

FAVORITE BOOKS:

Doris Kearns Goodwin, **"Leadership in Turbulent Times"**

Insightful read about how very differently Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson handled difficult decisions during their presidential terms. Highly recommend the audio version as the narrators truly "perform" their reading as the presidents.

Laurie Colwin, **"Happy All the Time"**

This novel from the seventies always makes me smile. It's romantic, funny, and comforting.

Laurie Colwin, **"Home Cooking" and "More Home Cooking"**

These two collections of essays about cooking are delightful reading, whether or not one actually cooks.

Fredrick Backman, **"Anxious People"**

This latest novel by the author of "A Man Called Ove" (also recommended) is very funny and also deeply touching. I just finished reading it and was blown away by the plot twists and the insights.

MOVIES: some on Netflix, some on Prime, some On Demand

The Grand Seduction - To survive, a dying newfoundland fishing village must convince a young doctor to take up residence by any means necessary.

The Fisherman's Friends. A fast living, cynical London music executive (Daniel Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen

"Waking Ned Devine" This is my all-time favorite movie. The Irish humor is wonderful.

"Billy Elliot" Another feel-good movie, it later became a Broadway musical.

"Little Miss Sunshine" An offbeat film with quirky humor.

TV SERIES

Escape to the Chateau - Peacock, PBS, and streaming on YouTube English couple buy a derelict 45 room chateau in the Loire Valley and restore it room by room and open a wedding and gourmet dining business. *Heartland* – Netflix Family saga set in Alberta Canada on a horse and cattle ranch. Beautiful scenery, amazing horse and cattle.

A Place to Call Home - Set in Australia in the 1950s; a compelling and romantic story of one woman's journey to heal her soul and of a privileged family rocked by scandal. ... Working her passage home aboard an ocean liner, Sarah becomes involved in the lives of the Blighs, a wealthy Australian pastoralist family.

The Queen's Gambit – Netflix - young woman's rise to international chess championship

Heartland – Netflix - Set in Alberta Canada, family saga on their cattle and horse ranch. beautiful scenery and amazing horsemanship.

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