



Top 10 Best-selling Books In History



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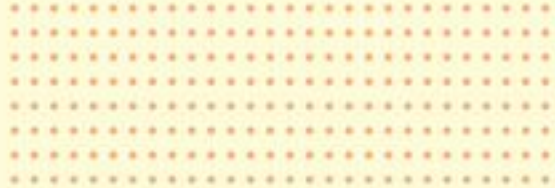
INTRODUCTION

Books are historically the most significant and widely used source of information, entertainment and education. Even now, in the era of internet and television, books remain popular with many millions of buyers weekly. The following ranking of top 10 best-selling books is updated in 2020.





1st place



Title: The Bible

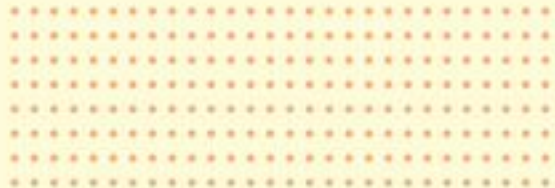
Author: Several

Sold: 5 billion copies sold

- **Genre** – Religious
- **Year of original release** – 1st century AD
- **Original Language** – Hebrew / Aramaic



2nd place



Title: Quotations from Chairman Mao
Tse-Tung

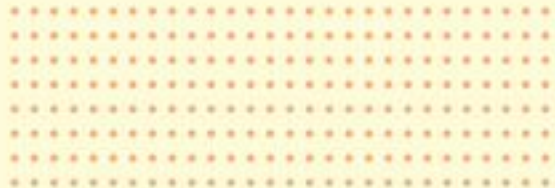
Author: Mao Zedong

Sold: 1.1 billion copies sold

- **Genre – Political**
- **Year of original release – 1964**
- **Original Language – Chinese**



3rd place



Title: The Quran

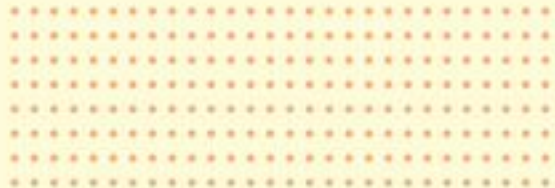
Author: Several Authors

Sold: 800 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Religious
- **Year of original release** – 7th century AD
- **Original Language** – Arabic



4th place



Title: The Lord of the Rings

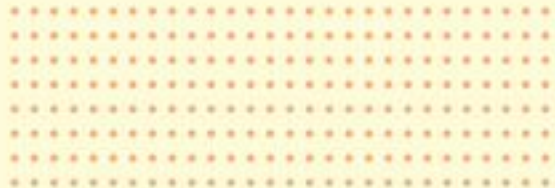
Author: John Tolkin

Sold: 155 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Fantasy
- **Year of original release** – 1954
- **Original Language** – English



5th place



Title: The Little Prince

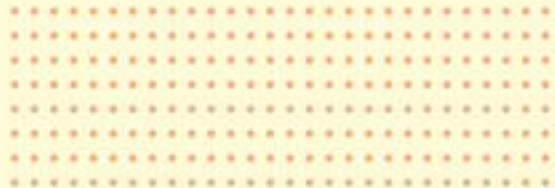
Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Sold: 140 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Children's Novel
- **Year of original release** – 1943
- **Original Language** – French



6th place



Title: _____

Harry Potter and the
Philosopher's Stone

Author: _____

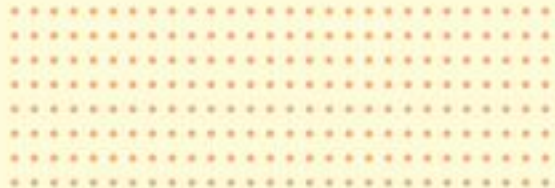
J.K. Rowling

Sold: 125 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Fantasy
- **Year of original release** – 1997
- **Original Language** – English



7th place



Title: Scouting for Boys

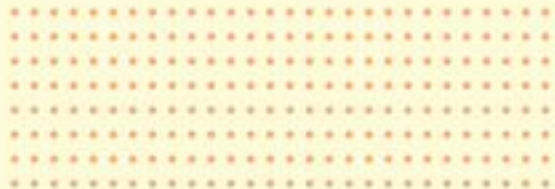
Author: Robert Baden-Powell

Sold: 120 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Manual/Instructional
- **Year of original release** – 1908
- **Original Language** – English



8th place



Title: And Then There Were None

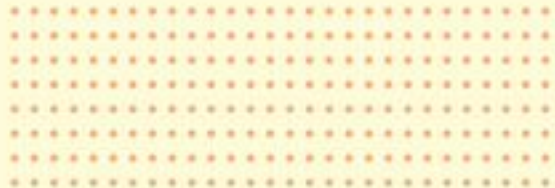
Author: Agatha Christie

Sold: 115 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Mystery / Crime
- **Year of original release** – 1939
- **Original Language** – English



9th place



Title: The Hobit

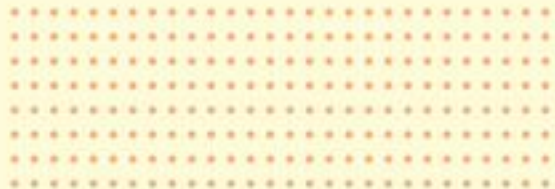
Author: John Tolkein

Sold: 110 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Fantasy
- **Year of original release** – 1937
- **Original Language** – English



10th place



Title: The Dream of the Red Chamber

Author: Cao Xueqin

Sold: 105 million copies sold

- **Genre** – Novel
- **Year of original release** – 1792
- **Original Language** – Chinese



Conclusion

These top 10 best-selling books of all time are ranked by copies sold. All types of books are included in the list. Popular books oftentimes get published as films, plays, and audiobooks. These versions are not included in this ranking of best-selling books.



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