readers’ choice

**A Man Called Ove** <<Fredrik Backman
This novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. Ove is a curmudgeon, until an unexpected friendship leads to a comical and heartwarming series of events.

**Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** <<Isabel Wilkerson
This book examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. (PBS Books recently aired an interview of Isabel Wilkerson and Ken Burns.)

**All the Light You Cannot See** <<Anthony Doerr
A blind French girl and a German boy’s paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

**Little Women** <<Louisa May Alcott
This classic story follows the lives of the four March sisters and details their passage from childhood to womanhood. Talented tomboy and author-to-be Jo, tragically frail Beth, beautiful Meg, and romantic, spoiled Amy, are united in their devotion to each other and their struggles to survive in New England during the Civil War. (You can watch MASTERPIECE’s Little Women too.)

**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** <<Betty Smith
Captures the Nolan family’s lives, the joys of humble Williamsburg life—from “junk day” on Saturdays, when the children trade their weekly take for pennies, to the special excitement of holidays, bringing cause for celebration and revelry.

**The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** <<Kim Michele Richardson
A love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave packhorse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and a compassionate human connection.

**The Art of Racing in the Rain** <<Garth Stein
Through his master Denny (an up-and-coming race car driver), Enzo (a wise dog) has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn’t simply about going fast. Using the techniques needed on the race track, one can successfully navigate all of life’s ordeals.

**A Farewell To Arms** <<Ernest Hemingway
Written by one of the most important authors of the 20th century, this book is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Read this book or another one of Hemingway’s books in preparation for the PBS Hemingway documentary, to air April 5, 6, & 7 at 8/7c.

**MASTERPIECE: America’s 50-Year-Old Love Affair with British Television Drama** <<Nancy West
This book provides a fascinating history of MASTERPIECE, combining excerpts from original interviews, thoughtful commentary, and lush photography to deliver a deep exploration of the television drama. (PBS Books will interview author Nancy West and Producer Rebecca Eaton on Thursday, January 14 at 3/2c.)

**The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This is Our Song** <<Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
From the New York Times-bestselling author and one of our most important voices on the African-American experience, a powerful new history of the Black church in America as the Black community’s abiding rock and its fortress. This is the companion book to the upcoming PBS series THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG, to air February 16 & 23, 2021 at 9/8c. Pre-order the book now.

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