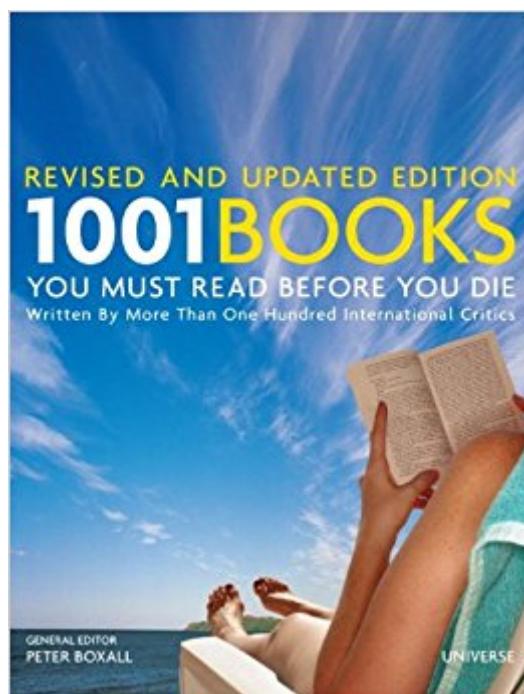


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This book is amaaaazing. If you're a fellow bibliophile, I would highly recommend this book. One great perk about it is that a lot of the books they describe in here can be found for free in the Kindle store! :D

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