

A book with a circus in it



Having trouble deciding what to read for the category listed above? Every title below will work; there are plenty to choose from!

Adult Fiction

- The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb by Melanie Benjamin
- Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury
- The Transformation of Bartholomew Fortuno by Ellen Bryson
- · Carniepunk: A Collection of Riveting Stories
- Among the Wonderful by Stacy Carlson
- · Nights at the Circus by Angela Carter
- · Burning Bright by Tracy Chevalier
- Hang Wire by Adam Christopher
- The Flying Circus by Susan Crandall
- · The Circus in Winter by Cathy Day
- · Clown Girl by Monica Drake
- · Geek Love by Katherine Dunn
- · Stardust by Neil Gaiman
- Ascension by Steven Galloway
- · Carter Beats the Devil by Glen David Gold
- Blood and Circuses by Kerry Greenwood
- · Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
- The Stainless Steel Rat Joins the Circus by Harry Harrison
- The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman
- Son of the Circus by John Irving
- The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff
- Joyland by Stephen King
- The Gracekeepers by Kirsty Logan
- The Circus Train Conspiracy by Edward Marston
- The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
- · The Lonely Hearts Hotel by Heather O'Neill
- The Remarkable Courtship of General Tom Thumb by Nicholas Rinaldi
- The Book of Speculation by Erika Swyler
- Mechanique: A Tale of the Circus Tresaulti by Genevieve Valentine
- Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions by Daniel Wallace
- The Language of Silence by Peggy Webb
- · The Life She Was Given by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Non-Fiction

- The Last Chain on Billie: How One Extraordinary Elephant Escaped the Big Top by Carol Bradley
- The American Circus: An Illustrated History by John Culhane
- Topsy: The Startling Story of the Crooked-tailed Elephant, P.T. Barnum, and the American Wizard, Thomas Edison by Michael Daly
- The Electric Woman: A Memoir in Death Defying Acts by Tessa Fontaine
- Humbug: The Art of P.T. Barnum by Neil Harris
- Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived by Ralph Helfer
- Truevine: Two Brothers, A Kidnapping, and A Mother's Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South by Beth Macy
- The Colonel and Little Missie: Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley, and the Beginnings of Superstardom in America by Larry McMurtry
- Circus! From Rome to Ringling by Marian Murray
- Two Hundred Years of the American Circus: From Aba-Daba to the Zoppe-Zavatta Troupe by Tom Ogden
- The Circus Fire: A True Story by Stewart O'Nan
- The Ordinary Acrobat: A Journey into the Wondrous World of the Circus, Past and Present by Duncan Wall
- Barnum: An American Life by Robert Wilson

Teen

- Born of Illusion by Teri J. Brown
- · Wither by Lauren DeStefano
- · Someday We Will Fly by Rachel DeWoskin
- · Daughter of the Burning City by Amanda Foody
- Caraval by Stephanie Garber
- The Weight of Feathers by Anna-Marie McLemore
- By a Charm & a Curse by Jamie Questell
- The Vampire's Assistant: And Other Tales From the Cirque Du Freak by Darren Shan
- Sideshow: Ten Original Tales of Freaks, Illusionists, and Other Matters Odd and Magical
- · Menagerie by Rachel Vincent