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Totally Biased List of Tookie's Favorite Books

Ghost-Managing Book List

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The Door, by Magda Svabo
The Plot Against America, by Philip Roth
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The Overstory, by Richard Power
Night Train, by Lise Erdrich
Her Body and Other Parties, by Carmen Maria Machado

The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story, edited by
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Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Birds of America, by Lorrie Moore

Mongrels, by Stephen Graham Jones

The Office of Historical Corrections, by Danielle Evans

Tenth of December, by George Saunders

Murder on the Red River, by Marcie R. Rendon

Leave the World Behind, by Rumaan Alam

Ceremony, by Leslie Marmon Silko

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, by Ocean Vuong

The Unwomanly Face of War, by Svetlana Alexievich

Standard Deviation, by Katherine Heiny

All My Puny Sorrows, by Miriam Toews

The Death of the Heart, by Elizabeth Bowen

Mean Spirit, by Linda Hogan

NW, by Zadie Smith

Being Mortal, by Atul Gawande

Americanah, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Firekeeper's Daughter, by Angeline Boulley

Erasure, by Percival Everett

Sharks in the Time of Saviors, by Kawai Strong Washburn

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Books for Banned Love

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The Red and the Black, by Stendahl

Luster, by Raven Leilani

Asymmetry, by Lisa Halliday

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Indigenous Lives

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Postcolonial Love Poem, by Natalie Diaz
Hope Against Hope, by Nadezhda Mandelstam
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Strange Empire, by Joseph Kinsey Howard

Tookie's Pandemic Reading

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The Aubrey/Maturin Novels, by Patrick O'Brian
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*Books contain everything worth knowing
except what ultimately matters.*

—TOOKIE



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