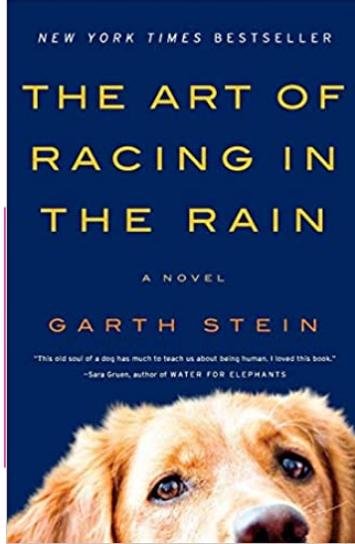
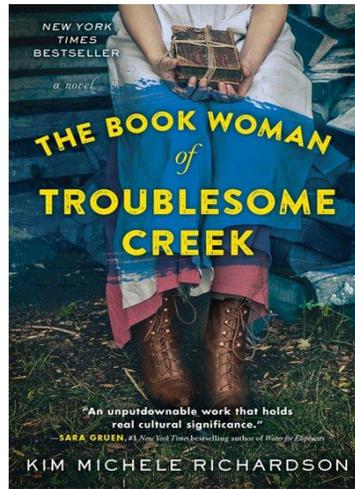
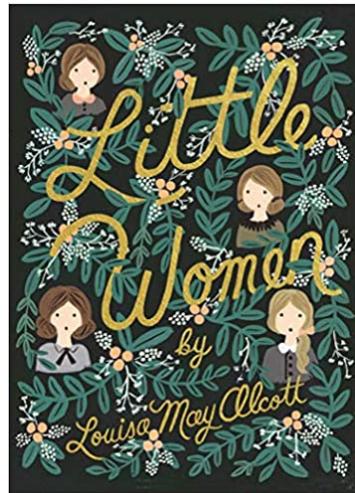
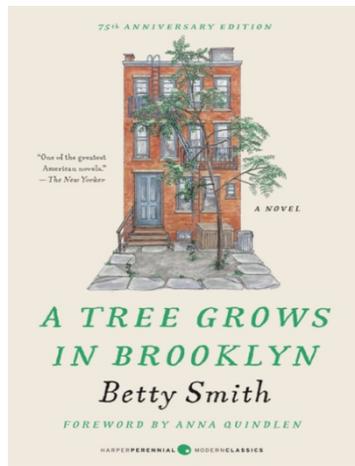
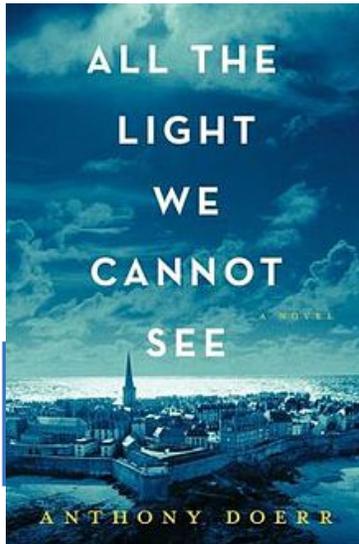
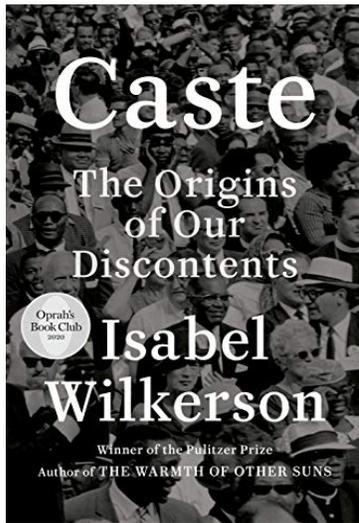
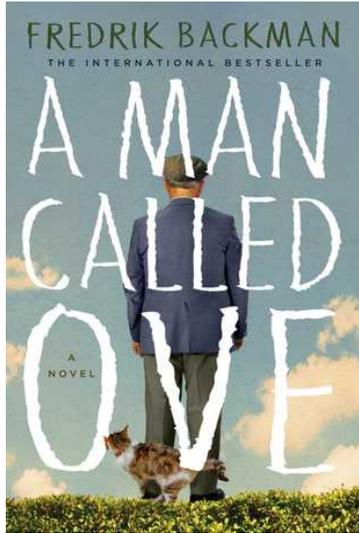
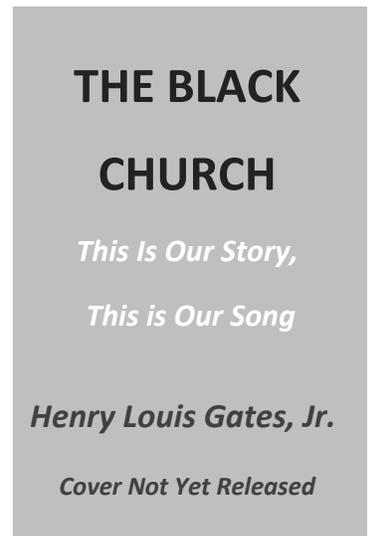
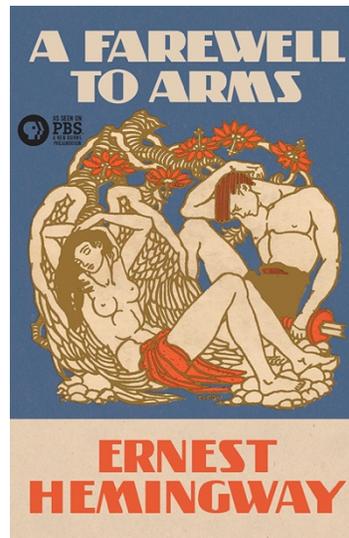
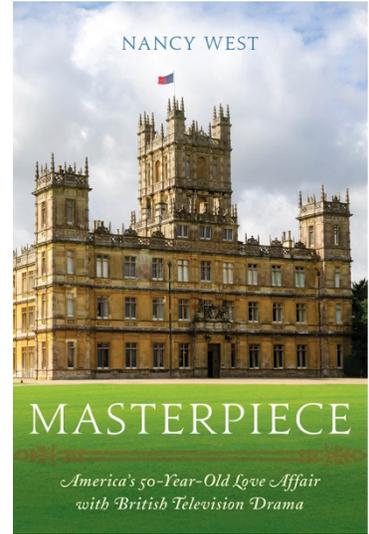
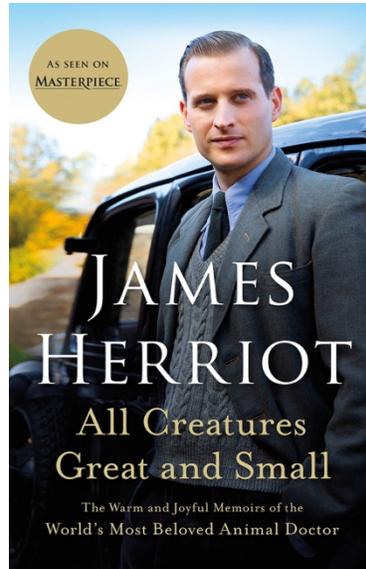


# HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING GUIDE

readers' choice



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Holiday giving can be a challenge; it is sometimes hard to pick out the right book. That is why we asked our PBS Books Readers' Club and our PBS Books followers to share their favorite books to gift for the holidays. Interestingly enough, their recommendations are a blend of classics and books written over the last decade. PBS Books is also making recommendations of some interesting books, which will complement upcoming PBS programs in 2021. Cheers for health, safety, and a more normal 2021!

### *readers' choice*

#### **A Man Called Ove** <<Fredrik Backman

This novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. Ove is a curmudgeon, until an unexpected friendship leads to a comical and heartwarming series of events.

#### **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** <<Isabel Wilkerson

This book examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. (PBS Books recently aired an interview of Isabel Wilkerson and Ken Burns.)

#### **All the Light You Cannot See** <<Anthony Doerr

A blind French girl and a German boy's paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

#### **Little Women** <<Louisa May Alcott

This classic story follows the lives of the four March sisters and details their passage from childhood to womanhood. Talented tomboy and author-to-be Jo, tragically frail Beth, beautiful Meg, and romantic, spoiled Amy, are united in their devotion to each other and their struggles to survive in New England during the Civil War. (You can watch MASTERPIECE's Little Women too.)

#### **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** <<Betty Smith

Captures the Nolan family's lives, the joys of humble Williamsburg life—from "junk day" on Saturdays, when the children trade their weekly take for pennies, to the special excitement of holidays, bringing cause for celebration and revelry.

#### **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** <<Kim Michele Richardson

A love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave packhorse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and a compassionate human connection.

#### **The Art of Racing in the Rain** <<Garth Stein

Through his master Denny (an up-and-coming race car driver), Enzo (a wise dog) has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn't simply about going fast. Using the techniques needed on the race track, one can successfully navigate all of life's ordeals.

### *pbs books picks*

#### **All Creatures Great and Small** <<James Herriot

Originally released in 1975, James Herriot brilliantly shares fascinating vignettes about his life as a Yorkshire veterinarian, exploring wonder of life, animal and human. MASTERPIECE on PBS is airing a new series inspired by this work on Sundays, January 10 - February 21, 2021 at 9/8c. (PBS Books has a program about this series on December 13 at 2/1c.)

#### **A Farewell To Arms** <<Ernest Hemingway

Written by one of the most important authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this book is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Read this book or another one of Hemingway's books in preparation for the PBS Hemingway documentary, to air April 5, 6, & 7 at 8/7c.

#### **MASTERPIECE: America's 50-Year-Old Love Affair with British Television Drama** <<Nancy West

This book provides a fascinating history of MASTERPIECE, combining excerpts from original interviews, thoughtful commentary, and lush photography to deliver a deep exploration of the television drama. (PBS Books will interview author Nancy West and Producer Rebecca Eaton on Thursday, January 14 at 3/2c.)

#### **The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This is Our Song** <<Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

From the *New York Times*-bestselling author and one of our most important voices on the African-American experience, a powerful new history of the Black church in America as the Black community's abiding rock and its fortress. This is the companion book to the upcoming PBS series THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS OUR SONG, to air February 16 & 23, 2021 at 9/8c. Pre-order the book now.

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