

A book that takes place during a single day



Category Description

A book that takes place during the course of a single day or 24 hour period. Also known as circadian novels. This can include reminiscences and flashbacks, but the majority of events must be rooted in the "present" and take place over the course of that day.

Adult Fiction

- The Story of a Brief Marriage by Anuk Arudpragasam
- Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin
- Woodcutters by Thomas Bernhard
- · Billiards at Half-Past Nine by Heinrich Boll
- The House in Paris by Elizabeth Bowen
- · The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
- The Hours by Michael Cunningham
- Arlington Park by Rachel Cusk
- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K. Dick
- April Morning by Howard Fast
- · Guapa by Saleem Haddad
- · The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
- Next by James Hynes
- · A Single Man by Christopher Isherwood
- · Ulysses by James Joyce
- Mo Said She Was Quirky by James Kelman
- · Intimacy by Hanif Kureishi
- Mr. Phillips by John Lanchester
- Under the Volcano by Malcolm Lowry
- · Embers by Sandor Marai
- Solar Bones by Mike McCormack
- On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
- Saturday by Ian McEwan
- If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things by Jon McGregor
- After Dark by Haruki Murakami
- · Hogfather by Terry Pratchett
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- · Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders
- One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- The Light of Day by Graham Swift
- · Breathing Lessons by Anne Tyler
- The Poorhouse Fair by John Updike
- Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day by Winifred Watson
- · Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf

Non-Fiction

- · Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee
- The Day That Went Missing: A Family's Story by Richard Beard
- October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day That Changed the World by Martin E. Marty
- Long Day's Journey into Night by Eugene O'Neill
- The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare
- The Tempest by William Shakespeare
- That Day in Dallas: Three Photographers Capture on Film the Day President Kennedy Died by Richard B. Trask
- Triangle: The Fire That Changed America by David Von Drehle
- One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary
 24 Hours in America by Gene Weingarten

Teen

- The Best Night of Your (Pathetic) Life by Tara Altebrando
- Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
- Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
- Sam & Ilsa's Last Hurrah by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
- Where She Went by Gayle Forman
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- Sick by Tom Leveen
- · Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver
- · Neverworld Wake by Marisha Pessl
- The Night My Sister Went Missing by Carol Plum-
- Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick
- 23 Minutes by Vivian Vande Velde
- · Jumped by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

