

**For video of past Good Books:**

<https://youtu.be/2khAueIP7Rw>

**Good Books- September 29, 2020**

*The Golden Child* by Penelope Fitzgerald

*Shadowplay* by Joseph O'Connor

*King Lear* by William Shakespeare

*Lear's Shadow* by Claire Holden Rothman

Also mentioned:

*The Bookshop* and *The Blue Flower* by Penelope Fitzgerald

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

**Good Books – September 1, 2020**

*Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez

*Hamnet & Judith* by Maggie O'Farrell

*The Daughters of Foxcote Manor* by Eve Chase

Also Mentioned:

*After You'd Gone* by Maggie O'Farrell

Also read, but not discussed:

*Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli – unfinished

**Good Books – August 18, 2020**

*Hour of the Star* by Clarice Lispector

*When the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

*Unto Us a Song Is Given* by Donna Leon

*Love* by Roddy Doyle

*House of Trelawney* by Hannah Rothschild

Also mentioned:

*This Mournable Body* by Tsitsi Dangarembga

*The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

Also read, but not discussed:

*Trace Elements* by Donna Leon

*Death in Her Hands* by Ottessa Moshfegh

*Thieves on the Fens* by Joy Ellis

*The Cry* by Helen Fitzgerald

**Good Books- July 7, 2020**

*Hard Times* by Charles Dickens

*Night Passage* (the first Jesse Stone mystery) by Robert B. Parker

*The Constant Gardener* by John le Carre

*All Adults Here*, by Emma Straub

**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.'

## **Good Books – June 9, 2020**

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

### **Good Books – May 26, 2020**

*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

### **Good Books – May 12, 2020**

*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

Good Books – April 28, 2020

*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