



What is on your nightstand? Books Discussed 4.8.21

- 1) *The ballad of songbirds and snakes* by Suzanne Collins
 - a) **Summary:** It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute. The odds are against him. He's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are now completely intertwined -- every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favor or failure, triumph or ruin.
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- 2) *The book woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson
 - a) **Summary:** The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scarp for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.
 - b) **Availability/Call Number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be available through interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.

- 3) *Dolly Parton: storyteller, my life in lyrics* by Dolly Parton
 - a) **Summary:** As told by Dolly Parton in her own inimitable words, explore the songs that have defined her journey. Illustrated throughout with previously unpublished images from Dolly Parton's personal and business archives. Mining over 60 years of songwriting, Dolly Parton highlights 175 of her songs and brings readers behind the lyrics. Packed with never-before-seen photographs and classic memorabilia. Explores personal stories, candid insights, and myriad memories behind the songs.
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- 4) *Escape room* by Marren Stoffles
- Summary:** It's simple. Choose their game. Get locked in a room. Find the clues. Solve the puzzles. And escape the room in 60 minutes. But what happens if the Game Master has no intention of letting them go?
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- 5) *The five love languages of Children: The Secret to Loving Children Effectively* by Gary Chapman
- Summary:** discover how to speak your child's love language in a way that *he or she* understands. Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Ross Campbell help you:
 - Discover your child's love language
 - Assist your child in successful learning
 - Use the love languages to correct and discipline more effectively
 - Build a foundation of unconditional love for your child
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- 6) *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- Summary:** Great Expectations is Charles Dickens's thirteenth novel. It is his second novel, after David Copperfield, to be fully narrated in the first person. Great Expectations is a bildungsroman, or a coming-of-age novel, and it is a classic work of Victorian literature. It depicts the growth and personal development of an orphan named Pip. The novel was first published in serial form in Dickens's weekly periodical All the Year Round, from 1 December 1860 to August 1861.
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- 7) *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- Summary:** Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what *really* went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.
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- 8) *The land of stories (series)* by Chris Coelfer
- Summary:** Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy-tale characters they grew up reading about.
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- 9) *Maybe: A story about the endless potential in all of us* by Kobi Yamada
- Summary:** "You are the only you there ever has been or ever will be." You are unique in all the universe. Just the odds of you being here at this exact time are so great and so

rare that it will never happen again. Written by New York Time best-selling author Kobi Yamada, this is a story for everything you will do and everything you can be. It's a story about all the possibilities ahead of you.

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10) *Number the stars* by Lois Lowry

a) **Summary:** In Lois Lowry's unforgettable Newbery Medal-winning novel, a ten-year-old Danish girl's bravery is tested when her best friend is threatened by Nazis in 1943. As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden.

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11) *The only little prayer you need: the route to a life of joy, abundance and peace of mind* by Debra Landwehr Engle.

a) **Summary:** These six words – please heal my fear-based thoughts – changes lives. In this brief and inspiring book, based on Engle's study of *A Course in Miracles*, she explains how to use the prayer and experience immediate benefits: being less irritable, more patient, laughing more, feeling like you have more time, more energy, worrying less, making decisions more easily and saying no without guilt.

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12) *Ready player one* by Ernest Cline

a) **Summary:** In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself.

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13) *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham

a) **Summary:** Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded malls, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. That's just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that, just this once, they'll skip the holiday altogether. Theirs will be the only house on Hemlock Street without a rooftop Frosty, they won't be hosting their annual Christmas Eve bash, they aren't even going to have a tree. They won't need one, because come December 25 they're setting sail on a Caribbean cruise. But as this weary couple is about to discover, skipping Christmas brings enormous consequences—and isn't half as easy as they'd imagined.

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14) *Something happened in our town (a child's story about racial justice)* by Marianne Celano

a) **Summary:** *Emma and Josh heard that something happened in their town. A Black man was shot by the police. "Why did the police shoot that man?" "Can police go to jail?" Something*

Happened in Our Town follows two families — one White, one Black — as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man in their community. The story aims to answer children's questions about such traumatic events, and to help children identify and counter racial injustice in their own lives. Includes an extensive Note to Parents and Caregivers with guidelines for discussing race and racism with children, child-friendly definitions, and sample dialogues.

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15) *Trying* by Kobi Yamada

- a) **Summary:** This is a story for anyone who has ever felt like a beginner, or had doubts, or worried they weren't good enough. It's a story for those who have experienced the pain of trying something new and not having it turn out as they had hoped.
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16) *What do you do with a chance?* by Kobi Yamada

- a) **Summary:** In this story, a child is visited by his first chance and unsure what to do with it, he lets it go. Later on, when a new chance arrives he reaches for it, but this time he misses and falls. Embarrassed and afraid, he begins ignoring each new chance that comes by, even though he still wants to take them. Then one day he realizes that he doesn't need to be brave all the time, just at the right time, to find out what amazing things can happen when he takes a chance.
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17) *What do you do with a problem?* by Kobi Yamada

- a) **Summary:** This is the story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer the problem is avoided, the bigger it seems to get. But when the child finally musters up the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different than it appeared.
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18) *What do you do with an idea?* by Kobi Yamada

- a) **Summary:** This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.
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