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What were Tasmania's hottest reads of 2020?

Books are an escape from reality, a haven of knowledge, a window to the world and food for the soul – and that was never more so than in 2020, when books gave Tasmanians comfort and offered an escape from the challenges of the year just gone.

To find out what Tasmanians were reading in 2020, Libraries Tasmania has compiled a range of top 10 lists from its almost 4 million loans during the year – the annual 'Libraries Tasmania Top 10s' – including adult fiction; adult non-fiction; romance; junior fiction; youth fiction; picture books; board books; magazines; audiobooks and much more.

In 2020, the top 10 most-borrowed adult fiction books by Tasmanian authors were:

1. Bruny by Heather Rose
2. The Diamond Hunter by Fiona McIntosh
3. The Beautiful Mother by Katherine Scholes
4. The Bluffs by Kyle Perry
5. The Tea Gardens by Fiona McIntosh
6. White Horses by Rachael Treasure
7. The Pearl Thief by Fiona McIntosh
8. There Was Still Love by Favel Parrett
9. The Living Sea of Waking Dreams by Richard Flanagan
10. The Rain Heron by Robbie Arnott

And our Top 10 most-popular Adult Fiction genres for 2020:

1. Crime
2. Romance
3. Fantasy
4. Thrillers
5. Relationships
6. Historical
7. Westerns
8. Saga
9. Short stories

10. Rural romance

The full Libraries Tasmania Top 10s of 2020 can be accessed on the [Libraries Tasmania website](#) – and our expert staff are available to discuss trends.

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