Books considered for 2017 Newton Reads

Book criteria:

- A thought-provoking book with wide appeal
- A book that varies in subject matter from the previous years
- A book that is available in multiple formats (large print, ebook, audiobook)
- A book that lends itself to the possibility of an event with the author or with an expert on the topic.

* indicates the title was a finalist.

1. Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
2. A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
3. The Inventor and the Tycoon by Edward Ball
4. The Master and Margarita by Mikael Bulgakhov
5. The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain by Bill Bryson
6. The chance you won't return by Annie Cardi
7. The Red Coat: a novel of Boston by Dolley Carlson
8. The Shallows by Nicholas Carr
9. Ready Player One by Ernest Cline *
10. Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
11. Pets on the couch: neurotic dogs, compulsive cats, anxious birds, and the new science of animal psychiatry by Nicholas Dodman DVM
12. All the Light we cannot see by Anthony Doerr
13. The Wonder by a Emma Donahue
14. Smoke gets in your eyes : and other lessons from the crematory by Caitlin Doughty
15. The Circle by Dave Eggers
16. The Round House by Louise Erdrich
17. In the Darkroom by Susan Faludi
18. Welcome to Night Vale: A Novel by Joseph Fink
19. Here I Am by Jonathan Safran Foer
20. Thank you for being late : an optimist's guide to thriving in the age of accelerations by Thomas L. Friedman
21. A Tangle of Knots by Lisa Gaff
22. All Involved by Ryan Gattis
23. Inside the O’Briens by Lisa Genova
24. A Good American by Alex George
25. Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs
26. The Lost City of Z by David Grann
27. Originals by Adam Grant
28. Black like me by John Howard Griffin
29. Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
30. Brain over Binge by Kathryn Hansen
31. Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
32. Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf
33. Snowball in a blizzard: a physician's notes on uncertainty in Medicine by Steven Hatch
34. Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant that Ever Lived Ralph Helfer
35. The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez
36. Waking Up White: and finding myself in the story of race, by Debby Irving *
37. Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
38. Wonderland: How Play Made the World Modern by Steven Johnson
39. Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger
40. A Truck Full of Money by Tracy Kidder
41. Misery by Stephen King
42. Defending Jacob by William Landay
43. Devil in the White City  by Erik Larson
44. Eve of a Hundred Midnights: the star-crossed love story of two WWII correspondents and their epic escape across the Pacific, by Bill Lascher
45. Furiously Happy by Jenny Lawson
46. March by John Lewis
47. Steampunk! : an anthology of fantastically rich and strange stories edited by Kelly Link and Gavin J. Grant
48. Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel*
49. Quicksand: what it means to be a human being/Henning Mankell.
50. Warm Bodies by Isaac Marion
51. A Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Anthony Marra
52. The New Better Off: reinventing the American dream, by Courtney E. Martin
53. The book of Harlan by Bernice McFadden
54. All our Names by Dinaw Mengestu
55. The soul of an octopus by Sy Montgomery
56. The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
57. Witness to Change: from Jim Crow to Political Empowerment by Sybil Haydel Morial
58. The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen
59. Daughters of the Samurai: a Journey by Janice P Nimura
60. The Great Divergence: America's growing inequality crisis and what we can do about it by Timothy Noah
61. Born a crime: stories from a South African childhood by Trevor Noah
62. The Nordic theory of everything: in search of a better life by Anu Partanen
63. Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
64. State of Wonder by Ann Patchett
65. This is the story of a happy marriage by Ann Patchett
66. Pax by Sally Pennypacker
67. Thud! By Terry Pratchett
68. The Sister Pact by Stacie Ramey
69. Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
70. Spark: the revolutionary new science of exercise and the brain by John J. Ratey
71. Gulp by Mary Roach
72. Packing for Mars by Mary Roach *
73. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
74. True Notebooks: A writer's year at Juvenile Hall by Mark Salzman
75. The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker
76. Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
77. The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
78. Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
79. The Profiler's Daughter by P.M. Steffen
80. Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
81. Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal
82. The Space Between Us by Thrity N Umrigar
83. Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
84. The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race by Jesmyn Ward
85. The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Place in the World by Eric Weiner
86. The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative Places, from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley by Eric Weiner
87. The Martian by Andy Weir
88. Highly Illogical Behavior by John Corey Whaley
89. Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson
90. Shelter by Jung Yun