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The Salone Library is a special project by which the Salone del Mobile.Milano is enriching its role as a cultural catalyst, a center of innovation and planning, as well as an interdisciplinary laboratory where creativity and business life meet. At the 2025 edition, the collection welcomes literary suggestions for the second year and is enriched with 100 new titles. All the titles have been recommended by designers, curators, architects, scholars – the protagonists of the **Cultural Programme of the Salone 2025** – who, by sharing their readings, reveal which works have been their inspiration in their personal and professional journey.

The books collected this year fall into four thematic categories: **Light, Architecture and Perception of Space, Culture, Ecology and Anthropology of the Contemporary, Art and Narrations of Human Experience and Science and Philosophy and Innovation of Thought**. A subdivision that worked rather like a game, putting artificial intelligence to the test in recognising affinities and common trajectories between the books.

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Novels, poetry, autobiographies and artists' books that narrate the human experience in all its nuances. Words and images that reveal the way we are: emotions, memories, insights, fragility. In this section literature meets art to explore the identity, the time, the beauty and the deepest meaning of the human experience.



Title	Author	Published in	Publisher	Suggested by
A Day at elBulli	Albert Adrià, Ferran Adrià, Juli Soler	2010	Phaidon	Rogier van der Heide
All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	2015	HarperCollins Publishers	Lesley Lokko
An Atlas of Es Devlin: Suspension of Disbelief	Andrea Lipps, Es Devlin	2023	Thames & Hudson	Es Devlin
Blindness	Jose Saramago	2017	Vintage	Annalisa Rosso
Bruno Taut. Der Weltbaumeister	G. Domenico Salotti, Manfredo A. Manfredini	1998	Gebr. Mann Verlag	Carla Wilkins
Colpo di teatro	VV.AA Curated by Nicola Sofri	2023	Iperborea	Margherita Palli
Controcorrente	Joris-Karl Huysmans	2025	Garzanti	Olimpia Zagnoli
Diving into the Wreck: Poems 1971-1972	Adrienne Rich	2013	W. W. Norton & Company	Es Devlin
Dizionario teatrale	Margherita Palli	2023	Quodlibet	Margherita Palli
Experience	Olaffur Eliasson	2022	Phaidon	Lonneke Gordijn, Annalisa Rosso
Eye and Brain: The Psychology of Seeing	Richard Gregory	2015	Princeton University Press	Shelley James
Filastrocche in cielo e in terra	Gianni Rodari	2020	Einaudi Ragazzi	Susanna Antico
Fondamenta degli incurabili	Iosif Brodskij	2024	Adelphi	Annalisa Rosso
Foucault's Pendulum	Umberto Eco	2001	Vintage	Bjarke Ingels
Francesca Woodman	Francesca Woodman	1998	Phaidon	Susanna Antico
Generation X	Douglas Coupland	2024	Accento	Bjarke Ingels
Genesis	Sebastião Salgado	2013	Taschen	Adrien de Lasseance
Gerd Rohling. Wasser und Wein	VV.AA Curated by Dieter Scholz	2003	G & H Verlag	Carla Wilkins
Gitanjali	Rabindranath Tagore	2021	Armando Editore	Urmila Chakraborty
Go Tell it on the Mountain	James Baldwin	2001	Penguin Books - Modern Classics	Es Devlin
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	2013	HarperCollins Publishers	A.J. Weissbard



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Grapefruit. A Book of Instructions and Drawings by Yoko Ono	Yoko Ono	2000	Simon & Schuster	Olimpia Zagnoli
Hanging by a thread	Isabelle D	2024	Gallery Nosco	Lonneke Gordijn
Histoire(s) du cinéma	Jean Luc Godard	2016	Editions Gallimard	Patrick Rimoux
Invisible Cities	Italo Calvino	2022	Vintage	Rogier van der Heide
Isamu Noguchi	Florence Ostende, Rita Kersting, Fabienne Eggelhöfer	2023	Prestel	Matilde Cassani
La camera chiara. Nota sulla fotografia	Roland Barthes	2016	Piccola Biblioteca Einaudi	Alessandro Valenti
La storia	Elsa Morante	2024	Einaudi	Susanna Antico
Le parti pris des choses	Francis Ponge	1980	Editions Gallimard	Patrick Rimoux
Milk and Honey	Rupi Kaur	2025	Simon & Schuster	Manuel Spitschan
Nella nebbia di Milano	Bruno Munari	2018	Corraini	Olimpia Zagnoli
Out of Darkness, Shining Light	Petina Gappah	2021	Faber & Faber	Lesley Lokko
Piccolo blu e piccolo giallo	Leo Lionni	2024	Babalibri	Olimpia Zagnoli
Siddharta	Hermann Hesse	2025	Adelphi	Urmila Chakraborty
Swarm	Lukas Felzmann	2011	Lars Müller Publishers	Lonneke Gordijn
Textiles of India	Helmut Neumann, Heidi Neumann	2020	Prestel	Cristina Kiran Piotti
The Creative Act: A Way of Being	Rick Rubin	2023	Penguin Press	Valeria Segovia
The Female Brain	Louann Brizendine	2007	Bentam	Valeria Segovia
The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy	2017	4th estate	Es Devlin
The Indian Textile Sourcebook: Patterns and Techniques	Avalon Fotheringham	2019	Thames & Hudson V&A	Cristina Kiran Piotti
The Inner Clock: Living in Sync with Our Circadian Rhythms	Lynne Peeples	2024	Penguin Putnam Inc.	Manuel Spitschan
The Invisible Hand	Adam Smith	2008	Penguin - Great Ideas	Rogier van der Heide



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The Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	2024	Printed by Amazon Italia	Valeria Segovia
The Order of Time	Carlo Rovelli	2019	Penguin Books - Science	Es Devlin
Tord Boontje	Martina Margetts	2006	Rizzoli	Lonneke Gordijn
Tradition And Beyond: Handcrafted Indian Textiles	Rta Kapur Chishti, Rahul Jain, curation Martand Singh	2011	Roli Books	Cristina Kiran Piotti
Viaggio in Italia	VV.AA Curated by Luigi Ghirri, Gianni Leone, Enzo Velati	2025	Quodlibet	Annalisa Rosso

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