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# BARC

Boyce Ditto  
Adult Reading  
Challenge



Summer Learning Program  
May 30 - July 31

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Join Anytime!!!!!!





## What is BARC?

The Boyce Ditto Adult Reading Challenge (BARC) is a reading program designed to expand a reader's horizons. It is a challenge with a series of reading related tasks. Each task is assigned a point level and then it's up to you to decide which tasks you'll attempt (or if you want to try to finish them all) and then find the books that fit.



## BARC Rules



- ◆ BARC begins at **midnight** on **May 30**, 2020.
- ◆ BARC ends at **5:00 p.m.** on **July 24**, 2020.
- ◆ Top 2 point earners will win a prize. There will also be a drawing for more prizes. You may only win one prize.
- ◆ There will be a live prize party on Facebook on **Friday, July 31** at **11:00 a.m.**
- ◆ You may begin at any time during the challenge and anything you have read since the beginning date can be counted for tasks.
- ◆ Books started before midnight on **May 30** will not count for this challenge.
- ◆ For your completed tasks to be counted for prizes, they must be submitted by **5:00 p.m.** on **July 24**.
- ◆ Each task counts for points only **ONCE** and a book may be used only **ONE** time per challenge.
- ◆ Re-reads, audiobooks, and e-books all count (unless otherwise stated in the task).
- ◆ **ALL** books must be **100** pages or over.
- ◆ "Coffee table" books, art books, photography books, etc. are not allowed. Books must have more **words** than pictures on the pages to count for this challenge (unless otherwise stated in the task). (Graphic novels are okay for 5, 10, and 15 point tasks.)
- ◆ Tasks may be completed in any order.
- ◆ You must complete each part of a task for it to count.

100 points — 3 extra entries

2000+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			
f			
g			
h			
i			

Mark a line through the two letters that you do not use.



Good job humans!

50 points — 1 extra entry

1300+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
a			
b			
c			
d			



## How to Report Completed Tasks

Keep track of the books you read for each task in the back of this booklet. You must turn this booklet in at the end of the challenge. The deadline is **July 24** at **5:00 p.m.**

Fill out a BARC Prize Entry Form for each book of a completed task. Fill out more forms for any extra entries you get over the number of books in a task. Cut the forms out of the paper you are given and put them in the book drop to go into the drawing. We recommend that you use an envelope for this. One envelope is included in your packet.

60 points — 2 extra entries

1400+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
a			
b			
c			
d			

80 points — 3 extra entries

1600+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			



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## 5 points

# BARC Task List



For each 5 point task you must read a book that is 100 pages or more. You get 1 entry for each task.

1. Read a **humorous** book. Any book that makes you **laugh** will count.
2. **Read** a **book with** a **color** in the **title**.
3. **Summer Sunshine**—Read a book with a **cover** that is mostly **yellow**. (50% yellow)
4. **Author Shares Your Name** - Read a book by an **author** that has the same **first** or **last** name as you. Must be spelled exactly the same.
5. **Free Read** - Read any book you want to read.



## 10 points

For each 10 point task you must read a book that is 200 pages or more. You get 1 entry for each task.

1. Read a book with a **day of the week** or the words **night** or **day** in the **title**.
2. Read a book whose total **page count** includes digits from the first 10 digits of pi (**3.141592653**). The digits can only be repeated as many times as they are repeated in the first ten digits of pi (i.e. you can read a book with 411 pages but not 441 pages). State the number of pages in your book on your entry form.
3. **Alliteration** - Read a book that has a title that has **at least 2** words that start with the **same** letter. Words must be **4** letters or longer.
4. Read a **book** that has a **book** on the cover.
5. Read a book that has the word **family** in the title or any word that means a **type of family member**. (daughter, son, aunt, uncle, mother, father, sister, brother, etc.)

## 30 points (continued)

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
4b			
4c			
5a			
5b			
5c			

## 40 points — 1 extra entry per task

900+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
1a			
1b			
1c			
2a			
2b			
2c			
3a			
3b			
3c			
4a			
4b			
4c			
5a			
5b			
5c			

20 points

500+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
1a			
1b			
2a			
2b			
3a			
3b			
4a			
4b			
5a			
5b			

15 points

For each 15 point task you must read two books that total more than 300 pages. You get 2 entries for each task.

1. Read two books that you have been **wanting** to read, but got **LOST** in the shuffle.
2. **Follow the Leader** - Read two books with the **same** title but **different** authors.
3. **Copy Cats** - Read two books written by two **different** authors that share either a **first or last** name. The names must be spelled exactly the same.
4. **Opposites Attract** - Read two books that are **opposites** on the **cover**. Examples: Dog/Cat, Black/White, Male/Female
5. **Fresh as a Daisy** - Read a book with an author that is **new** to you and a book that was published in **2020**.



30 points

700+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
1a			
1b			
1c			
2a			
2b			
2c			
3a			
3b			
3c			
4a			

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**helpful  
hint**



## 20 points

For each 20 point task you must read two books that total more than 500 pages. You get 2 entries for each task.

1. **Local Yokels** - Read two books, one **set** in Texas and one by a Texas **author**.
2. **The Best of Us** - Read 2 books, one by an author whose initials can be found in **MINERAL WELLS** and one whose initials can be found in **BOYCE DITTO**.
3. Read two books, one with a **flower** on the cover and one with the name of a **flower** in the title.
4. **Thinking Outside the Box** - Read two books, one written in a style other than **prose** (letters, emails, texts, verse) and one that has **maps** and/or other **graphics** included in it (a graphic novel is okay for this).
5. Read two books that are related to **law enforcement** or the **military** in any way.

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## 5 points

100+ pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

## 10 points

200+ pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

## 15 points

300+ total pages

	Title	Author(s)	Pages
1a			
1b			
2a			
2b			
3a			
3b			
4a			
4b			
5a			
5b			



### 100 points

For this task you must read 7 books that total more than 2000 pages. You get 10 entries for this task (3 extra).

**Food Lover's Delight**—Choose 7 of the following 9 tasks:

- Appetizers** — read a book with **food** on the **cover**.
- Salads** — read a book with the word **SALAD** found in the **title**, the letters in no particular order.
- Vegetables** — read a book that you can use the letters in the title to spell a **vegetable** name. (spinach, peas, cucumber)
- Fruits** — read a book written by an author whose **initials** can be found in the word **STRAWBERRY**.
- Main Course** — read a book with a **food** in the **title**. (roast, nuts, pie, taco, sugar)
- Drinks (coffee & tea)** — read a book written by **two** authors.
- Snacks** — read a book with the word **POPCORN** found in the **title**, the letters in no particular order.
- Nuts (pistachios)** — read a book with a **green cover** (more than 50% **green**).
- Desserts** — read a book written by an author whose **initials** can be found in the word **DESSERT**.



### 30 points

For each 25 point task you must read three books that total more than 700 pages. You get 3 entries for each task.

- Past, Present, Future** - Read 3 books, one set in the **past**, one in the **present** and one in the **future**.
  - Past = before 2018 (published before 2018 and meant to be present time or obviously about an earlier time period)
  - Present = 2018-2020 (published in these three years and meant to be in present time)
  - Future = after 2020 (meant to be set in our future, i.e. the book 1984 by George Orwell won't work because 1984 is not our future time)
- MG/YA/NA (love those acronyms)**—Read 3 books. One classified as **Middle Grade**, one classified as **Young Adult** and one classified as the new genre **New Adult**. The main character's age should be in the following age ranges:
  - Middle Grade = 10-14
  - Young Adult = 15-18
  - New Adult = 19-25
- Find your name in the title**—Read one book with the letters of **YOUR NAME** in the title. Read one book with the letters from **MINERAL** or **WELLS** in the title. Read one book with the letters from **BOYCE** or **DITTO** in the title. Letters in no particular order.
- Thru the Centuries** - Read 3 books. One book published in each **century**.
  - 1800s
  - 1900s
  - 2000s
- Summertime** - Read 3 books. Fiction or non-fiction will work. **COVID-19** and **Self-quarantining** are interfering with most people's summer plans. **Dumb virus!**
  - Read a book where the **main** character goes on **vacation**.
  - Read a book that has the word **VIRUS** in the **title**. Letters in no particular order.
  - Read a book by an **author** whose initials can be found in the word **QUARANTINE**.



## 40 points

For each 40 point task you must read three books that total more than 900 pages. You get 4 entries for each task (1 extra).

- Nouns Are People Too**—The most basic definitions state that a **noun** is a Person, Place or Thing. Read 3 books:
  - one with the name of a **person** in the title (Proper Nouns Only).  
Alice, Bill, Jane, Howard, Mr. Smith
  - one with the name of a **place** in the title (Proper Nouns Only).  
Las Vegas, California, Blossom Street, New Zealand
  - one with a **thing/object** in the title. tree, key, car, book, pen

- 1,2,3 Ready, Set, Go**  
Read three consecutive books in a **series** or read a **trilogy**.

- 1,2,3 Count Your Titles**  
Read three books — three word title, four word title and five word title.

- 1,2,3 Use Your Initials**  
Read 3 books that have **titles** that start with the **initials in your name** (first, middle, last). For example : My initials are LJB so I could read Like a Charm, Julie & Julia, Because I Am Furniture.

- Random Titles**  
Read 3 books.
  - Read a book with a 1 word title
  - Read a book with a 12 word title.
  - Read a book with a number in the title.



## 50 points

For this task you must read 4 books that total more than 1300 pages. You get 5 entries for this task (1 extra).

**ABCs**—Read four books with **titles** that start with **consecutive** letters of the **alphabet**. Example: Jason, Kiss the Dead, Lover Mine, Midnight Crossroad



## 60 points

For this task you must read 4 books that total more than 1400 pages. You get 6 entries for this task (2 extra).

**ABCs**—Read four books that were written by authors whose **last names** start with **consecutive** letters of the **alphabet**. Example: Janet Evanovich, Jeaniene Frost, Sue Grafton, Laurell K. Hamilton.



## 80 points

For this task you must read 5 books that total more than 1600 pages. You get 8 entries for this task (3 extra).

### Discover the Equation for Good Books

- Counting** - Count the number of letters in your First name. Read a book that was published in a year that contains that number. Ex. Lori has 4 letters, so I could read a book published in 2014.
- Addition** - Add up the number of letters found in your **First** and **Last** names then read a book written by an author whose name contains the same number of letters. Ex. For me that would be 13 letters so I could read a book written by Elizabeth Berg.
- Subtraction** - Count the number of letters found in your **Middle** name and subtract that number from the number of letters in your **First** and **Last** names and read a book with that many **words** in the title. Ex. I take my 13 letters from #B above and subtract my middle name, which has 4 letters. That leaves me with 9, so I have to read a book with 9 words in the title such as The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime.
- Multiplication** - Multiply your **age** by the number of letters in your whole name (**First, Middle, Last**). Read a book that has 2 of those numbers in the total **page** count. Ex.  $53 \times 17 = 901$  (291, 409)
- Division** - Take the number from #D and divide it by the last two digits of the **year** you were born. **Round** that number to the nearest whole number and then read a book that is that number in a **series**. (If you end up with a number that has double digits, add those numbers together until you have a single digit number, 1-9)  
 $901/67$  rounds up to 13.  $1 + 3 = 4$ . Therefore I would need to read a book that is 4th in a series.