



# **Pandemic Reading**

## **2020-2021**

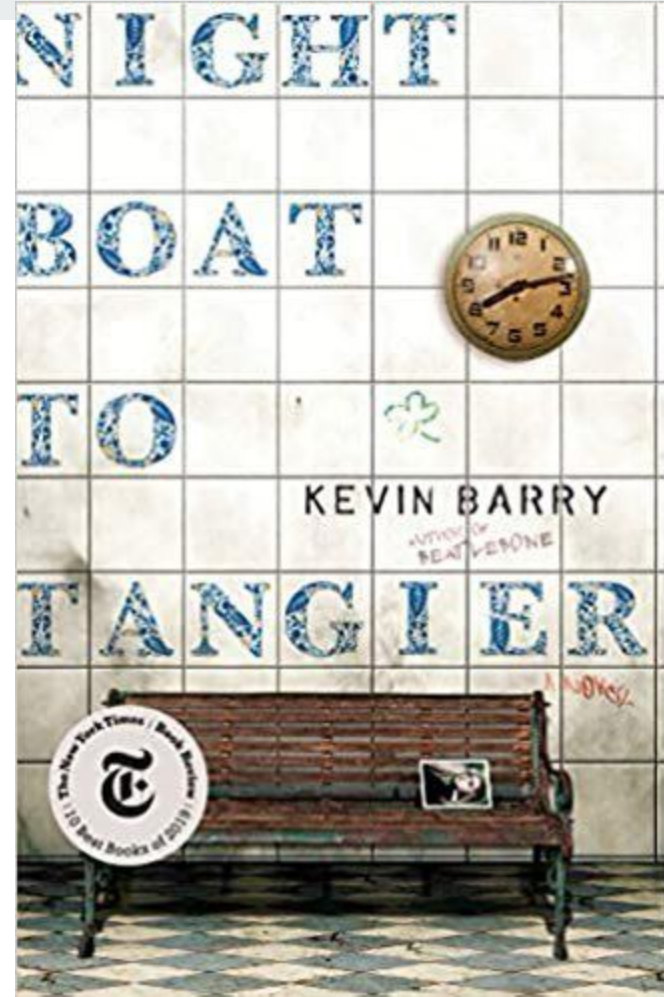
By Mr. Jackson

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**#1**

I had a tough time navigating this yarn from Kevin Barry. I was relieved to finish it. [#aphsreads](#)

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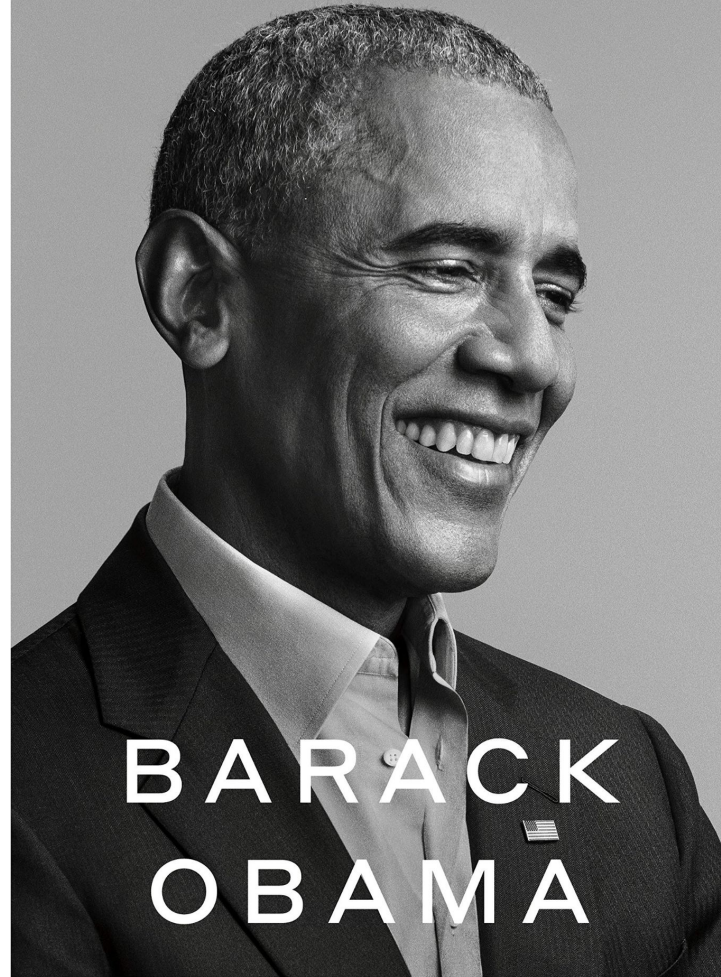


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## #2

I just finished this extraordinary glimpse into President Obama's early life and up to the mission against Osama Bin Laden. [@BarackObama](#) seems very forthright about both his triumphs and his errors. The book humanizes him in a way that interviews and podcasts cannot. [#aphsreads](#)

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# #3

[@MarkHarrisNYC](#) artfully and skillfully conveyed the personal and professional life of a man that impacted American culture greatly, often without us knowing it. Mike Nichols is portrayed in an honest yet inspired way. I want to rediscover his work now. [#aphsreads](#)

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# MIKE NICHOLS

*A Life*



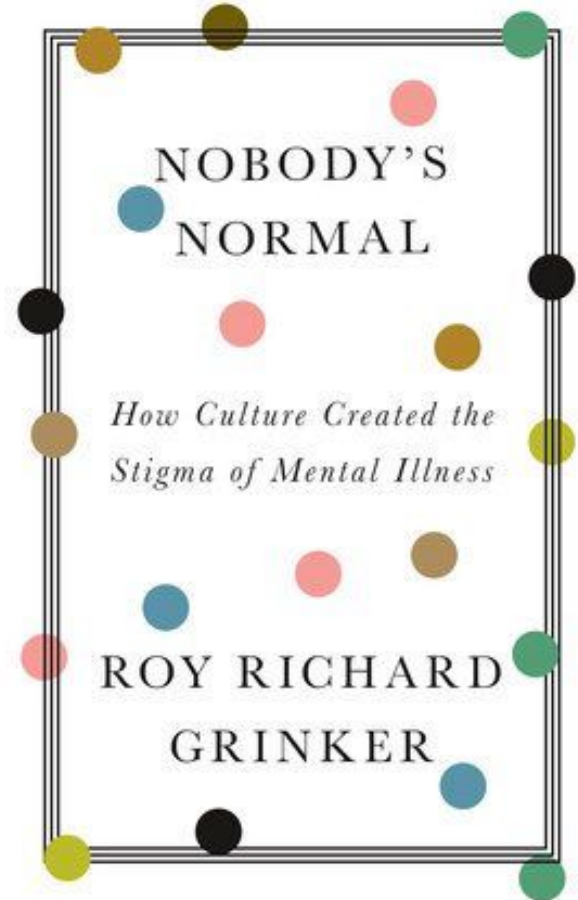
# MARK HARRIS

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## #4

[@roygrinker](#) created a remarkable book that is well-researched, but also includes some authentic and entertaining anecdotes regarding the stigma of mental illness. Grinker not only points out problems, but offers solutions as well. [#aphsreads](#)

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## #5

If you think that you know about life in Iran, you should definitely read this graphic novel.

[@Marji\\_Satrapi](#) captured her unique experiences coming of age in the '70s and '80's in an entertaining, yet informative way. [#aphsreads](#)

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## #6

I had a tough time finding this one at my local library, so I just gave it a listen. The bridge took around 10 years to finish, and cost many their lives. It laid the groundwork for suspension bridges all around the world, including the [#MightyMac](#) [#aphsreads](#)

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BY THE AUTHOR OF THE PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING *JOHN ADAMS*

# DAVID McCULLOUGH



## THE GREAT BRIDGE

*The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge*

*"The Great Bridge is a book so compelling and complete as to be a literary monument . . . McCullough has written that sort of work which brings us to the human center of the past." —Los Angeles Times*

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## #7

This collection of short stories was unintentionally good timing because St. Patrick's Day is coming up and the stories are set in Ireland. Tremendous variety here, but "Who's-Dead McCarthy" was especially entertaining and insightful. [#aphsreads](#)

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THAT OLD COUNTRY MUSIC



KEVIN BARRY

*author of*

NIGHT BOAT  
TO TANGIER



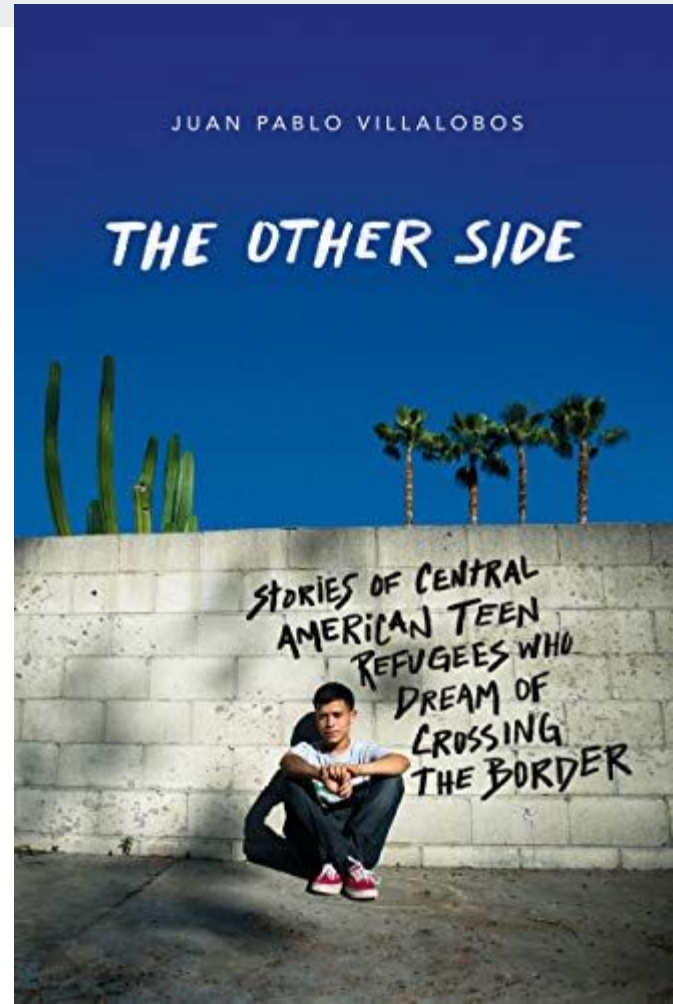


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## #8

I finished "The Other Side" this morning. It was relatively easy to read, and I think it would help students to understand the human side of immigration. I like how how the there were short chapters--perfect for personal reading time. [#aphsreads](#) [@VillalobosJPe](#)

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#9

[@JonHaidt](#) says “Beware of anyone who insists that there is one true morality for all...” and many other well-founded/researched ideas. Rarely have I read a book at a time that I’ve needed its content more. We need to listen to each other, judge less, and empathize.

[#aphsreads](#)

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# THE RIGHTEOUS MIND

WHY GOOD  
PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED  
BY POLITICS AND  
RELIGION



# JONATHAN HAIDT

“A landmark contribution to humanity’s understanding of itself.”  
—*The New York Times Book Review*

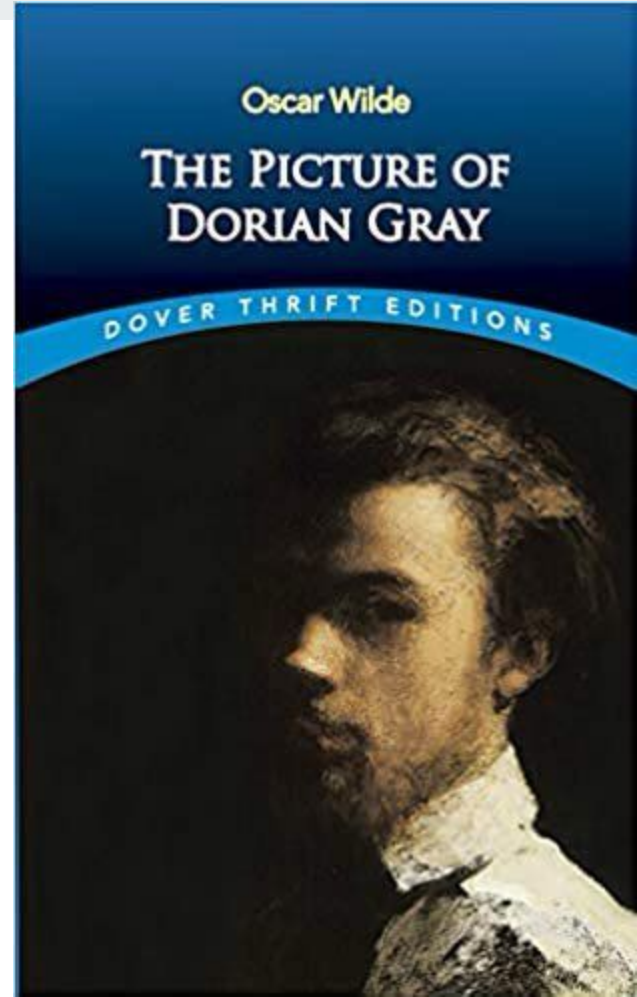
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## #10

I've always wanted to read this one, and I finally did!

[#oscarwilde](#) is a genius with the language and foreshadows [#Fitzgerald](#) and others. Dorian Gray's vanity is on full display in his barricaded room, and in his life choices, too. [#aphsreads](#)

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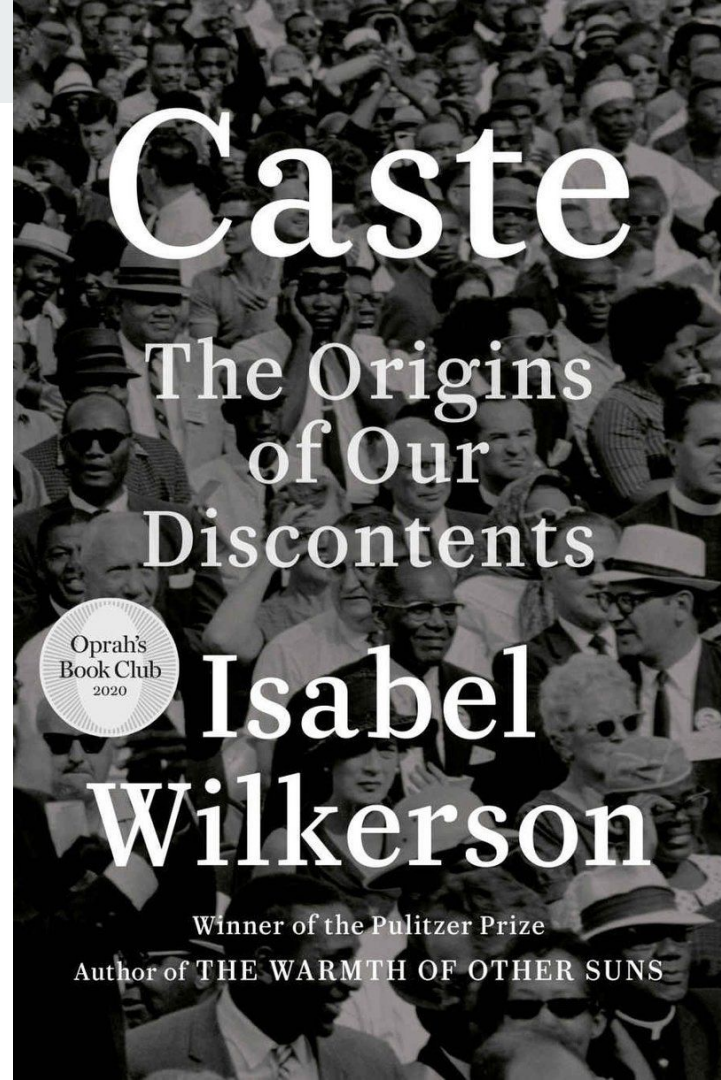


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## #11

This is an incredibly well-researched book that ties various mandated and/or traditional ranking systems in society together. [@Isabelwilkerson](#) even shares anecdotes from her own life to add immediacy and context. [#aphsreads](#)

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**#12**

[@lynnstrong](#) did a remarkable job displaying the thoughts and motivations of an underutilized English teacher trying to navigate her way through her challenging present and turbulent past. Living vicariously through her was a welcome escape for awhile. [#aphsreads](#)

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"Furious, aching and razor sharp, *Want* is a beautiful book."  
—Emma Cline, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girls*

# Want

A Novel

Lynn Steger Strong



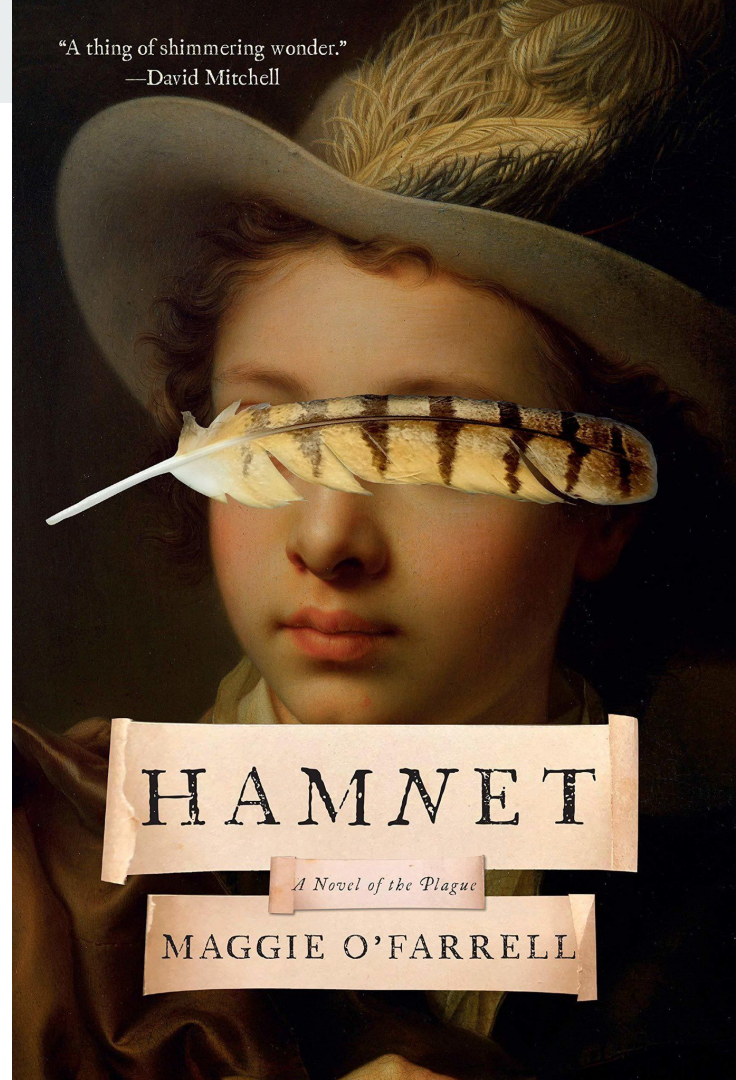
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# #13

[@maggieofarrell](#) created a character in Agnes who turned out to be much more dynamic than her husband, the Bard. She breathed life into many Elizabethan settings and extinguished it as swiftly as the owls around Stratford. Watching "Hamlet" will never be the same. [#aphsreads](#)

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"A thing of shimmering wonder."  
—David Mitchell



#14

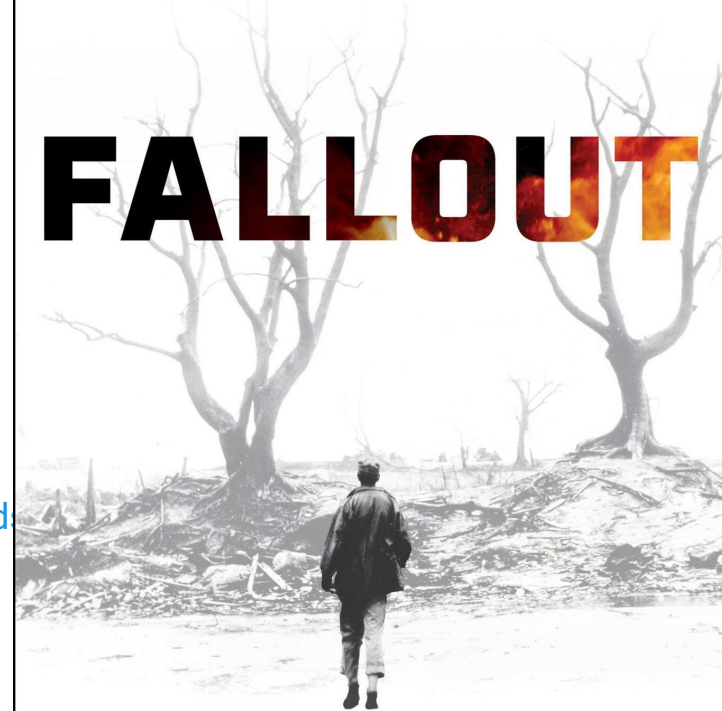
[@lesleymblume](#) filled in the gaps that John Hersey's groundbreaking book "Hiroshima" could not. Incredibly detailed and well-researched, "Fallout" is a cautionary tale for every generation and it shows that a healthy skepticism of elected officials is warranted. [#aphsread](#)

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"Fallout is gripping history. A big, important story; deeply researched and well told."  
—DAN RATHER

**The Hiroshima Cover-up and  
the Reporter Who Revealed It to the World**

**FALLOUT**



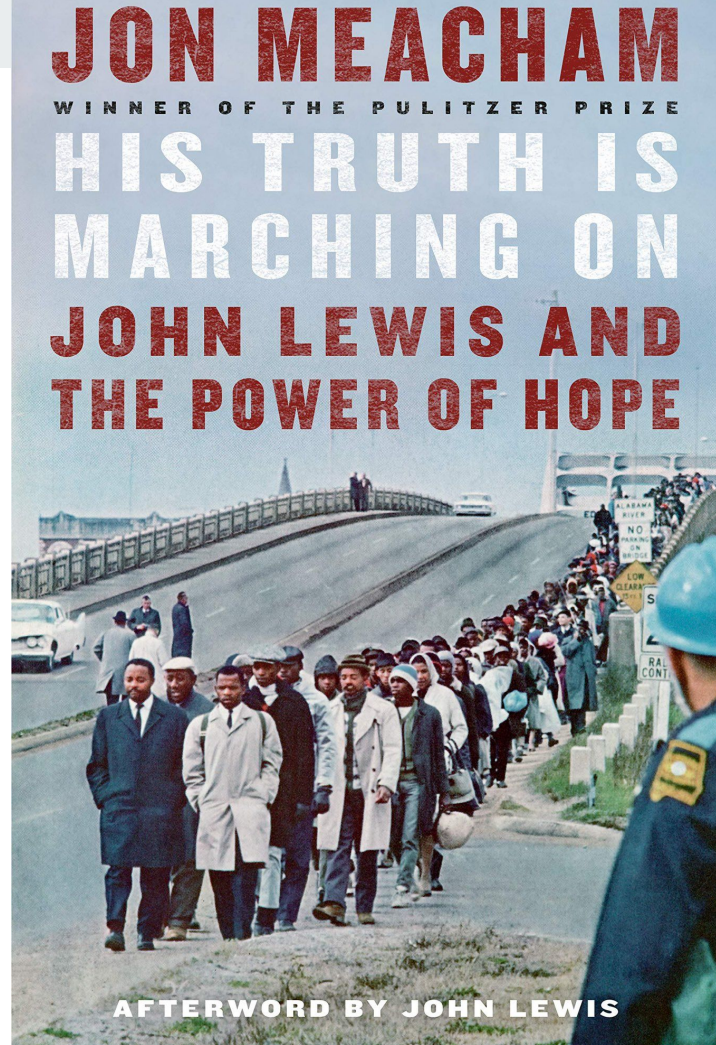
**LESLEY M.M. BLUME**

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## #15

[#johnlewis](#) was an active part of nearly every historic moment of the civil rights movement and [@jmeacham](#) captured it all with thorough research. The courage and focus that Lewis showed in his life is truly admirable and uncommon. [#aphsreads](#)

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## #16

Reading this book dramatically altered how I will teach and experience [#thebard](#). I've watched and taught his plays for decades, but I had no idea of the impact that they've made on the American psyche.

Brilliant work by Mr. Shapiro! [@Columbia](#) [#aphsreads](#)

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# SHAKESPEARE IN A DIVIDED AMERICA



As I hope you find after my little and  
scarcely different of your wife  
Lame John fall out a my daughter  
I admit a make <sup>11.3</sup> out of his my  
I see what a <sup>11.3</sup> about aomas  
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WHAT HIS PLAYS TELL US ABOUT  
OUR PAST AND FUTURE

JAMES SHAPIRO

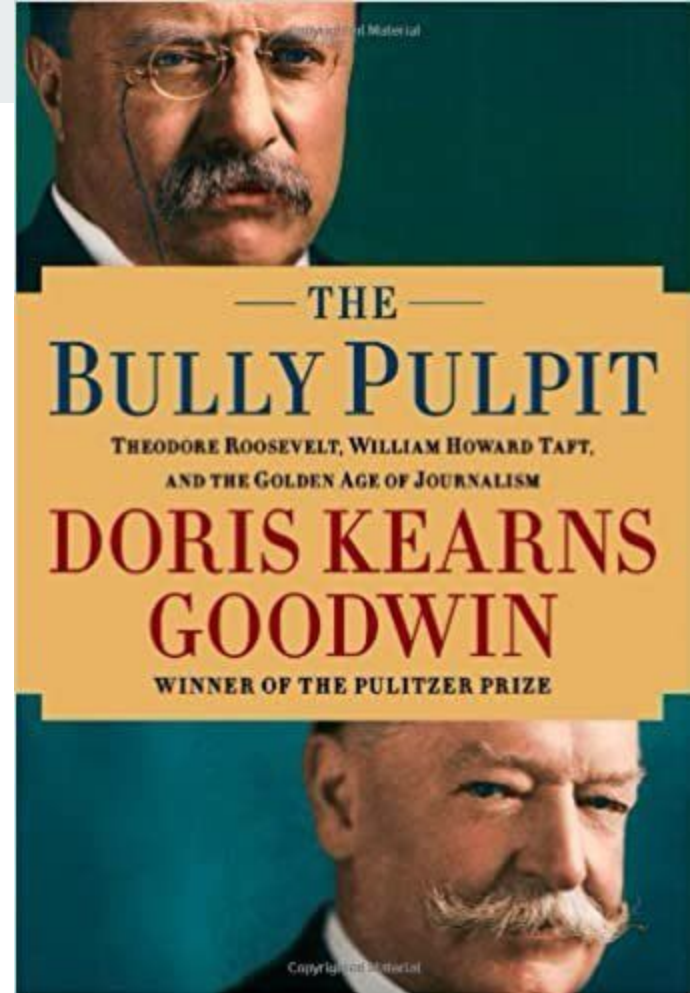


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**#17**

[@DorisKGoodwin](#) explained just about every facet imaginable of the coexistence of Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and Will Taft just over 100 years ago. Through 750 pages of text (912 with notes), the impact of the modern media on national politics is explored. [#aphsreads](#)

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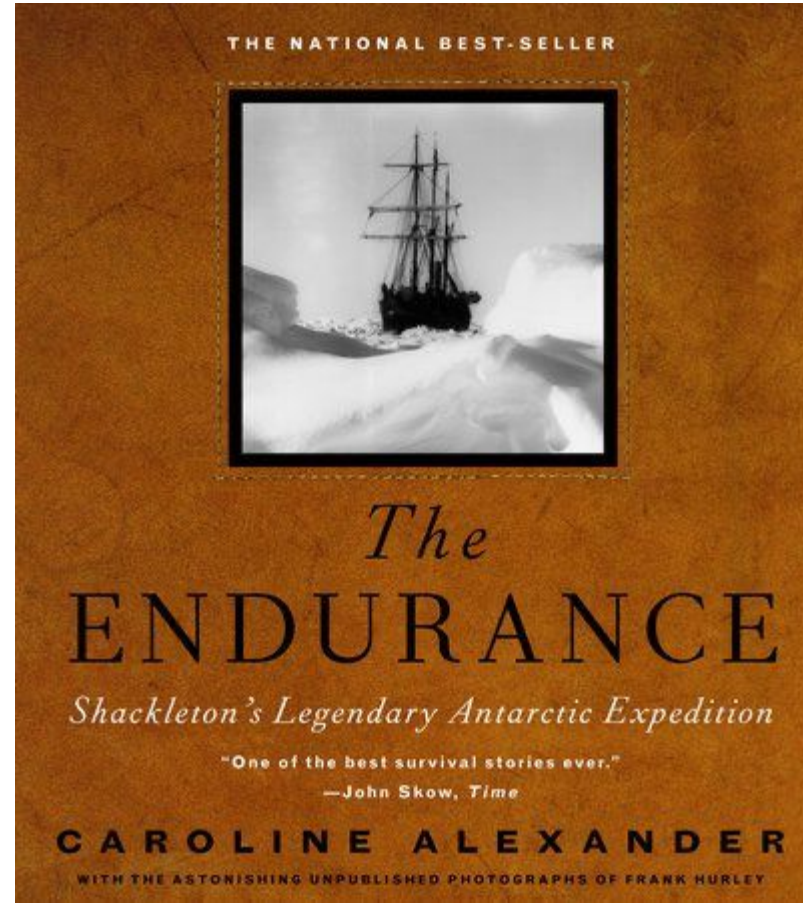


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## #18

If you want to read about isolation in extreme conditions (at least -40 F), this is the book for you. The author's vivid prose is illuminated with the stark pictures taken from 1914-17. [#Shackleton](#) and his crew lived up to the name of their ship: "Endurance". [#aphsreads](#)

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**#19**

Well, this one lived up to the hype from [@StephenKing](#)! I literally did not want to put down this novel about a serial killer who uses obscure [#Poe](#) quotes as his signature. His pursuer is complex, yet relatable. More from [@Connellybooks](#), please! [#aphsreads](#)

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**MICHAEL  
CONNELLY**



WITH AN  
INTRODUCTION BY  
**STEPHEN  
KING**

**THE  
POET**

#20

I have rarely rooted harder for a character as I did for Casey in [@lilykingbooks](#) newest. Out of all the novels that I've read from King, this one displayed the most fully-developed characters in relatable situations. Could we have a sequel, please? [#aphsreads](#)

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“Gorgeous!”—ELIZABETH STROUT



# Writers & Lovers

A NOVEL

# Lily King

Author of *Euphoria*



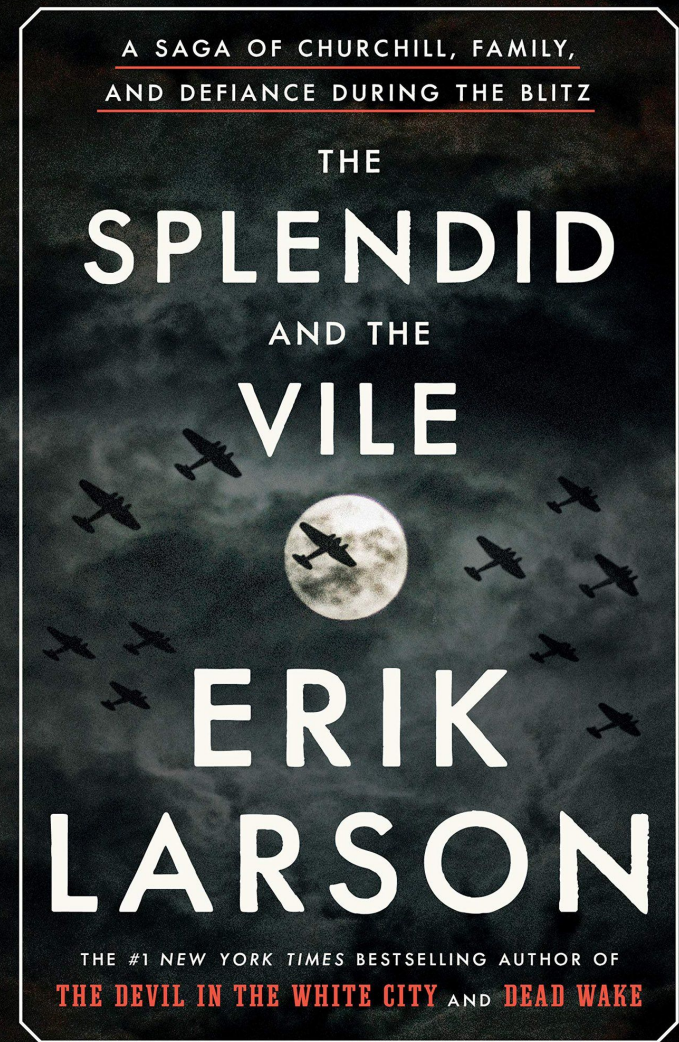


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**#21**

It took me awhile to finish Erik Larsen's book on Winston Churchill and his role in a terrifying time. His intelligent and courageous leadership helped to guide Great Britain to survive long enough to stand up to the Nazis. [#aphsreads](#)

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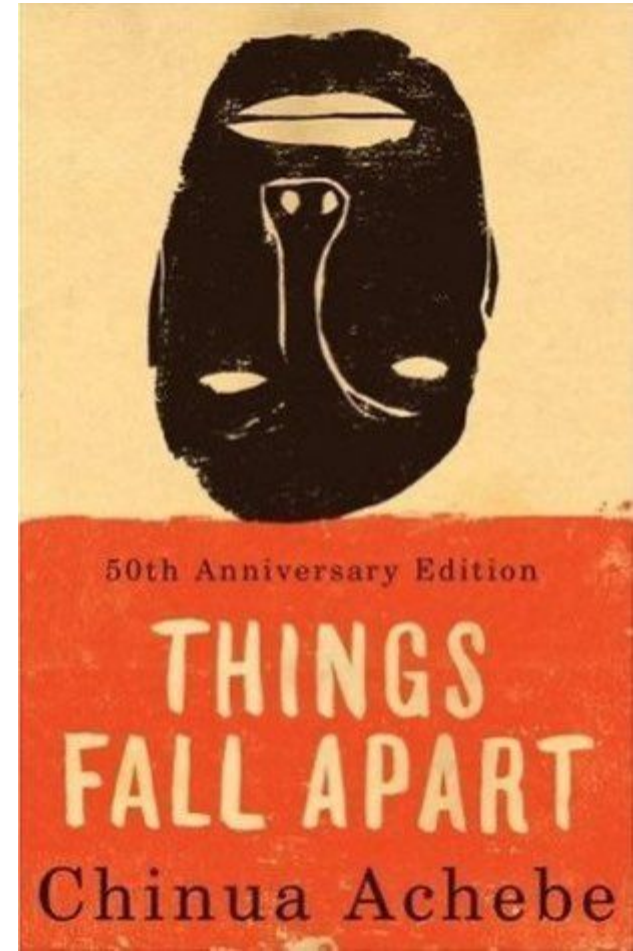


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## #22

We're reviewing some possible additions to [#ELA11](#) for a whole class novel, so I re-read this. We already do an author study and a short story for him, but this novel is much more complex. But if there was ever a title that summed up 2020, this is it! [#aphsreads](#)

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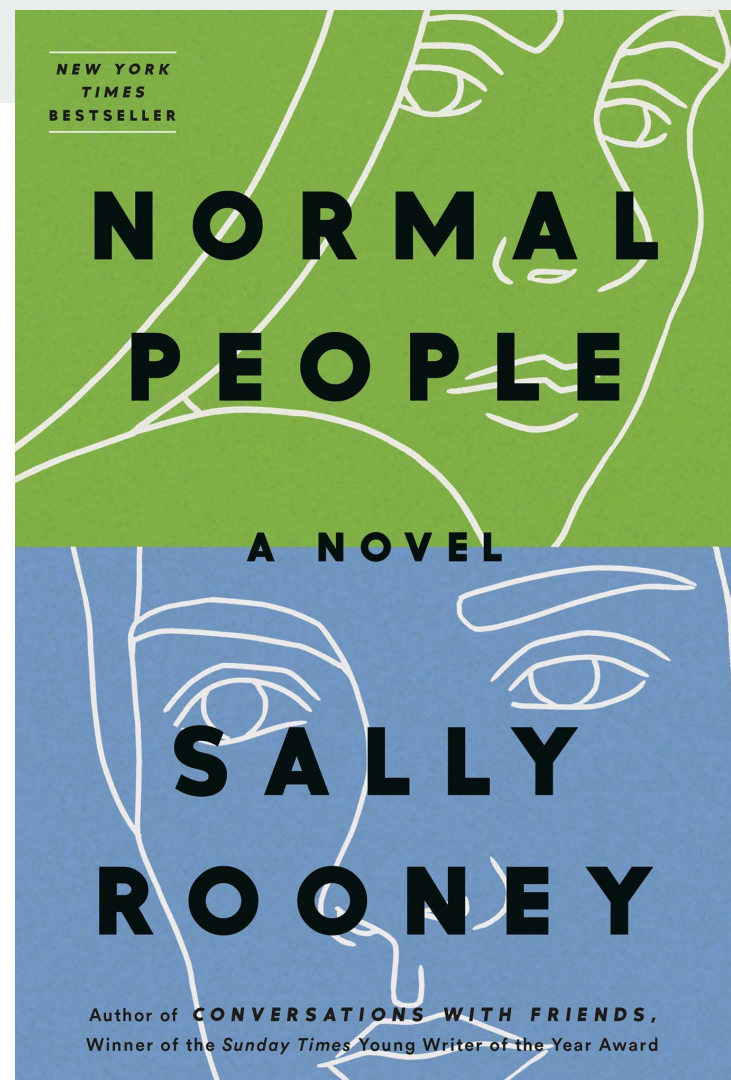




**#23**

Sally Rooney built up to displaying complex characters in an extremely complicated relationship. Ultimately, the result became their “normal”. Especially noteworthy were the depictions of their respective struggles with their mental health. [#aphsreads](#)

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## #24

As a “Constant Reader” of [@StephenKing](#), I’m still waiting to read something of his that I don’t like!

This set of novellas explores the wide range of his talents, from the experimental to the more familiar. An appearance from Holly Gibney is a bonus. [#aphsreads](#)

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THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# STEPHEN KING



## IF IT BLEEDS

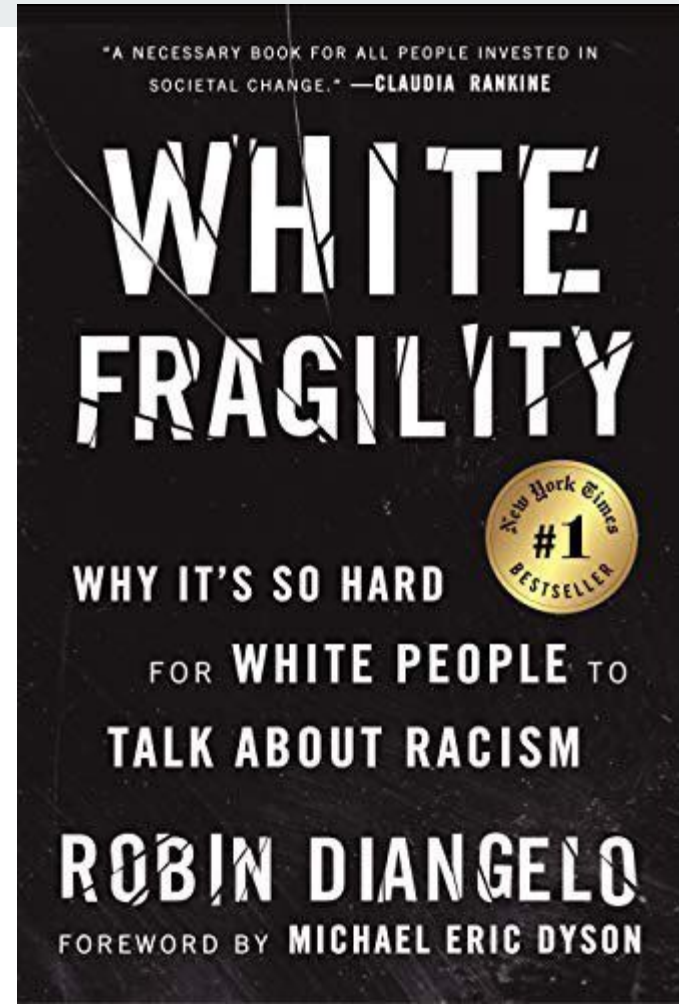
NEW FICTION

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## #25

I can't recall reading a more impactful book in quite awhile. Robin Diangelo manages to explain why much of white society fails to understand or even discuss issues of race. More importantly, she shares some ways to change these things. [#aphsreads @SraTJackson](#)

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# What will you be reading this year?

If you need help finding books, please look at the resources on [www.aphsenglish.weebly.com](http://www.aphsenglish.weebly.com)

You can also contact any English teacher and we will help you.

Have a great summer!