

City vs Country

Big Metropolis or big green space? Culture or Nature? We've selected our favourite books about urban society and rural life. We hope you enjoy them.

1. [*The Lonely Londoners*](#) by Samuel Selvon
2. [*The Lonely City: Adventures in the Art of Being Alone*](#) by Olivia Laing
3. [*Tuesday Nights in 1980*](#) by Molly Prentiss
4. [*Welcome to Lagos*](#) by Chibundu Onuzo
5. [*Capital: The Eruption of Delhi*](#) by Rana Dasgupta
6. [*Dubliners*](#) by James Joyce
7. [*The White Tiger*](#) by Aravind Adiga
8. [*Cold Comfort Farm*](#) by Stella Gibbons
9. [*Being a Beast*](#) by Charles Foster
10. [*A Very Distant Shore*](#) by Jenny Colgan
11. [*All the Birds, Singing*](#) by Evie Wyld
12. [*Southeaster*](#) by Haroldo Conti
13. [*Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard*](#) by Kiran Desai
14. [*The Outrun*](#) by Amy Liptrot
15. [*A Place Called Winter*](#) by Patrick Gale
16. [*A Whole Life*](#) by Robert Seethaler (trans. by Charlotte Collins)
17. [*City on Fire*](#) by Garth Risk Hallberg
18. [*Elmet*](#) by Fiona Mozley
19. [*High-Rise*](#) by J. G. Ballard
20. [*Open City*](#) by Teju Cole
21. [*NW*](#) by Zadie Smith
22. [*The Sun Is Also a Star*](#) by Nicola Yoon
23. [*Clay*](#) by Melissa Harrison
24. [*At Hawthorn Time*](#) by Melissa Harrison
25. [*Falling Awake*](#) by Alice Oswald
26. [*Landskipping: Painters, Ploughmen and Places*](#) by Anna Pavord
27. [*The Running Hare: The Secret Life of Farmland*](#) by John Lewis-Stempel
28. [*A Fine Balance*](#) by Rohinton Mistry
29. [*Brick Lane*](#) by Monica Ali
30. [*My Absolute Darling*](#) by Gabriel Tallent

