



Hudson Unveils Its Best Books of 2019, The Perfect Companions For Life's Next Adventure

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong Named Book Of The Year By The Airports' #1 Bookseller

East Rutherford, NJ – December 2, 2019 – Hudson (NYSE: HUD), a leader in North America travel retail, today announced its Best Books of 2019, honoring *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong as the Book of The Year. The titles, which are voted on by a committee of booksellers from Hudson, were selected for achievements ranging from literary style and innovation, entertainment value and readability, to timeliness and treatment of subjects and themes.

The Traveler's Best Friend's 2019 frontrunners span a variety of categories including Best Fiction, Best Nonfiction, and Best Young Reader. The collection will be promoted in Hudson Booksellers, Ink by Hudson, Hudson and Hudson News stores across North America throughout the holiday season, giving bookworms and travelers the opportunity to purchase a copy to read in-transit or gift to family and friends at their final destination, while also providing a world of opportunity and imagination along the journey.

"All year long, members of our committee converse with each other about what we are reading, what we are loving," said Sara Hinckley, Senior Vice President of Books at Hudson. "It's nearly impossible to objectively choose a handful of 'best books', but our list represents the titles that our booksellers connected to (and over) most deeply. It is, I think, a group of titles that provide unique insights, ask big questions, are vastly entertaining, and, through their diverse and powerful perspectives, create deep empathy in the reader. It is so much fun to share our Best Books of 2019 with Hudson's larger community of travelers, in hopes more connections are made via great books."

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong has earned the top spot as Hudson Booksellers' 2019 Book of the Year after achieving rave reviews from booksellers around the country. The timeless story, penned in the form of a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read, has captured the hearts and minds of book lovers across the globe. Ryan King, a bookseller at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, calls it "a visceral, immediate, and stunning coming-of-age story" and Della Afzal, an Atlanta-based bookseller, says "With a graceful balance of unapologetic honesty and astounding tenderness, Ocean Vuong delivers a vivid exploration of the beauty and brutality of what it means to be human."

The full list of Best Books of 2019 features:

Hudson Booksellers' 2019 Book of the Year: *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* - Ocean Vuong.

Best Fiction: *Hollow Kingdom* - Kira Jane Buxton; *The Water Dancer* - Ta-Nehisi Coates; *The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna* - Juliet Grames; *Miracle Creek* - Angie Kim; *The Most Fun We Ever Had* - Claire Lombardo; *The Future of Another Timeline* - Annalee Newitz; *The Far Field* - Madhuri Vijay; *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* - Ocean Vuong; *The Nickel Boys* - Colson Whitehead; *Frankissstein* - Jeanette Winterson.

Best Nonfiction: *Go Ahead in the Rain* - Hanif Abdurraqib; *Furious Hours* - Casey Cep; *Good Talk* - Mira Jacob; *Say Nothing* - Patrick Radden Keefe; *Underland* - Robert Macfarlane; *The First Conspiracy* - Brad Meltzer; *Cult of the Dead Cow* - Joseph Menn; *The Mastermind* - Evan Ratliff; *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee* - David Treuer; *An Arabian Journey* - Levison Wood.

Best Young Readers: *On the Come Up* - Angie Thomas; *Beverly, Right Here* - Kate DiCamillo; *Just Ask!* - Sonia Sotomayor.

To learn more about Hudson Bookseller's Best Books of 2019, or to purchase a copy for life's next adventure, please visit: <http://www.hudsonbooksellers.com/best-of-2019>

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