

Toronto Star bestsellers for the week ending Aug. 21, 2019

Wed., Aug. 21, 2019

ORIGINAL FICTION

1. **Someone We Know**, Shari Lapena, Doubleday Canada (2)*
2. **Where the Crawdads Sing**, Delia Owens, G.P. Putnam's (10)
3. **The Winemaker's Wife**, Kristin Harmel, Gallery (5)
4. **The German Midwife**, Mandy Robotham, Avon (8)
5. **The Perfect Wife**, J.P. Delaney, Doubleday Canada (1)
6. **The New Girl**, Daniel Silva, HarperCollins Canada (4)
7. **The Inn**, James Patterson, Little Brown (1)
8. **Outfox**, Sandra Brown Grand Central (1)
9. **The Warning**, James Patterson, Grand Central (x)
10. **The Tattooist of Auschwitz**, Heather Morris, Harper Paperbacks (45)

ORIGINAL NON-FICTION

1. **Educated**, Tara Westover, HarperCollins (77)
2. **Becoming**, Michelle Obama, Crown (39)
3. **Humans**, Tom Phillips, Hanover Square (12)
4. **12 Rules for Life**, Jordan Peterson, Random House Canada (78)
5. **From the Ashes**, Jesse Thistle, Simon & Schuster (2)
6. **Trudeau**, John Ivison, Signal (2)
7. **Three Women**, Lisa Taddeo, Avid Reader (6)
8. **Love Lives Here**, Amanda Jette Knox, Viking (3)
9. **Hello I Want to Die Please Fix Me**, Anna Mehler Paperny, Random House Canada (2)
10. **No Friend but the Mountains**, Behrouz Boochani, Omid Tofighian, House of Anansi (3)

CANADIAN FICTION

1. **Someone We Know**, Shari Lapena, Doubleday Canada
2. **The Arrangement**, Robyn Harding, Scout Press
3. **Albatross**, Terry Fallis, McClelland & Stewart
4. **Aria**, Nazanine Hozar, Knopf Canada
5. **This Little Light**, Lori Lansens, Random House Canada
6. **Kingdom of the Blind**, Louise Penny, Minotaur
7. **I'll Never Tell**, Catherine McKenzie, Simon & Schuster
8. **The Handmaid's Tale (2017 edition)**, Margaret Atwood, Emblem
9. **The Handmaid's Tale (2011 edition)**, Margaret Atwood, Emblem
10. **A Stranger in the House**, Shari Lapena, Seal

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6. **Bush Runner**, Mark Bourrie, Biblioasis
7. **The Vagina Bible**, Jen Gunter, Random House Canada
8. **By Chance Alone**, Max Eisen, HarperCollins
9. **We the Champs**, Alex Wong, Sean Woodley, Triumph Staff, Triumph
10. **The Mosquito**, Timothy C. Winegard, Allen Lane

* number of weeks on list

Trending

Two notable newcomers to the Canadian Fiction bestseller list this week. First, at No. 3, *Albatross*, by **Terry Fallis**, who has been nominated for the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour for all four of his novels and has won twice. The new story concerns a young chap who discovers he's a golf prodigy. A pity he doesn't much care for golf. Second, at No. 5, is *This Little Light*, by **Lori Lansens**. Set over two days in 2024, the timely tale follows two California girls accused of terrorism in a society where the religious right holds sway. *This Little Light* can perhaps be seen as an opening act for the publication Sept. 10 of **Margaret Atwood's** *The Testaments*, the sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, which has nailed down a secure spot on the Canadian list as a result of the television series.

On the Canadian Non-fiction list, the provocatively titled (and check out that cover) *The Vagina Bible: The Vulva and the Vagina — Separating the Myth from the Medicine* debuts at No. 7. It's by **Jen Gunter**, a Canadian obstetrician and gynecologist with 30 years' experience. And on the Children's and Young Adult this week we have two new hardcover books by the popular **David Pilkey**: *For Whom the Ball Rolls* debuts at No. 1 and *Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People* is right behind at No. 2.

-Sarah Murdoch