

## Book Recommendations – November 2020

### Fiction



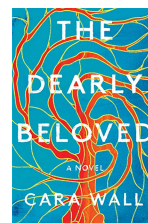
**Book of Lost Friends, Lisa Wingate** – Wingate connects the tale of three young women searching for family amid the post–Civil War era with a modern-day teacher who learns of their story and connection to her students

**Choppy Water, Stuart Woods** – #54 in the Stone Barrington detective series



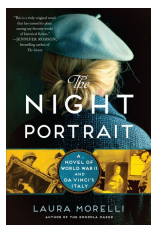
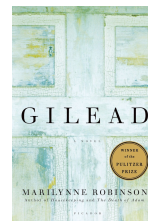
**Conversations with Friends, Sally Rooney** – When two young women, best friends and former lovers, become friendly with an older married couple, their lives intertwine and explode in a coming-of-age story.

**The Dearly Beloved, Cara Wall** – two married couples whose lives become entangled when the husbands become co-pastors at a famed New York City congregation in the 1960s



**Disappearing Earth, Julia Phillips** – Two sisters go missing in remote Russia and the lives of women and girls in this tightly knit community who are connected by the crime are examined

**Gilead, Marilynne Robinson** – An intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century: A story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart.



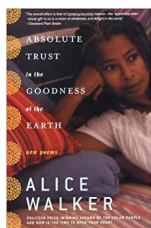
**The Night Portrait, Laura Morelli** – Dual-timeline historical novel about the creation of one of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous paintings, *Portrait of a Lady with an Ermine*, and the woman who fought to save it from Nazi destruction during World War II.

**The Pull of the Stars, Emma Donoghue** – In Ireland doubly ravaged by war and disease, a nurse works at an understaffed hospital where expectant mothers (married and the unwed) who have come down with the Spanish Flu, are quarantined together.

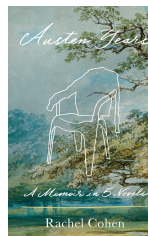


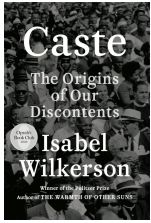
### Non-Fiction

**Absolute Trust in the Goodness of the Earth: New Poems, Alice Walker**



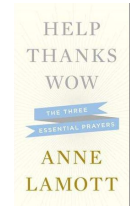
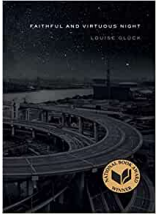
**\*Austen Years, Rachel Cohen** – Reflects on the highs and lows of the author's life with meditations on Jane Austen's writings





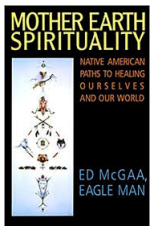
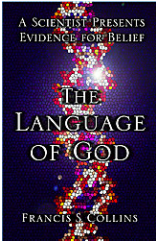
**Caste, Isabel Wilkerson** – A masterful portrait of how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

**Faithful and Virtuous Night, Louise Gluck** – 2015 collection from the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2020



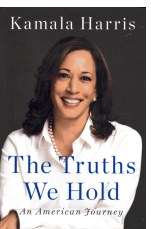
**Help, Thanks, Wow: Three Essential Prayers, Anne Lamott** – Three simple prayers essential for navigating tough times, difficult days and the hardships of daily life.

**The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief, Francis Collins** – An argument for the integration of faith and logic



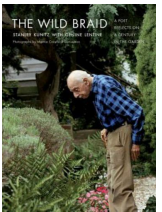
**Mother Earth Spirituality: Native American Paths to Healing Ourselves and Our World, Ed McGaA**

**Tough Love: My Story of the Things Worth Fighting For, Susan Rice** – Rice's surprising story told with unflinching candor



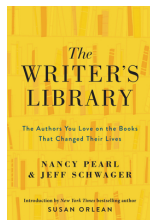
**The Truths We Hold, Kamala Harris** – Harris writes of the core truths that unite us, and the long struggle to discern what those truths are and how best to act upon them.

**\*The Wild Braid, Stanley Kunitz** – Kunitz received multiple honors and awards for his poetry. His garden pictures and poetry suffuse this delightful small book.



**New Books Were Highlighted:**

- **The Writer's Library: the Authors You Love on the Books That Changed Their Lives, Nancy Pearl & Jeff Schwager**
- **Think Like a Monk - Train your Mind for Peace and Purpose Everyday, Jay Shetty**
- **Little Library Year: Recipes and Reading to Suit Each Season, Kate Young**
- **Jack: a Novel, Marilynne Robinson**



\*books recommended but not discussed: Jen Belton