



DID YOU KNOW?  
Saint Catherine's Monastery in Egypt houses the oldest continually operating library in the world, established AD 565.

# JANUARY

10.5 HOURS  
OF READING

if you read 20 minutes a day



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## ... INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DOMAIN DAY

The first day when copyrights expire and works enter into the public domain.

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## ... SCIENCE FICTION DAY

Unofficially celebrated by sci-fi fans to correspond with the birthdate of a prolific science-fiction author, Isaac Asimov.

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## ... J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S BIRTHDAY, 1892

An English writer John Ronald Reuel Tolkien is best known for *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

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## ... HARUKI MURAKAMI IS BORN, 1949

An acclaimed Japanese essayist, short-story writer, and novelist. The author of *Norwegian Wood* and *Kafka on the Shore*.

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## ... NATIONAL THESAURUS DAY

Celebrating the birthday of the creator of the first English-language thesaurus, Peter Mark Roget.

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## ... EDGAR ALLAN POE IS BORN, 1809

An American poet and writer best known for his macabre works. The author of *The Raven* and *The Masque of the Red Death*.

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## ... LEWIS CARROLL'S BIRTHDAY, 1832

An inventor, photographer, and the master of word play. The author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

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## ... PRIDE AND PREJUDICE IS PUBLISHED, 1813

The novel was originally published anonymously, as were all of Jane Austen's novels.

### READING CHALLENGE

**Week 1:** A sci-fi book by a debut author

**Week 2:** A book set in a Victorian era

**Week 3:** A book recommended by Tolkien fans

**Week 4:** A book about traveling to a mysterious land

IF A BOOK IS  
WELL WRITTEN,  
I ALWAYS FIND  
IT TOO SHORT.

— JANE AUSTEN