



EBMRG Ratings of Group Books Read

Sorted by Rate: Okay - Did Not Survive 50-page Maximum*

1994 – 2020

| YEAR | MONTH | AUTHOR | TITLE | Rate |
|------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 2000 | 8 | Schumacher, Aileen | Framework for Death | Ok+ |
| 2010 | 7 | Simenon, Georges | Inspector Cadaver | Ok/Good |
| 2000 | 4 | Andrews, Donna | Murder with Peacocks | Okay |
| 2010 | 2 | Arruda, Suzanne | The Leopard's Prey | Okay |
| 2013 | 01 | Arsenault, Emily | The Broken Teaglass | Okay |
| 2006 | 1 | Aubert, Brigitte | Death from the Woods | Okay |
| 1999 | 5 | Auster, Paul | New York Trilogy | Okay |
| 2017 | 2 | Baldacci, David | The Last Mile | Okay |
| 1996 | 2 | Beaton, M.C. | Agatha Raisin and the Potted Gardner | Okay |
| 1995 | 4 | Beaton, M.C. | Death of a Gossip | Okay |
| 2001 | 1 | Blanc, Nero | The Crossword Murder | Okay |
| 1996 | 10 | Block, Barbara | Twister | Okay |
| 2007 | 12 | Block, Lawrence | Tanner on Ice | Okay |
| 2008 | 4 | Born, James O. | Field of Fire | Okay |
| 1994 | 2 | Boylan, Eleanor | Murder Machree | Okay |
| 2002 | 11 | Brett, Simon | Death on the Downs | Okay |
| 1998 | 10 | Buchanan, Edna | Contents Under Pressure | Okay |
| 2009 | 8 | Burke, Alafair | Angel's Tip | Okay |
| 2001 | 8 | Burke, James Lee | Purple Cane Road | Okay |
| 1999 | 3 | Callen, Paulette | Charity | Okay |
| 2003 | 7 | Carr, John Dickson | Fire, Burn! | Okay |
| 2017 | 5 | Cavallaro, Brittany | A Study in Charlotte | Okay |
| 2020 | 07 | Cayre, Hannelore | The Goodmother | Okay |
| 2019 | 08 | Charles, Paul | I Love the Sound of Breaking Glass | Okay |
| 2018 | 10 | Christie, Agatha | Hallowe'en Party | Okay |
| 2005 | 8 | Christopher, Paul | Michelangelo's Notebook | Okay |
| 2020 | 11 | Clark, Tracy | Broken Places | Okay |
| 2001 | 3 | Clausen, Lowen | First Avenue | Okay |
| 2005 | 11 | Cockey, Tim | The Hearse You Came In On | Okay |
| 2020 | 05 | Coggins, Mark | The Dead Beat Scroll | Okay |
| 2005 | 4 | Compton, Jody | The 37th Hour | Okay |
| 2015 | 02 | Connolly, John | The Museum of Lost Souls | Okay |
| 2000 | 2 | Cook, Thomas H. | The Chatham School Affair | Okay |
| 2007 | 1 | Corcoran, Tom | Air Dance Iguana | Okay |
| 2003 | 12 | Curzon, Clare | Don't Leave Me | Okay |
| 2001 | 1 | Davis, Lindsey | Two for the Lions | Okay |
| 1998 | 11 | Dawson, Janet | Witness to Evil | Okay |
| 1996 | 3 | Day, Dianne | The Strange Files of Fremont Jones | Okay |
| 2003 | 8 | Devane, Terry | Juror Number Eleven | Okay |
| 2001 | 2 | Dibdin, Michael | Ratking | Okay |
| 2004 | 1 | Duchin, Peter and John Morgan Wilson | Blue Moon | Okay |
| 2004 | 12 | Dunham, Tracy | Wishful Sinful | Okay |
| 2000 | 3 | Elkins, Aaron | Loot | Okay |
| 2006 | 4 | Elkins, Aaron | Where There's A Will | Okay |
| 2016 | 09 | Eskens, Allen | The Guise of Another | Okay |
| 2000 | 1 | Estleman, Loren | Never Street | Okay |
| 1997 | 1 | Fairstein, Linda | Final Jeopardy | Okay |
| 2004 | 7 | Faust, Ron | Dead Men Rise Up Never | Okay |
| 2019 | 05 | Frazer, George MacDonald | Flashman | Okay |
| 2020 | 05 | Frazer, George MacDonald | Flashman | Okay |
| 2005 | 11 | Fusilli, Jim | Hard, Hard City | Okay |
| 2005 | 1 | Gardner, Erle Stanley | Top of the Heap | Okay |
| 2020 | 07 | Garner, Helen | This House of Grief | Okay |
| 1996 | 6 | George, Anne | Murder on a Girls Night Out | Okay |
| 1997 | 10 | George, Elizabeth | In the Presence of the Enemy | Okay |

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| 1996 | 10 | Gilpatrick, Noreen | Shadow of Doubt | Okay |
| 2006 | 2 | Goodman, Carol | The Lake of Dead Languages | Okay |
| 2013 | 10 | Gran, Sara | The Bohemian Highway | Okay |
| 1999 | 5 | Graves, Sarah | Dead Cat Bounce | Okay |
| 2004 | 4 | Green, Tim | The Fifth Angel | Okay |
| 2000 | 7 | Grippando, James | Found Money | Okay |
| 1997 | 10 | Grippando, James | Informant | Okay |
| 2016 | 11 | Grisham, John | The Racketeer | Okay |
| 2001 | 5 | Harper, Karen | The Tital Poole | Okay |
| 2019 | 3 | Hayder, Mo | Poppet | Okay |
| 2002 | 1 | Hayter, Sparkle | Chelsea Girl Murders | Okay |
| 1995 | 11 | Hayter, Sparkle | What's a Girl Gotta Do | Okay |
| 2001 | 11 | Hegwood, Martin | Big Easy Backroad | Okay |
| 1995 | 3 | Herndon, Nancy | Acid Bath | Okay |
| 2008 | 4 | Hirahara, Naomi | Summer of the Big Bachi | Ok |
| 1994 | 9 | Hoag, Peter | Smila's Sense of Snow | Okay |
| 1996 | 1 | Hoffman, Alice | Turtle Moon | Okay |
| 2007 | 10 | Holland, Thomas | One Drop of Blood | Okay |
| 2017 | 2 | Holm, Chris | The Killing Kind | Okay |
| 2001 | 1 | Hooper, Kay | Out of the Shadows | Okay |
| 2017 | 10 | Hurwitz, Gregg | The Nowhere Man | Okay |
| 2020 | 12 | Jahn, Michael | Murder on Fifth Avenue | Okay |
| 1998 | 7 | Johansen, Iris | Ugly Duckling | Okay |
| 1998 | 1 | Kaewert, Julie | Unbound | Okay |
| 2020 | 10 | Kamal, Sheena | The Lost Ones | Okay |
| 2004 | 2 | Kaminsky, Stuart M. | Not Quite Kosher | Okay |
| 1999 | 1 | Katz, Jamie | Dead Low Tide | Okay |
| 1994 | 9 | Kellerman, Faye | Grievous Sin | Okay |
| 2005 | 3 | Kerr, Philip | Dark Matter | Okay |
| 2000 | 4 | Kerr, Phillip | A Philosophical Investigator | Okay |
| 2005 | 1 | Kincaid, M.G. | The Last Victim in Glen Ross | Okay |
| 1996 | 9 | King, Laurie R. | The Beekeepers Apprentice | Okay |
| 2017 | 4 | Kowal, Mary Robinette | Ghost Talkers | Okay |
| 1997 | 11 | LaPlante, Lynda | Cold Shoulder | Okay |
| 2009 | 10 | Larson, Erik | The Devil in the White City | Okay |
| 2002 | 2 | le Carre, John | The Constant Gardner | Okay |
| 2013 | 01 | Leonard, Elmore | Djibouti | Okay |
| 2006 | 1 | Lescroart, John | Dead Irish | Okay |
| 1997 | 8 | Lorden, Randy | Father Forgive Me | Okay |
| 2015 | 12 | Lovesey, Peter | Cop to Corpse | Okay |
| 2015 | 02 | Lovesey, Peter | The Circle | Okay |
| 1999 | 9 | MacGregor, T.J. | The Hanged Man | Okay |
| 2001 | 11 | MacLeod, Charlotte | Resurrection Man | Okay |
| 2001 | 9 | Manuel, David | A Matter of Roses | Okay |
| 1995 | 3 | Maron, Margaret | Southern Discomfort | Okay |
| 2009 | 4 | Marsh, Ngaio | Enter a Murderer | Okay |
| 2003 | 9 | Martin, Nancy | Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds | Okay |
| 2009 | 6 | Martinez, Guillermo | The Oxford Murders | Okay |
| 2002 | 2 | McDermid, Val | A Place of Execution | Okay |
| 2008 | 6 | McDonald, Hal | The Anatomists | OK |
| 2012 | 8 | McPherson, Catriona | The Proper Treatment of Bloodstains | Okay |
| 1996 | 11 | McQuillan, Karin | Cheetah Chase | Okay |
| 1999 | 1 | Monfredo, Miriam Grace | Seneca Falls Inheritance | Okay |
| 1994 | 6 | Muller, Marsha and Bill Pronzini | Beyond the Grave | Okay |
| 2000 | 9 | Munger, Katy | Bad to the Bone | Okay |
| 1996 | 5 | Neely, Barbara | Blanche on the Lam | Okay |
| 1996 | 1 | Newman, Sharan | Death Comes as an Epiphany | Okay |
| 1998 | 8 | O'Kane, Leslie | Just the Fax, Ma'am | Okay |

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| 2011 | 12 | Parker, I.J. | The Dragon Scroll | Okay |
| 2011 | 3 | Parker, T. Jefferson | Iron River | Okay |
| 2001 | 10 | Pattison, Eliot | The Skull Mantra | Okay |
| 2016 | 01 | Pears, Iain | The Raphael Affair | Okay |
| 2005 | 4 | Pearson, Ridley | No Witnesses | Okay |
| 2000 | 11 | Peters, Elizabeth | Borrower of the Night | Okay |
| 1997 | 4 | Phillips, Gary | Violent Spring | Okay |
| 2011 | 10 | Pintoff, Stefanie | A Curtain Falls | Okay |
| 2003 | 1 | Proulx, Susanne | Declared Dead | Okay |
| 1998 | 8 | Reichs, Kathy | Deja Dead | Okay |
| 2008 | 11 | Rendell, Ruth | End in Tears | Ok |
| 2001 | 12 | Rendell, Ruth | Road Rage | Okay |
| 2005 | 7 | Rowland, Laura Jon | Shinju | Okay |
| 1994 | 1 | Scoppettone, Sandra | Everything You Have is Mine | Okay |
| 2000 | 2 | Scott, Manda | Hen's Teeth | Okay |
| 2018 | 11 | Sharp, Zoe | Dancing on the Grave | Okay |
| 1994 | 1 | Smith, Evelyn E. | Miss Melville Rides a Tiger | Okay |
| 1999 | 10 | Snyder, Keith | Coffin's Got A Dead Guy on the Inside | Okay |
| 1997 | 6 | Stone, Michael | Low End of Nowhere | Okay |
| 2002 | 6 | Straka, Andy | A Killing Sky | Okay |
| 1995 | 10 | Straley, John | The Curious Eat Themselves | Okay |
| 2001 | 3 | Swan, Thomas | The Final Faberge | Okay |
| 1998 | 6 | Tepper, Sheri S. | Family Tree | Okay |
| 1995 | 12 | Thomas, Leslie | Dangerous by Moonlight | Okay |
| 1999 | 8 | Thomas-Graham, Pamela | A Darker Shade of Crimson | Okay |
| 2000 | 6 | Thompson, Victoria | Murder on St. Mark's Place | Okay |
| 2010 | 8 | Thompson, Victoria | Murder on Waverly Place | Okay |
| 1997 | 12 | Thurlo, David and Aimee | Death Walker | Okay |
| 2001 | 9 | Thurston, Carol | The Eye of Horus | Okay |
| 2013 | 08 | Tolkien, Simon | Final Witness | Okay |
| 2000 | 3 | Tremay,e Peter | The Subtle Serpent | Okay |
| 2020 | 10 | Turton, Stuart | The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle | Okay |
| 2020 | 10 | Vichi, Marco | Death in August | Okay |
| 2019 | 12 | Viskic, Emma | Resurrection Bay | Okay |
| 2002 | 10 | Waldman, Ayelet | Nursery Crimes | Okay |
| 1997 | 3 | Wesley, Valerie Wilson | When Death Comes Stealing | Okay |
| 1997 | 7 | Wilson, Barbara Jaye | Death Brims Over | Okay |
| 2002 | 6 | Wingfeld, R.D. | Frost at Christmas | Okay |
| 1996 | 4 | Woods, Stuart | Imperfect Strangers | Okay |
| 2004 | 9 | Wright, Sally S. | Out of the Ruins | Okay |
| 2009 | 5 | Young, Scott | The Shaman's Knife | Okay |
| 2018 | 11 | Ziskin, James | Styx & Stones | Okay |
| 2008 | 2 | Walker, Robert W. | City of the Absent | Ok/Poor |
| 2016 | 10 | Ace, Cathy | The Corpse with the Silver Tongue | Poor |
| 2020 | 02 | Atkinson, Kate | Big Sky | Poor |
| 2016 | 05 | Belfoure, Charles | The House of Thieves | Poor |
| 2014 | 05 | Black, Benjamin (aka John Banville) | the Black-Eyed Blone | Poor |
| 1996 | 8 | Branon, Bill | Devil's Hole | Poor |
| 2008 | 12 | Brightwell, Emily | Mrs. Jeffries & the Feast of St. Stephen | Poor |
| 1999 | 9 | Brown, Molly | Invitation to a Funeral | Poor |
| 1996 | 3 | Campbell, Robert | Junkyard Dog | Poor |
| 2013 | 06 | Church, James | A Corpse in the Korgo | Poor |
| 2016 | 08 | Cleeland, Anne | Murder in Thrall | Poor |
| 2016 | 08 | Cleeves, Ann | A Bird in the Hand | Poor |
| 2010 | 8 | Copperman, E.J. | Night of the Living Deed | Poor |
| 2020 | 09 | Coyle, Matt | Lost Tomorrows | Poor |
| 2004 | 2 | DeCure, John | Reef Dance | Poor |
| 1998 | 12 | DeLoach, Nora | Mama Stalks the Past | Poor |

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| 2010 | 6 | Dexter, Colin | Last Seen Wearing | Poor |
| 1999 | 2 | Dunbar, Tony | Shelter from the Storm | Poor |
| 2010 | 12 | Edwardson, Ake | The Shadow Woman | Poor |
| 1996 | 8 | Elm, Joanna | Scnadal | Poor |
| 2018 | 8 | Flanders, Judith | A Bed of Scorpions | Poor |
| 2008 | 8 | Fossum, Karin | When the Devil Knows You're Dead | Poor |
| 2006 | 2 | Hall, James W. | Forests of the Night | Poor |
| 2009 | 1 | Hambly, Barbara | Die Upon a Kiss | Poor |
| 1998 | 9 | Heck, Peter J. | Death on the Mississippi | Poor |
| 2000 | 1 | James, Bill | Roses, Roses | Poor |
| 1995 | 8 | Knight, J.D. | Zero Tolerance | Poor |
| 2016 | 02 | Little, Elizabeth | Dear Daughter | Poor |
| 1999 | 10 | Mahoney, Dan | Once In, Never Out | Poor |
| 1997 | 9 | Maracotta, Lindsay | Dead Hollywood Mom's Society | Poor |
| 2002 | 7 | Martel, John | Conflicts of Interest | Poor |
| 1997 | 11 | Massey, Sujata | The Salaryman's Wife | Poor |
| 2007 | 2 | McGarrity, Michael | Nothing But Trouble | Poor |
| 2004 | 8 | McMillan, Ann | Chickahominy Fever | Poor |
| 2016 | 12 | Morrell, David | Murder as a Fine Art | Poor |
| 2020 | 11 | O'Connell, Carol | Judas | Poor |
| 1997 | 8 | Outland, Orland | Death Wore a Smart Little Outfit | Poor |
| 1998 | 12 | Pears, Ian | The Raphael Affair | Poor |
| 2007 | 9 | Piccirilli, Tom | The Midnight Road | Poor |
| 1998 | 6 | Roe, Caroline | Remedy for Treason | Poor |
| 1997 | 2 | Smith, Sarah | Vanished Child | Poor |
| 2007 | 3 | Sprinkle, Patricia | Death on the Family Tree | Poor |
| 2007 | 12 | Stiefel, Vicki | The Bone Man | Poor |
| 1997 | 9 | Thorton, Betsy | The Cowboy Rides Away | Poor |
| 1997 | 10 | Wilham, Kate | For the Defense | Poor |
| 1997 | 6 | Woodworth, Deborah | Death of a Winter Shaker | Poor |
| 2002 | 5 | Abel, Kenneth | Cold Steel Rain | NR |
| 2016 | 06 | Atkinson, Kate | A God In Ruins | NR |
| 1995 | 5 | Babula, William | St. John's Beastiary | NR |
| 2009 | 3 | Barron, Stephanie | A Flaw in the Blood | NR |
| 2002 | 10 | Bernhardt, William (Devised by) | Natural Suspect | NR |
| 2002 | 7 | Clement, Peter | Mutant | NR |
| 2003 | 8 | Constantine, K.C. | Family Values | NR |
| 2001 | 10 | Eddy, Paul | Flint | NR |
| 2019 | 05 | Ellis, Joy | Beware of the Past | NR |
| 2002 | 9 | French, Nicci | The Red Room | NR |
| 1995 | 12 | Fyfeld, Francis | Perfectly Pure and Good | NR |
| 2008 | 12 | Gardiner, Meg | China Lake | NR |
| 2001 | 10 | Goldring, Kat | All Signs Point to Murder | NR |
| 2001 | 6 | Hiaasen, Carl | Sick Puppy | NR |
| 2020 | 03 | Hill, Susan | The Various Haunts of Men | NR |
| 1994 | 11 | Jance, J.A. | Hour of the Hunter | NR |
| 2001 | 7 | Johansen, Iris | The Search | NR |
| 2011 | 8 | Keating, H.R.F. | A Perfect Murder | NR |
| 1998 | 7 | Kennett, Shirley | Fire Cracker | NR |
| 2006 | 4 | Kerley, Jack | The Hundredth Man | NR |
| 2006 | 6 | Kingdom, Will | The Cold Calling | NR |
| 2001 | 2 | Kleinholz, Lisa | Dancing with Mr. D | NR |
| 2000 | 7 | Knief, Charles | Emerald Flash | NR |
| 2005 | 6 | Linsley, Clyde | Die Like a Hero | NR |
| 2004 | 11 | McKinty, Adrian | Dead I Well May Be | NR |
| 2003 | 11 | McMahon, Neil | Blood Double | NR |
| 2004 | 11 | Minichino, Camille | The Boric Acid Murder | NR |
| 2000 | 8 | Olden, Mark | The Ghost | NR |

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| 1994 | 3 | Page, Jack | Stolen Gods | NR |
| 2002 | 9 | Parry, Owen | Call Each River Jordan | NR |
| 2005 | 12 | Patterson, James | Along Came a Spider | NR |
| 2001 | 5 | Pelecanos, George P. | Shame the Devil | NR |
| 2002 | 2 | Philipin, John | The Murder Channel | NR |
| 2004 | 8 | Pronzini, Bill | Masques | NR |
| 2003 | 3 | Redfern, Elizabeth | The Music of the Spheres | NR |
| 1998 | 9 | Reed, Philip | Bird Dog | NR |
| 2000 | 8 | Reinhart, Mary Roberts | Haunted Lady | NR |
| 2003 | 4 | Riggs, Cynthia | Deadly Nightshade | NR |
| 2004 | 6 | Riordan, Rick | Cold Springs | NR |
| 2006 | 12 | Speart, Jessica | Unsafe Harbor | NR |
| 1994 | 4 | Tartt, Donna | Secret History | NR |
| 2002 | 3 | Witten, Matt | The Killing Bee | NR |
| 2010 | 3 | Burcell, Robin | The Bone Chamber | DNF |
| 2012 | 10 | Cooper, Glenn | The Library of the Dead | DNF |
| 1995 | 11 | Dreyer, Eileen | Bad Medicine | DNF |
| 2016 | 04 | Elias, Gerald | The Devil's Trill | DNF |
| 2000 | 5 | Graham, Mark | The Black Maria | DNF |
| 1999 | 7 | Isenberg, Jane | The "M" Word | DNF |
| 2000 | 4 | Kanar, Stephen | The "J" Factor | DNF |
| 2000 | 6 | Kanar, Stephen (re-do) | The "J" Factor | DNF |
| 2007 | 2 | Kellerman, Jesse | Sunstroke | DNF |
| 2017 | 1 | McFetridge, John | Black Rock | DNF |
| 2006 | 9 | Pearl, Matthew | The Dante Club | DNF |
| 2015 | 07 | Perez-Reverte, Arturo | The Club Dumas | DNF |
| 2000 | 1 | Peverman, E.C. | On the Edge | DNF |
| 1996 | 11 | Piesman, Marissa | Alternate Sides | DNF |
| 2002 | 12 | Reah, Danuta | Listen to the Shadows | DNF |
| 2012 | 11 | Rosenfelt, David | On Borrowed Time | DNF |
| 2013 | 02 | Shepherd, Lloyd | The English Monster | DNF |
| 2013 | 10 | Shields, Kieran | The Truth of All Things | DNF |
| 1998 | 8 | Apostolou, Anna | A Murder in Macedon | Not Judged |
| 2002 | 1 | Cruz-Smith, Martin | Rose | Not Judged |
| 2017 | 12 | de Giovanni, Maurizio | Viper | Not Judged |
| 2014 | 04 | Emerson, Kathy Lynn | Face Down Beside St. Anne's Well | Not Judged |
| 2002 | 7 | Freeman, Mary | Garden View | Not Judged |
| 1998 | 11 | Garcia-Aguilera, Carolina | Bloody Water | Not Judged |
| 2014 | 02 | Grecian, Alex | The Yarn | Not Judged |
| 1997 | 2 | Kaminsky, Stuart M. | A Bullett for a Star | Not Judged |
| 2017 | 1 | Rees, Matt | The Demascus Threat | Not Judged |
| 2014 | 04 | Sandford, John | Rules of Prey | Not Judged |
| 2001 | 12 | Wald, Noreen | Remembrance of Murders Past | Not Judged |
| 2000 | 7 | Wilson, John Morgan | Justice at Risk | Not Judged |

***Ratings Key**

EX – A top read; lacked any noticeable flaws.

VG+ – Close to excellent with only one or two small quibbles.

VG – Enthused about it; very well done for its genre.

G+ – Enjoyed it very much.

G/Good – Enjoyed the book.

Okay – Enjoyed it but with significant reservations. Only okay.

Poor – Wasn't awful, but wasn't good either. Finished it with difficulty.

NR – Did not work for me. Would not recommend this book to others.

DNF – Awful. Read more than 50 pages but did not finish.

DNS – So badly done it did not even survive the 50-page test.