

CAN YOU RECOMMEND A BOOK FOR MY FATHER? IT WILL BE A CHALLENGE!! HE'S PARTICULAR.



Some Books He Might Have Missed**

Fiction

Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brien: Patrick O'Brien's Aubrey-Maturin tales are widely acknowledged to be the greatest series of historical novels ever written. It establishes the friendship between Captain Jack Aubrey RN and Stephen Maturin, who becomes his secretive ship's surgeon and an intelligence agent.

Plainsong by Kent Haruf: A heartstrong story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of Denver. It displays an emotional and aesthetic authority to rival the past masters of a classic American tradition.

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving: In the summer of 1953, two 11-year-old boys – best friends – are playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills the other boy's mother.

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Aleksander Solzhenitsyn: One of the most extraordinary literary documents to have emerged from the Soviet Union, this is the story of labor camp inmate Ivan Denisovich Shukhov and his struggle to maintain his dignity in the face of Communist oppression.

The Gift of Rain by Tan Twan Eng: The Gift of Rain tells a riveting and poignant tale about a young man caught in the tangle of wartime loyalties and deceptions.

The Overstory by Richard Powers: There is a world alongside ours - vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe. Pulitzer Prize Winner

The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson: follows a young man's journey through the icy waters, dark tunnels, and eerie spy chambers of the world's most mysterious dictatorship, North Korea. Pulitzer Prize Winner

The Secret History by Donna Tartt: Under the influence of their charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries.

I Am Pilgrim by Terry Hayes: A flawless plot to commit an appalling crime against humanity.

Non-Fiction

The Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell: takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers" - the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high achievers different?

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance: From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class.

Five Days at Memorial by Sheri Fink: reconstructs five days at Memorial Medical Center and draws the listener into the lives of those who struggled mightily to survive and to maintain life amidst chaos.

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer: Written with emotional clarity and supported by his unimpeachable reporting, Krakauer's frank eyewitness account of what happened on the roof of the world is a singular achievement.

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande: In Being Mortal, best-selling author Atul Gawande tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: How medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending.

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