CHR)

A pictorial history of the ill-fated ocean liner is comprised of photographs and illustrations as well as 3-D-rendered graphics that relate its story from the 1911 launch at the Belfast shipyard to its destruction during its maiden voyage.



Clutton-Brock, Juliet. [Cat](#). (J 599.75 CLU)

Text and photographs present the anatomy, behavior, habitats, and other aspects of wild and domestic cats.

Dowswell, Paul. [Survival](#). (J 613.69 DOW)

Recounts how some of the passengers on the Hindenburg, Captain Bligh after the mutiny, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the crew of the Apollo 13, and other travelers have survived great dangers on their journeys.

Drake, Ernest. [Dragonology: the Complete Book of Dragons](#). (J 398.2 DRA)

An introduction to dragonology -- Dragons of the world.

Also try: [Dr. Ernest Drake's Monsterology](#) (J 398.45 DRA)

Galdone, Paul. [Jack and the Beanstalk](#). (J 398.2 GAL)

A verse version of Jack and the beanstalk, written by B.A.T. and published in 1807 by J. Harris, London, under the title, The history of Mother Twaddle and the marvelous achievements of her son Jack.

Also try: [Cat Goes Fiddle-I-Fee](#), [The Gingerbread Boy](#), [The Little Red Hen](#), [Puss in Boots](#), and [The Teeny-Tiny Woman](#) (J 398.2 GAL)



Hildyard, Anne. [Children's Book of Magic](#). (J 793.8 CHI)

Traces the history of magic from its origins in Ancient Egypt through the performances of today, sharing step-by-step instructions for how to learn twenty tricks in such areas as transformation, levitation, and prediction.

[How to Play Chess](#). (J 794.1 HOW)

Whether you're a complete beginner or a more experienced player looking to improve your game, this step-by-step guide will help you play like a champion. Plan your moves with amazing 3-D illustrations.

Hughes, Catherine. [First Big Book of the Ocean](#). (j 551.46 HUG)

First Big Book of the Ocean is an adorable animal reference that includes the sea's high-interest animals, such as dolphins, sharks, sea otters, and penguins, and introduces kids to some of its lesser-known creatures.





Hugo, Simon. [365 Things to do with LEGO Bricks.](#) (J 688.72 HUG)

This interactive book inspires you to look at your LEGO bricks in new and exciting ways. It features imaginative play and building ideas, from LEGO projects that take just a few minutes and require a handful of bricks to inspirational build ideas and activities to keep you occupied for hours.

Kainen, Dan. [Jungle: a Photicular Book.](#) (J 591.7 KAI)



It's magical. In a world saturated with video, Photicular technology weaves a very special spell, capturing intimate, moving moments of life on earth and tapping into the reader's imagination. Dense and humid and filled with undiscovered secrets, rain forests are home to more than half of the world's plants and animals. It is a world teeming with life, and Jungle, through its vivid combination of color and motion, parts the veil on this mysterious land and reveals the living exuberance within.

Also try: [Safari](#) (J 599.096 KAI) and [Ocean](#) (J 551.46 KAI).

Klevansky, Rhonda. [Big Cats: Examine the Fearsome Feline World of Lions, Tigers, Cheetahs and Leopards.](#)

(J 599.75 KLE)

Offers insight into the lives of majestic felines, answering questions about the life cycles, habitats, defense, and feeding of leopards, lions, cheetahs, tigers, panthers, and other big cats.

MacQuitty, Miranda. [Shark.](#) (J 597.3 MAC)

Dive into the fascinating world of sharks--from the tiny dwarf dogfish to the ferocious great white.



[Marvel Encyclopedia: the Definitive Guide to the Characters of the Marvel Universe.](#) (J 741.59 MAR)

Timed perfectly with Marvel's 75th Anniversary, DK's bestselling Marvel Encyclopedia is now fully revised, extended, and updated. Bring the Marvel Universe home with this all-inclusive encyclopedia detailing little-known facts and information about the iconic Marvel characters.

Milton, Nancy. [The Giraffe That Walked to Paris.](#) (J 599.73 MIL)

Retells the true story of how the first giraffe ever to come to Europe was sent by the Pasha of Egypt to the King of France in 1826, and the giraffe walked from the disembarkation point of Marseilles to.

Milton, Stephanie. [Minecraft Combat Handbook.](#) (J 793.932 MIL)

An official reference to Minecraft combat explains what players need to defend against hostile monsters and enemy players, covering subjects ranging from fort building and armor crafting to weapons and setting mob traps.



Also try: [Minecraft: Essential Handbook](#) (J 793.932 MIL), [Minecraft Construction Handbook](#) (J 793.932 NEE).

[National Geographic Kids Almanac.](#) (J 031.02 NAT)

Amazing animals will take readers into the wild and into the water. Discover cultural connections from food, currency, literature and lots more from around the world.



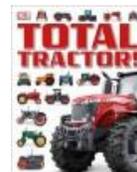
O'Connell, Caitlin. [Bridge to the Wild: a Day in the Life of Zoo Curators.](#) (J 636.08 OCO)

With stunning photographs and exemplary narrative nonfiction, the Sibert Honor-winning creators of The Elephant Scientist, Caitlin O'Connell and Timothy Rodwell, give readers a heartwarming insider's look into a day in the life of a zoo curator and the meaningful bonds that she forms with her menagerie.

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Roberts, Josephine. [Total Tractor!](#) (J 629.225 ROB)

A colorful guide to tractors profiles an array of models, from cool classics to gleaming modern machines, complementing detailed photographs with engaging facts and driver's-eye viewpoints.

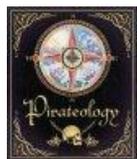


Rothrock, Megan. [The LEGO Adventure Book: Spaceships, Pirates, Dragons & More!](#) (J 688.7 ROT)

Contains examples of the many things that can be built with LEGOs including step-by-step breakdowns of different projects. Also try: [The LEGO Adventure Book : Cars, Castles, Dinosaurs & More!](#) (J 688.7 ROT), [Legu Ideas Book: Unlock Your Imagination](#) (J 688.7 LIP), [LEGO Awesome Ideas](#) (J 688.72 LIP), [The LEGO Play Book: Ideas to Bring Your Bricks to Life](#) (J 688.7 LIP).

Stabler, David. [Kid Presidents: True Tales of Childhood From America's Presidents.](#) (J 973 STA)

Every president started out as a kid! Forget the legends, tall tales, and historic achievements—before they were presidents, the future leaders of the United States had regular-kid problems just like you. John F. Kennedy hated his big brother. Lyndon Johnson pulled pranks in class. Barack Obama was bothered by bullies. And Bill Clinton was crazy clumsy (he once broke his leg jumping rope).



Steer, Dugald. [Pirateology: the Sea Journal of Captain William Lubber.](#) (J 910.45 STE)

Pirateology was allegedly found in an old sea chest by divers searching for wrecks off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland in 2006. Research has revealed no other traces of William Lubber, his ship The Sea Cat, or his nemesis, Arabella Drummond.

Strebe, Jenny. [Braids & Buns, Ponies & Pigtails: 50 Hairstyles Every Girl Will Love.](#) (J 646.7 STR)

This essential resource for little girls and their parents features 50 fun styles to wear to school, parties, and playdates. Each style is accompanied by chic photography, easy-to-follow illustrations, and cross-references to other similar styles to try.

Symes, R.F. [Crystal & Gem.](#) (J 548 SYM)

Crystal & Gem describes the seven basic shapes of crystals and other aspects of crystallography, including how they form in nature, how crystals are studied and identified, what gives them their amazing color, and how they are used in everyday life.



Tibballs, Geoff. [Eye-Popping Oddities.](#) (J 031.02 TIB)

An encyclopedia of oddities features unexpected and unimaginable people, places, and creatures from around the world.



[Weird But True! 4: 300 Outrageous Facts.](#) (J 001.9 WEI)

300 more mind-bending facts that are almost too amazing to believe.

Also try: [Weird But True! Gross : 300 Slimy, Sticky, and Smelly Facts.](#) (J 031.02 WEI)