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**LIBRARY JOURNAL ANNOUNCES ITS
TOP TEN BEST BOOKS OF 2011**

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New York, NY, November 17, 2011—*Library Journal* announced its annual Top Ten Best Books list. Chosen by a consensus vote of eight Book Review editors, the list represents outstanding titles in fiction and nonfiction that span subjects as widely disparate as bigamy, politically charged fashion, Balkan magical realism, and pre-Civil War history. “Because so much is being published and in so many formats, lists have become even more important reading tools,” said Heather McCormack, Book Review Editor of *Library Journal*. “We’re proud of our Top Ten because we think it showcases both blockbuster works and quieter contenders that merit more attention. No matter their topics, these books share an irresistible point of view.”

The following titles made up the 2011 Top Ten list:

Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty by Andrew Bolton and others (text) & Sølve Sundsbø (photogs.) (Metropolitan Museum of Art, dist. by Yale Univ.)

Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That Sparked the Civil War by Tony Horwitz (Holt)

Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones (Algonquin)

1Q84 by Haruki Murakami (Knopf)

The Tiger’s Wife by Téa Obreht (Random)

The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka (Knopf)

The Tragedy of Arthur by Arthur Phillips (Random)

The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined by Steven Pinker (Viking)

Tides of War by Stella Tillyard (Holt)

The Empty Family: Stories by Colm Tóibín (Scribner)

The Top Ten is complemented by 19 contenders dubbed “More of the Best.” Also announced today is Best Genre Fiction 2011, which includes standouts in Christian fiction, historical fiction, mystery, romance, sf/fantasy, street lit, thrillers, and women’s fiction. View all three lists with commentary and annotations by visiting Library Journal’s [new Reviews site](#). On December 1, *LJ* will publish the lists for Best Core Nonfiction, Best How-To, Best Graphic Novels, and Best YA Lit for Adults. Best Media-encompassing audiobooks, DVDs, video games, and music-will follow on December 15. More than 200 books will be highlighted in total.

“The breadth of these titles is sure to engage readers everywhere,” said McCormack.

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