

19. *Elric: The Fortress of the Pearl* by Michael Moorcock
20. *Elric: The Sleeping Sorceress* by Michael Moorcock
21. *Elric: The Revenge of the Rose* by Michael Moorcock
22. *Elric: The Sailor on the Seas of Fate* by Michael Moorcock
23. *Elric: Stormbringer!*
24. *Jhereg* by Stephen Brust
25. *Yendi* by Stephen Brust
26. *Butcher Bird* by Richard Kadrey
27. *Moderan* by David R. Bunch (New York Review Books Classics 2018 edition)
28. *The Freeze-Frame Revolution* by Peter Watts
29. *Daughter of Dreams* by Michael Moorcock
30. *The Wrecks of Time* by Michael Moorcock
31. *The Ice Schooner* by Michael Moorcock
32. *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood
33. *George's Marvelous Medicine* by Roald Dahl
34. *The Bloody Chamber* by Angela Carter

That's 34 books. I actually did a little better, in terms of the number of books completed, than I did in 2017. In 2017 I only finished 26 books, although I also read every issue of *The New Yorker* magazine.

A few of the books in the list above jump out at me for being particularly memorable. These are:

- *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson
- *Divine Invasions: A Life of Philip K. Dick* by Lawrence Sutin
- *The Wonderful O* by James Thurber
- *Unspeakeable* by Chris Hedges with David Talbot
- *Down and Out in Paris and London* by George Orwell
- *Icehenge* by Kim Stanley Robinson
- *Moderan* by David R. Bunch (New York Review Books Classics 2018 edition)
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I'm not going to re-hash my detailed criticism of Moorcock's Elric stories here, except to say that I wouldn't recommend reading all those Elric volumes; see my numerous long comments on the Elric stories in blog posts from 2018.

Another thing that jumps out is that I didn't **finish** a whole lot of non-fiction books this year, although I started reading many more, or dipped into certain chapters, often to discuss them on the podcast. That's some information for me, although I'm honestly not sure if it tells me more about myself, or about the books I chose to read.

The best movie I saw in 2018 were:

- *Sylvio* (2017 film)
- *Paddington 2* (2017 film)
- *Iron Man* (2008 film)

And... that's about it, unfortunately. I didn't see a lot of movies in 2018, so there wasn't a large field to choose from. Of these, I have to give the nod to *Sylvio*, for its wonderful surreal silliness presented on a shoestring budget.

As for television shows, well — I'm not going to try to rate a big pile of both old and new *Doctor Who* shows, especially when I have a number of fan edits mixed in there. I'll just mention my frustrating with *Doctor Who* Series 11, and point out that the best episode of Series 11 was actually the not broadcast in 2018, and strictly speaking wasn't part of the regular series. It was the New Year's Day special, "Resolution."

Speaking of resolutions, I have a few. I want to get into an exercise regimen on the treadmill. I want to finish more non-fiction. I want to get engaged in a new writing project, and get the podcast rebooted, at least in some form, for a new season.

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