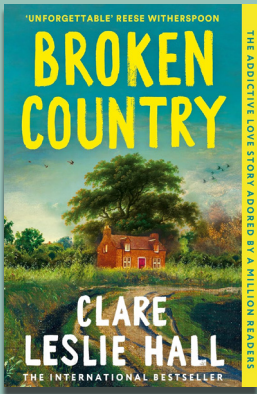


# National Year of Reading 2026

## May Book Recommendations

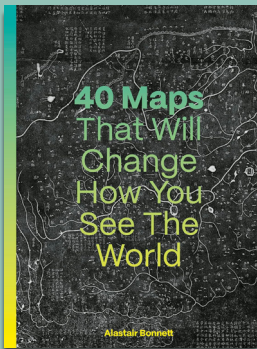
### Adults



#### **Broken Country** by Clare Leslie Hall

Fiction

Everyone in the village said nothing good would come of Gabriel's return. As Beth looks at the man she loves on trial for murder, she can't help thinking they were right. Beth was seventeen when she first met Gabriel. When they meet again decades later their connection is instant and Beth's certainty about who she is and what she wants starts to crumble.



#### **40 Maps That Will Change the World** by Alistair Bonnett

Non-fiction

Maps have always held the power to transport us, not just from one place to another, but from one state of mind to another. Beyond their utilitarian function, maps have an extraordinary ability to tell stories, reveal truths and inspire revolutions. Whether you're an armchair traveller, a seasoned explorer, a student of geopolitics or an art aficionado, this book will challenge your preconceptions, spark lively discussions and deepen your appreciation for the interconnectedness of our world.