BOOK LOVER'S *Calendar*

READ MORE BOOKS

DID YOU KNOW?
A 2009 study at the University of Sussex found that reading for just 6 minutes can help reduce stress by up to 68%.

APRIL

3 HOURS OF READING — *if you read 6 minutes a day*

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1 ⋯ **THE BEGINNING OF HAY-ON-WYE BOOK TOWN, 1977**
Richard Booth proclaimed the town an "independent kingdom," which sparked a surge in interest in local bookshops.

2 ⋯ **INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY**
The day is observed on the birthdate of Hans Christian Andersen, a Danish author best known for his fairy tales.

4 ⋯ **THE DAY GEORGE ORWELL'S *1984* STARTS**
On this day, the main character of Orwell's classic novel started a secret diary by writing a sentence "Down with Big Brother."

6 ⋯ ***THE LITTLE PRINCE* IS PUBLISHED, 1943**
A novella by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry became one of the most influential books of the 20th century.

23 ⋯ **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE IS BORN, 1564**
The greatest writer in the English language created almost 40 plays, including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, and *Macbeth*.

WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY
An annual event by UNESCO to discuss publishing and copyright, as well as promote the enjoyment of reading.

24 ⋯ **THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IS FOUNDED, 1800**
The largest library in the world. Its collection is growing at about two million items per year.

28 ⋯ **HARPER LEE'S BIRTHDAY, 1926**
An American novelist best known for her 1960 novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

READING CHALLENGE

Week 1: Your favorite childhood book

Week 2: A book with a number in its title

Week 3: A book about a prince or princess

Week 4: A book set in medieval England

IF YOU WISH TO RENEW YOUR MIND, READ.

— LAILAH GIFTY AKITA