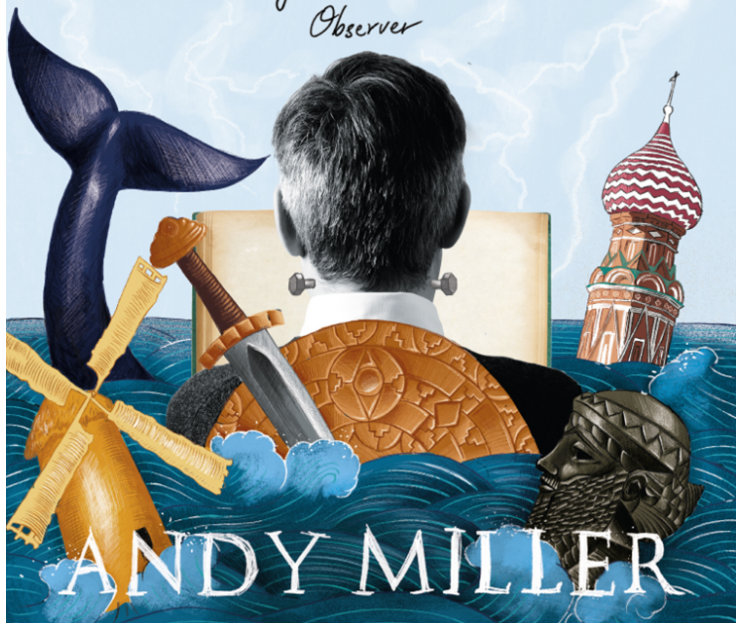


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'Like nothing else I have ever read'  
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**Andy Miller**  
**The Year of Reading**  
**Dangerously: How Fifty**  
**Great Books Saved My Life**

**Аннотация**

A funny, scrupulously honest account of one man's quest to reverse 20 years of lies and read the books he's always claimed to have read. 'I loved the writing and the characterisation, oh, and the plot – yeah, all really pithy. Really great': sound familiar? Andy Miller has been living a lie. But then again, who hasn't? How many books have you claimed to have read but never actually finished, or started, or even heard of? Books you've really wanted to read, or should have read, but never had the time, or the inclination? Tackling the canon single-handedly, Miller decides to rectify his twenty odd years of lies and silence his nagging guilt and become the literate man he's always claimed himself to be. *The Year of Reading Dangerously* is an inspired and witty tour of literature from all genres: classic, cult and Dan Brown. A comparative reading of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Moby Dick* somehow seems inevitable, the Charles Arrowby cookbook becomes a terrifying possibility and an explanation of the curious unreadability of *Catch-22* is attempted. We travel from the mires of inaccessibility, incomprehensibility, commodification and confusion

to moments of enlightened, ecstatic wonder. It becomes unavoidable to consider how we buy, borrow, steal and generally use and abuse books for our own complicated ends. Written with characteristic sharp and honest humour, *The Year of Reading Dangerously* is an affirmation of the pleasure of reading and a challenge to everyone who loves books but has forgotten how to read. Out of serious enquiries into commercialism, mediocrity and our literary prejudices emerges a very funny account of one man's attempt to read more dangerously.

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# Dedication

For Alex, love Dad

## **WARNING!**

‘I long to reach my home and see the day of my return. It is my never-failing wish.’

Homer, *The Odyssey*

‘What’s the point of going out? We’re just going to wind up back here anyway.’

Homer Simpson

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