

# WTBBL Recommended Reads: Books with a Flower in the Title

In honor of spring, here are a list of books with flowers in the title.

**A Court of Thorns and Roses [#1, A Court of Thorns and Roses]** by Sarah Maas, 2015. ([BR021862](#) and [DB081722](#))

Dragged to a treacherous magical land, young huntress Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, a High Lord of the faeries. As her feelings toward him transform from hostility to a fiery passion, the threats against the faerie lands grow. Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse or she will lose Tamlin and her new life forever.

**A Long Petal of the Sea/Largo étalo de mar** by Isabel Allende, 2020. (English [DB098363](#), Español [DB096541](#))

Roser Bruguera finds her life intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau as they both flee into France during the Spanish Civil War. Along with two thousand others, they board the SS Winnipeg, a ship chartered by the poet Pablo Neruda to take refugees to Chile. Translated from the original 2019 Spanish edition.

**An Appetite for Violets: A Novel** by Martine Bailey, 2014. ([DB084478](#))

Undercook Biddy Leigh's ambitions go no further than making the perfect dish and marrying her sweetheart – until the new mistress arrives. Lady Carinna takes Biddy with her on a tour through Europe, and secrets and conspiracies are unraveled.

**Black Dahlia, Red Rose** by Piu Marie Eatwell, 2017. ([DB091424](#))

The gruesome murder of hopeful starlet Elizabeth Short, in noir-tinged 1947 Los Angeles, has a permanent place in American lore as one of the most inscrutable of true-crime mysteries. Now, a relentless legal sleuth with unprecedented access to primary evidence explains how she cracked the case after seventy years.

**Flowers for Algernon** by Daniel Keyes, 1966 ([DB033245](#) and [BR018365](#))

Charlie Gordon keeps progress reports for the doctors who artificially increase his intelligence through surgery. Charlie quickly becomes a genius but the sudden death of Algernon, the lab mouse who preceded him in the experiment, bodes ill for Charlie's future.

**Lilies of the Field** by William E. Barrett, 1962. ([DB039392](#))

Homer Smith is a strong young African American who was brought up as a Baptist in South Carolina. Recently discharged from the army, Homer is taking one day at a time driving eastward cross-country and

stopping to do odd jobs. When he encounters four German refugee nuns erecting a fence so that they can farm a small plot of land, Homer becomes an answer to their prayers, especially when he stays around to build a church on the ruins of a burned-out farmhouse.

**Lily and the Octopus** by Steven Rowley, 2016.

([BR021611](#) and [DB085389](#))

Ted Flask is an aging writer whose best friend is a dachshund named Lily. They live a quiet, happy life together until Lily is stricken with a brain tumor that Ted thinks of as an octopus. Ted fights for Lily, confronting the monster trying to take his companion.

**Rose Water & Orange Blossoms: Fresh and Classic Recipes from my Lebanese Kitchen** by Maureen

Abood, 2015. ([DBC11112](#))

With an ingredient-focused approach that makes the most of every season's bounty, the author presents more than 100 recipes inspired by her childhood growing up as a Lebanese-American in Michigan.

**Rosewater [#1, Wormwood Trilogy]** by Tade

Thompson, 2018. ([DB092496](#))

A community forms around a mysterious alien biodome, and its residents are eager to glimpse what lies inside. Government agent Kaaro, on the other hand, has seen what waits inside the biodome and does not wish to ever again.

**The Name of the Rose** by Umberto Eco, 1983. ([DB019739](#))

A combination of religious heresy and a string of murders in a medieval Italian monastery brings Brother William onto the scene to rout out both the infidels and the perpetrator of the crimes. All of this revolves around secrets hidden in the abbey library, although what the mystery is remains elusive.

**The Violets of March** by Sarah Jio, 2011. ([DB087529](#))

Emily Wilson, a bestselling author facing divorce and writer's block, retreats to Bainbridge Island, Washington, to relax and seek inspiration. Finding a diary from 1943, Emily is drawn to the love story from the past and sees parallels with her own life.

**Tulipomania** by Mike Dash, 1999. ([DB051515](#))

A natural and economic history of the tulip, from its origins in Central Asia to its phenomenal popularity in 17th-century Europe. Examines the craze for tulip bulbs in the Netherlands in the 1630s – when a rare bulb fetched a higher price than a masterpiece by Rembrandt – and the repercussions when the market crashed.

**White Ivy: A Novel** by Susie Yang, 2020. ([DB101772](#))

Ivy Lin's grandmother taught her the art of stealing, but Ivy's mother sends her to her family's home in China when they are discovered. Returning to Boston years later, Ivy reconnects with the family of a school crush, and she works to ingratiate herself with them. But a ghost from the past threatens.