

52 weeks, 52 books, 18,099 pages and it comes to these 10 gems

Books I read too late (more than 10 years since publication)

- East of Eden 1952
- A Prayer for Owen Meany 1989 I am grateful that I got to finally meet a hero like Owen.

Fiction Notables

- All the Light we Cannot See
- A Gentleman in Moscow-My favorite Towles novel, but for an investment banker turned author, all 3 of his books are great.
- Apples Never Fall
- Our Missing Hearts-contemporary lessons
- The Nickel Boys

Non-Fiction Notable

- An Immense World. Written by a sensory biologist (who knew they existed), it reviews animal senses from ants to blue whales and challenges the traditional interspecies comparisons with the insight on animal senses are perfect for their world. Not just for science geeks.
- What We Owe the Future-Written by a Scottish philosopher and ethicist who argues for “longtermism” and provides lots of data and some views that may be controversial and unconventional. Some folks are just unbelievably intelligent.
- We Are All Whalers-short but important book, a memoir of sorts by a UK vet that ended up working with whales on Cape Cod

Favorite of the Year

- FICTION: East of Eden. Sad that I lived so long without being exposed to Steinbeck's writing in this book.
- NON-FICTION An Immense World