



# INDIGO ANNOUNCES THE BEST BOOKS OF 2016

---

*Zoe Whittall's [The Best Kind of People](#) named the Book of the Year at Indigo for 2016*

Toronto, ON (October 25, 2016) – Indigo (TSX: IDG), the world's first cultural department store for booklovers, is delighted to announce its highly anticipated list of Best Books of 2016 with [The Best Kind of People](#) by Canadian author Zoe Whittall earning the coveted number one spot.

"Indigo's Best Books of 2016 list is made up of the most recommended and most relevant books by and for Canadians," said Krishna Nikhil, EVP of Print and Strategy, Indigo. "Customers will find socially and culturally relevant books that are part of important conversations happening in Canada and around the world. These books will spark discussions, engender curiosity, produce laughter and tears, and inspire and delight every type of reader. We believe each one of these books should be on every Canadian's must-read list."

Indigo believes that the best book recommendations come from people you trust. As Canada's largest bookstore and book authority, the Best of the Year list is curated by Indigo's expert booksellers who are true booklovers. They've scoured the shelves and read thousands of titles to narrow the list down to the ten best books of the year. Customers can find these and other book recommendations on [Reco](#), Indigo's stand-alone book recommendation iOS app built by and for booklovers.

All titles on the Best Books of 2016 list are available at Indigo, Chapters, Indigospirit and Coles stores across the country and at Indigo.ca. As always, customers who prefer to shop online at indigo.ca can enjoy free shipping to their preferred store with no minimum spend, or ship to home for free with a minimum spend of \$25. [Plum® rewards](#) members also earn points for every eligible dollar spent in-store and online.

**Hear directly from Indigo's expert booksellers about this year's picks:**

**#1 [THE BEST KIND OF PEOPLE](#) by Zoe Whittall – a Heather's Pick**

"How would you react if your loving, honourable husband was suddenly accused of sexually assaulting his teenaged students? *The Best Kind of People* by Canada's own Zoe Whittall is a riveting and timely novel, which raises the most profound questions on family and trust." - Heather Reisman, CEO and Chief Booklover

*To hear from Heather directly on what other books she personally recommends, follow her on Reco at @heather.*

**#2 [SECRET PATH](#) by Gord Downie, illustrated by Jeff Lemire & [WENJACK](#) by Joseph Boyden – a Heather's Pick**

"Short story, graphic novel or song – each one is short enough to experience in a night, all are deep enough to last a lifetime. These three sparse, poetic and heartbreaking retellings of the Chanie Wenjack story shine a light on the stain that residential schools have left on our country's heritage." - Krishna Nikhil, EVP of Print and Strategy

*To hear from Krishna directly on what other books he personally recommends, follow him on Reco at @krishna.*



**#3 [HOMEGOING](#) by Yaa Gyasi – a Heather’s Pick**

“Do not be surprised if you see *Homegoing* on many Best of the Year lists in 2016. Equal parts moving and engaging, Yaa Gyasi has expertly woven together a story of one family’s history, a passage through time that is epic in scope and significance. A truly fantastic read.” - Kristi Reilly, Fiction Category Manager

*To hear from Kristi directly on what other books she personally recommends, follow her on Reco at @kreilly.*

**#4 [WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR](#) by Paul Kalanithi – a Heather’s Pick**

“Devastating. Inspiring. Wise and true. A deeply felt memoir about what makes life worth living by a gifted young surgeon whose life ended far too soon.” - Michael Nicholson, Non Fiction Category Manager

**#5 [GIRL WITH THE LOWER BACK TATTOO](#) by Amy Schumer**

“The stories I loved most in this book are the ones I hadn't expected to find in it. Schumer writes with an open heart and, of course, makes you laugh but she also makes you cry. At times she is vulnerable, smart, inspiring, heartbreaking, and powerful. She also is vulgar, witty, hilarious, and just downright dirty (in a good way).” - Lauren Danton, Fiction Inventory Analyst

*To hear from Lauren directly on what other books she personally recommends, follow her on Reco at @ldanton.*

**#6 [MORNING STAR](#) by Pierce Brown**

“What a jaw-dropping finale! The Red Rising trilogy is one of those rare instances where the story builds on its momentum, gets better and wilder, and explosively concludes with Morning Star.” - Chihoe Ho, Fiction Category Manager

*To hear from Chihoe directly on what other books he personally recommends, follow him on Reco at @chihoe.*

**#7 [A GREAT RECKONING](#) by Louise Penny**

“I used to describe Louise Penny as a modern Agatha Christie, but she has developed the characters and dealt with issues of morality so well that she has truly moved beyond the mystery genre.” - Margaret Palmer, Kanata Customer Experience Representative

*To hear from Margaret directly on what other books she personally recommends, follow her on Reco at @mpcacher.*

**#8 [SHOE DOG](#) by Phil Knight - a Heather’s Pick**

“Phil's memoir is approachable yet aspirational, as if you were speaking with a close friend. You don't need a stereotypical management book to learn about entrepreneurship or resilience, you need Shoe Dog.” - Conner MacLeod, Toy Associate Category Manager

*To hear more from Conner directly on what other books he personally recommends, follow him on Reco at @connermac.*

**#9 [THE NEST](#) by Cynthia D'aprix Sweeney - a Heather’s Pick**

“Pre-spent your inheritance – what could possibly go wrong? Find out as the endearingly dysfunctional Plumb family falls apart and pulls together when they discover a smaller than expected nest egg.” – Andrew Taubman, Non Fiction Category Manager

*To hear from Andrew directly on what other books he personally recommends, follow him on Reco at @drtaubs.*

**#10 [DARK MATTER](#) by Blake Crouch**



“Descend into the madness that is Dark Matter and experience a story that mixes all the craziness of Inception, and twists of Gone Girl, with the thought-provoking horror of Stephen King, into something truly unique, and terrifying.” - Haille Bailey-Harris, Toronto Customer Experience Representative

For the full list please visit: <http://www.indigo.ca/books/best-of-2016/>

**About Indigo Books & Music Inc.**

Indigo is a publicly traded Canadian company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (IDG). As the largest book, gift and specialty toy retailer in Canada, Indigo operates in all provinces under different banners including Indigo Books & Music; Indigo Books, Gifts, Kids; Indigospirit; Chapters; and Coles. The online channel, [indigo.ca](http://www.indigo.ca), offers a one-stop online shop with a robust selection of books, toys, home décor, stationery, and gifts.

- 30 -

For images or additional information please contact:

Kate Gregory  
Manager, Public Relations  
Indigo  
[kgregory@indigo.ca](mailto:kgregory@indigo.ca)