

Good Books – June 23, 2020

Don't Stand So Close To Me by Eric Walters

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

The Friend by Sigrid Nunez

Frieda Klein mystery series by Nicci French (start with *Blue Monday*)

Some fiction I've read recently by black writers and would recommend:

Song Yet Sung by James McBride

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Salvage the Bones by Jessmyn Ward

Scarborough by Catherine Hernandez (this brilliant novel reflects Toronto's diversity)

When I was in Africa I read this series by Zimbabwe writer Tsitsi Dangarembga:

Nervous Conditions, The Book of Not, This Mournable Body

And please look at the suggestions from Oprah Magazine. Many of the great classics are listed there, as well as contemporary writers:

<https://www.oprahmag.com/entertainment/books/g26187205/best-books-black-authors/>

I also suggest **Reconstruction: America After the Civil War** on PBS. Full disclosure – Rob Rapley one of the producer/directors is our son-in-law. The NYT and many others have called it 'essential viewing.'

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On TV:

Normal People on CBC Gem – highly recommended! The book too!

Little Fires Everywhere on Amazon Prime – good book too.

Apple Tree Yard- you will have to search for it – was on BBC so maybe BritBox

Platform Seven by Louise Doughty

Stay Where I Can See You by Katrina Onstad

Find Me by Andre Aciman

Also mentioned:

Foe by Iain Reid

Apple Tree Yard by Louise Doughty

Call Me By Your Name by Andre Aciman

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The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

Actress by Anne Enright

The Cold Cold Ground by Adrian McKinty

Conviction by Denise Mina

Also mentioned:

The Garnethill Trilogy by Denise Mina

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The Slaughterman's Daughter by Yaniv Iczkovits

The Grammarians by Cathleen Schine

Redhead By the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler

Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson

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And the Bride Closed the Door by Ronit Matalon

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel

Upstairs in the Crazy House, Last Stop Sunnyside, The Corpse Will Keep by Pat Capponi

Also mentioned:

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Good Books – April 14, 2020

Victim 2117 by Jussi Adler-Olssen

The Dutch House by Anne Patchett

House on Endless Waters by Emuna Elon

Also mentioned:

The Magician's Assistant by Anne Patchett

Good Books – March 31, 2020

Buried on the Fens by Joy Ellis (Joffe Books)

Apeirogon by Colum McCann

City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert