

Studio Forum: Books

- 14:00:34 From Laura Allen : Hi booklovers!
- 14:00:44 From Karin Robinson : Hi everyone!
- 14:00:55 From Shannon : Chat Help: For your comment to be seen by eveyrone in chat, selected "All Panelists an Attendees" from the drop down above the chat window.
- 14:00:56 From Laura Allen : Awesome vest Jaime!!!
- 14:01:03 From Laura Allen : Hi Shannon!!!
- 14:01:06 From Lorna Schreck : Good day to all!
- 14:02:53 From Laura Allen : I get chills every time you read this Jaime, thank you!!
- 14:03:06 From Shannon to All panelists : Hi Laura
- 14:03:06 From Melissa Sandí : me too!!!
- 14:03:19 From Shannon : Hi Laura :)
- 14:03:20 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : MMMMM Hello! Catherine in NY
- 14:03:23 From Honore´ Francois to All panelists : Hi Everyone!
- 14:03:28 From Beano to All panelists : So glad to be here! This is Brenda
- 14:03:39 From Honore´ Francois to All panelists : Hi LA!
- 14:03:47 From Melody Herbert to All panelists : Hi Jamie 🤔ca
- 14:04:47 From Shannon : Chat Help: For your comment to be seen by eveyrone in chat, selected "All Panelists an Attendees" from the drop down above the chat window.
- 14:05:35 From Jackeline Barragan to All panelists : Happy to be here for the first time
- 14:06:02 From Laura Allen : Yes yes yes!!!!
- 14:06:10 From Beano : Hi from Brenda
- 14:06:17 From Randy Smith to All panelists : Yesss!!!
- 14:06:18 From Sundeep Grewal : beauty full guidelines!!!!
- 14:06:20 From Shannon : I'm ready!
- 14:06:21 From Laura Allen : Fabulous!

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- 14:06:22 From Jackeline Barragan to All panelists : yes
- 14:06:25 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : :-)
- 14:06:25 From Amy Christaldi : lets do it
- 14:06:26 From April Rosich to All panelists : yes
- 14:06:27 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : oui!
- 14:06:27 From Patricia Komai to All panelists : Yes
- 14:06:30 From Karin Robinson : Ready!
- 14:06:31 From Honore´ Francois to All panelists : work for me!
- 14:06:38 From Laura Allen : Hi Sundeep ;-)
- 14:06:46 From Melissa Sandí : i'm nervous but very exciting!!!
- 14:06:56 From Laura Allen : I love seeing so many familiar names here today ;-)
- 14:07:11 From Shannon : Lots of folks on Panelists, if you want everyone to read your comment please selecte "All Panelists an Attendees" from the drop down above the chat window.
- 14:07:15 From Dianne Dixon : Tsundoku is the condition of acquiring reading materials but letting them pile up in one's home without reading them. "Tsundoku" originated as Japanese slang (積ん読) "tsun-doku". It is also used to refer to books ready for reading later when they are on a bookshelf. As currently written, the word combines the characters for "pile up" (積) and the character for "read" (読).
- A. Edward Newton is quoted as saying: "Even when reading is impossible, the presence of books acquired produces such an ecstasy that the buying of more books than one can read is nothing less than the soul reaching towards infinity ... we cherish books even if unread, their mere presence exudes comfort, their ready access reassurance."
- 14:07:27 From Melody Herbert to All panelists : excellent Thank you Jamie!
- 14:07:57 From Shannon : We are now journalling: What do Books and Reading Mean to You?
- 14:10:02 From Jackeline Barragan to All panelists : Reading means connecting to the world. Opening doors to worlds that I do not know. It is to touch other times and cultures that open my own world.
- 14:11:42 From Bryonna Denning : What do books and reading mean to me?

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Joy! A window on the world. Adventures (some precarious that I don't physically have to experience). Mind candy. Connection. Learning about so many things that I wouldn't know of otherwise.

And I'm a book in hand gal ... blog posts are OK online, but not books. A "real" book that I can carry around with me, highlight, love ... for me there's no comparison.

14:11:43 From Shannon : Chat Help: For your comment to be seen by everyone in chat, selected "All Panelists and Attendees" from the drop down above the chat window.

14:11:56 From Melissa Sandí : they help me to reach empathy

14:11:58 From Patricia Komai : Books are treasures. They are portals to fun, escape, comfort, knowledge and learning and freedom.

14:12:02 From Lorraine Thomas : Books and reading are my first love. Stories deepen my connection to my own story.

14:12:03 From Melissa Sandí : and reflexion

14:12:17 From Amy Christaldi : Books are a great way to live many lives through the eyes of others. They are gems to collect and curate. A way to feel a connection with someone you have never met.

14:12:21 From ouassima t : An intimate contact with the other !

14:12:56 From Melody Herbert to All panelists : so much! I love to read and learn, I can never get enough.

14:13:04 From Claudia Erixon : Possibility, and security through knowledge :) hi all!

14:13:11 From Honore´ Francois to All panelists : illumination, comfort, expansion, enlightenment, growth, etc etc

14:13:16 From Blythe Edwards : Reading takes me away from the difficulties within my own life for a bit. Allowing me to escape into another one's life and experiences.

14:13:17 From Dianne Dixon : I just want to explain - that definition I posted just as we started is something I refer to often as it describes me very well and many other people I know.

14:13:24 From Dawn Herring : It means tapping into creativity, curiosity, diving deeper into topics that interest and inspire me, reminding me of the young avid reader inside of me. they help me discover, uncover and enjoy what I'm attracted to, paying attention to what my heart and soul crave, never dismissing what I may enjoy. It also means the knowing of when I'm satiated and satisfied with what I want to learn.

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14:13:43 From Karin Robinson : I am a bibliophile for sure. I have learned so much and experienced so much through reading. I love the actual book, especially the look, feel, and smell of old books. I have such respect for their age and character.

14:13:44 From Beano : Learning especially! I love how to and experimenting with new ideas, getting stimulated and inspired.

14:14:13 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : Opening up new spaces within and without to enter, wonder, engagement, connecting with my ancestral chain of readers who encouraged me to go Way Out There, and experience many cultures because the world is so much bigger wider deeper than our very small corner of it. To see from someone else's eyes and heart. And yes, for pure joy, comfort, pleasure and wisdom.

14:14:14 From Debbie Froelich : I'm very tactile and cannot read books from a Kindle. The paper with visual interest (text and images). Provides a fountain to gain knowledge.

14:14:21 From Randy Smith to All panelists : The opportunity to live another life and see it through the eyes of another.

14:14:27 From Laura Allen : Books transport and connect me they inspire, they make me feel not alone in my struggles or doubts. I became a reader because of my parents we always read together instead of TV, even though they are gone I still feel connected to them when I read and am so grateful for this gift they gave me.

14:14:36 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : My parents took me to the library pretty much as soon as I was walking.

14:14:44 From Karin Robinson : When I emotionally connect with a book, my relationship with the characters becomes very real in feeling.

14:14:52 From Melissa Sandí : me for sure!! I haven't stop since I learn how to!

14:14:53 From Sundeep Grewal : Books are like opening a gift, where you're so excited to open them because they are a surprise adventure around the world here or into an imaginary world. Oh books how I love thee!!! delicious and nourishing.

14:15:17 From Lorna Schreck : As a dyslexic person reading was a huge challenge for many years. Text books, poetry, and "heavy" literature were beyond my grasp. UNTIL BOOKS ON TAPES. My world opened up and there was information, travel, connections, entertainment, companionship and comfort. I now listen to five or six books a week and love it. So many books are "old friends." I love learning through the listening. Reading is a magical joy for me.

14:15:22 From Laura Allen : Yes Karin, I love holding a book and don't read for pleasure on a screen...

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- 14:15:36 From Shannon : OH that's so wonderful Lorna!
- 14:16:18 From Bryonna Denning : I love books on tapes too! They've got me out walking in the world again.
- 14:16:19 From Karin Robinson : I also love knowing what inspired the author to write what they write.
- 14:16:31 From Dianne Dixon : I can't even get to the point that others are describing. Books are just and have always been in my life. My mother brought me home a Little Golden Book every payday. My grandpa took me to the local library every week from about age two. I never have been without books surrounding me, they are like air, food, shelter to me they are part of the things essential to life.
- 14:16:51 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : Want to touch the book, feel the pages, smell the binding. But in a pinch will read online too. Never without a book with me, or several.
- 14:16:54 From Dawn Herring : I had a library two blocks from my home and I went there all the time; always had a stack of books to read.
- 14:17:28 From Laura Allen : Oh Lorna so happy to hear this discovery for you!
- 14:17:37 From Dianne Dixon : And then I became a teacher librarian. Books are an important part of the walls of my house they support my life, my being.
- 14:17:37 From Debbie Froelich : Golden Books rock!
- 14:18:01 From Karin Robinson : I love holding a book, but I also listen to books while doing things around the house. Some narrators are so gifted that I sometimes catch my breath while listening.
- 14:18:01 From Melissa Sandí : my mother and aunt are book lovers as well, through them i found the magical world of books
- 14:18:04 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : Also love books on CD's in the car, especially when there is a wonderful narrator. Nothing better than having a book to listen to when there is a long car drive ahead. rubi
- 14:18:12 From Laura Allen : When I found audio books and Audible I have become an addict!
- 14:18:28 From Karin Robinson : I still have Golden books!
- 14:18:53 From Claudia Erixon : Yep, Audible won my heart too!
- 14:18:56 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : I love Audible, but then tried our Scrib'd with your link, Jamie.
- 14:18:59 From Laura Allen : Hard back, trade paper, and audio!

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- 14:19:15 From Amy Christaldi : I love "real" books, but I also read a lot on Kindle. This makes it possible to have more books and take them with me everywhere. I also listen to audio books sometimes
- 14:19:17 From Karin Robinson : LOVE Audible.
- 14:19:17 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : It's pretty good because there is a flat monthly rate - and I can consume more!
- 14:19:18 From Dianne Dixon : On my iPad or Kobo, but mostly need the book in my hand.
- 14:19:18 From Jackeline Barragan to All panelists : paper books are amazing
- 14:19:24 From Randy Smith to All panelists : I am anything that is allow me to have more books
- 14:19:29 From Laura Allen : I find I walk or exercise longer to keep listening, LOL
- 14:19:30 From Jamie Ridler to All panelists : <https://www.scribd.com/g/6x3ity>
- 14:19:37 From Dawn Herring : I've never tried listening to books. I've always read with book in hand.
- 14:19:50 From Shannon : Scribd Link from Jamie: <https://www.scribd.com/g/6x3ity>
- 14:19:52 From Jackeline Barragan to All panelists : I recently found Hoopla digital and love it
- 14:20:01 From Bryonna Denning : The Toronto library is my best friend, and they have all kinds of free digital and audio through Hoopla
- 14:20:05 From Laura Allen : Oh the narrator makes all the difference!
- 14:20:08 From Susan Richmond : I started using electronic books when we were on a boat for months at a time. It served me.
- 14:20:10 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : I read paperbacks and Kobo as well. Finally got used to the Kobo and now enjoy it before falling asleep.
- 14:20:26 From Shannon : I love reading on my eReader and Tablet, it's so much lighter in the hands, and I love getting to know seeing the % left to read in chapter/book.
- 14:20:27 From Lorraine Thomas : I tried a Nook but I missed the paper. But Audible turned my dyslexic kid into a reader. (She had an assist from JK Rowling. :))
- 14:20:30 From Patricia Komai : I prefer a book in hand.
- 14:20:46 From Dawn Herring : I also like to take notes especially if something really deeply resonates.

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- 14:20:50 From Patricia Komai : I do read on a kindle, but mostly for how toe.
- 14:20:51 From Laura Allen : I will look up the other audio books a favorite Narrator and I have discovered books I probably wouldn't have found!
- 14:20:52 From Honore´ Francois to All panelists : Paper first, ebook w/audio sync, 2nd & audio-3rd for walking
- 14:20:55 From Melissa Sandí : i used audio books when i started reading in english, becuse it was easier for me to understand, as spanish is my mother tongue.
- 14:21:01 From Karin Robinson : If you find a good narrator, an audiobook can be an amazing experience.
- 14:21:07 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : I enjoy suporting my Library and when I buy I always look for used!
- 14:21:32 From Shannon : Hoopla is great, what they offer is different depending on regionality. I love reading Graphic Novels from Hoopla.
- 14:21:32 From Laura Allen : Our Library uses RBDigital, but they have a slim selection, but free is awesome!
- 14:21:48 From Shannon : Free is awesome, Laura.
- 14:21:50 From Dianne Dixon : I can't and never have been able to listen to audio books. I always say that I have too many voices in my head, I can't keep my brain focused on the book, my imagination will hear one thing and my imagination takes off and when I come back to the sound of the book it is so far forward that I have lost the plot.
- 14:22:31 From Shannon : I haven't had much luck with audiobooks either, Dianne, but now I'm exploring re-reading books via audio. Less pressure to remember the story, more enjoyment from hearing the performance.
- 14:22:32 From patrice rapalus : I can't focus on audio books either...
- 14:22:37 From Kristen Baum : I really love physical books but have discovered the poet-philosophers on audio books and love audio books for them.
- 14:22:49 From Laura Allen : And I track books read on Goodreads...which I've grown to love as our library does not track due to privcay.
- 14:22:57 From Laura Allen : OMG!!!
- 14:23:03 From Shannon : I read a lot of physical books but oh my goodnes... so easy to run out of SPACE.

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- 14:23:22 From Patricia Komai : I have to explore audible books! I'm intrigued
- 14:23:25 From Sundeep Grewal : i love audiobooks too! i listen to them on the go, on a drive, while cleaning. the fiction ones are like someone reading me a story. and i love paper books too in my hands. i was inspired this year to finally go back to the library! vs purchasing them. i don't really like to read a pdf onscreen book.
- 14:23:26 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : I listen to an audiobook about 3 times in order to absorb it all!
- 14:23:43 From Karin Robinson : One of the books I read where the narrator made such a difference was "The Heart of Darkness" read by Kenneth Branagh.
- 14:23:45 From Bryonna Denning : The Painted Art Journal - Jeanne Oliver
- 14:23:53 From Lorraine Thomas : Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave.
- 14:23:57 From Jackeline Barragan to All panelists : Elena Ferrante "Those who leave and those who stay"
- 14:24:01 From ouassima t : Sekhmet : Transformation in the Belly of the Goddess :)
- 14:24:23 From Dawn Herring : I just finished reading Stillness Speaks by Eckhart Tolle. I've also got Make Your Creative Dreams Real by SARK. And The Sound of Paper by Julia Cameron.
- 14:24:25 From April Rosich to All panelists : The Bullet Journal Method
- 14:24:28 From Amy Christaldi : I am reading a book about the history and folklore of Fairies. I don't have it by my computer so I can't remember the title right now
- 14:24:33 From Kristen Baum : I'm finally read Blink, the Malcolm Gladwell and loving it
- 14:24:33 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : 'The Art of Psychi Reiki' - Kobo, Do Not Say We Have Nothing - hardcover, Forever (YA Fiction) - Scrib'd
- 14:24:34 From Laura Allen : Finished Audio: The Overstory by Richard Powers it was AMAhZing! Fiction about the community of trees
- 14:24:40 From Randy Smith to All panelists : Mutant Message Down Under by Marlo Morgan
- 14:24:41 From Beano : Paint Yourself Calm by Jean Haines. I've learned so much from this book.
- 14:24:48 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : And Your are a BadAss at Making Money - audio
- 14:24:48 From Laura Allen : Lorraine that was FAB!

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- 14:24:51 From Debbie Froelich : Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone by Brene Brown
- 14:24:57 From Melissa Sandí : for pleasure i'm not reading anything because i'm in school and i can't get distracted. however i'm taking a course about sanskrit literature, and i'm loving it!!!
- 14:25:19 From Lorna Schreck : I have Robyn Openshaw's "VIBE" and for fun I love the JD Robb "In-Death" series.
- 14:25:32 From Karin Robinson : Yay! Gossip-Jeanne Oliver's mom was one of my bffs in high school. We actually reconnected through Jeanne's book because of her Mom's pictures throughout the book!
- 14:25:32 From Laura Allen : @Shannon, tip again for all attendees
- 14:25:33 From Bryonna Denning : I also like to open The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron for hits of inspiration. Always seem to open to the "right" page
- 14:25:41 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : Oh boy Jamie, do I have the BEST audio book narrator to begin with: and this is one of my favorite series, and it is by a fellow Canadian author, Louise Penny. The series is called Three Pines, takes place in the Eastern Township area of Quebec and Montreal, the characters grow with each book and they are fabulous. The first one in the series is called Still Life. Everyone with whom I have shared this series with has thanked me profusely. The narrator is astonishing. And is not the author, but she chose him.
- 14:26:08 From Sundeep Grewal : hehe right now i'm reading...The Moomin books by Tove Jansson, i'm on the 5th one! The Emily Carr Omnibus. It includes 7 of Emily's books! i'm on book 5!
- 14:26:09 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : :-)
- 14:26:14 From Shannon : Chat Help: For your comment to be seen by everyone in chat, selected "All Panelists and Attendees" from the drop down above the chat window.
- 14:26:21 From Amy Christaldi : I'm also reading a romance series about magic dragons called the Dark Kings series by Donna Grant
- 14:26:25 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : Might be a different one on Jamie -
- 14:26:36 From Ellen Groskorth to All panelists : about teen love and werewolves!
- 14:26:42 From Debbie Froelich : Journal Sparks: Fire Up Your Creativity with Spontaneous Art, Wild Writing, and Inventive Thinking by Emily Neuburger
- 14:26:45 From Dianne Dixon : How not to be afraid of your own life - Susan Piver; Meditation is not what you think - Jon Kabat Zinn; The Artist's Journey (thanks Jamie) Oh I love that book Paint Yourself Calm.

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- 14:26:58 From patrice rapalus : Loved The Overstory! Transcription by Kate Atkinson ans Witch
- 14:27:17 From Claudia Erixon : It was thanks to jamie recomming Brene's book that i listened to it on Audible and now i'm hooked on listening to more books!!
- 14:27:20 From Laura Allen : Listening to The Gilded Hour by Sara Donati
- 14:27:24 From Honore´ Francois to All panelists : Just finished last week : I'd Rather Be Reading by Anne Bogel, the "Modern Mrs Darcy. Atomic Habits by James Clear; Bullet Journaling by Ryan ??? coming up: Anne Tyler's newest - title escapes me!
- 14:27:26 From April Rosich to All panelists : Daily Rituals by Mason Curry is inspiring
- 14:27:26 From Lorna Schreck : Laura - I just got Jeanne Oliver's book too - physical copy - as I love to look through the pictures.
- 14:27:30 From Dianne Dixon : Winnie the Pooh - autumn goal to reread a childhood favourite.
- 14:27:31 From patrice rapalus : Typing too fast--The witch Elm by Tana French
- 14:27:37 From Claudia Erixon : Big Magic by Liz Gilbert!! (she reads it and is great)
- 14:27:52 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : 2 novels I love and give as gifts: The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George and Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Both fiction.
- 14:27:56 From April Rosich to All panelists : I agree Claudia
- 14:28:11 From Bryonna Denning : Yes Yes to Louise Penney Inspector Gamache
- 14:28:26 From patrice rapalus to All panelists : Louise Penny is the best!!!
- 14:28:44 From Shannon : I just finsihed re-reading 2001: A Space Odyessy by Arthur C. Clarke and really enjoyed it.
- 14:28:46 From Dianne Dixon : And began rereading Simple Abundance on the equinox. Louise Penny was just in Edmonton last week, she was great.
- 14:29:01 From Patricia Komai : Americanah. I can't remember the author's name, but she is funny and her characters are so well developed. I'm also reading Sharon Blackie's books, The Enchanted Life, and The Road to Tamazunchale by Ron Arias, and I always turn to a page in To Bless the Space Between Us by John O'Donohue
- 14:29:01 From Shannon : Chat Help: For your comment to be seen by eveyrone in chat, selected "All Panelists an Attendees" from the drop down above the chat window.
- 14:29:02 From Ellen Groskorth : oops

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- 14:29:06 From Karin Robinson : Some of my favorite books were written by Fredrik Backman. The best is "A Man called Ove."
- 14:29:11 From Sundeep Grewal : And for audiobook right now...The Emotional Calendar by John R Sharp. Just started it, so let's see how it goes!
- 14:29:25 From Shannon : Americanah is by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- 14:29:37 From Laura Allen : Oh Karin he is great! I just finished the second Beartown, loved it.
- 14:29:49 From Jackeline Barragan : Americanah is one of my favorites
- 14:30:14 From Karin Robinson : Laura, I buy his books without even knowing anything about them.
- 14:30:22 From Shannon : I do that with Kindle Freebies.
- 14:30:27 From Dianne Dixon : Yes, Start Here Now is great.
- 14:30:37 From Susan Rubenstein : Thanks for telling me, to drop the panel/attendees down!!!...
- 14:30:46 From Honore´ Francois : Just finished last week : I'd Rather Be Reading by Anne Bogel, the "Modern Mrs Darcy. Atomic Habits by James Clear; Bullet Journaling by Ryan ????. coming up: Anne Tyler's newest - title escapes me!
- 14:31:08 From Amy Christaldi : Recently revised a Wrinkle in Time in audio form. It was a great adventure that I enjoyed as a child and loved again as an adult
- 14:31:38 From Shannon : Yeah, the Bullet Journaling book just came out! So exciting . I want to read that.
- 14:31:41 From Ellen Groskorth : Me too Amy!
- 14:32:02 From Susan Rubenstein : Recent novels I've loved: The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George and Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine..... reposting it.
- 14:32:13 From Karin Robinson : I admit I also like brainless reading. I'm reading a series about a character "Warlock Holmes" and his band of weird investigators. GS Denninig is the author and they are clever and funny.
- 14:32:41 From Ellen Groskorth : Ryder Carroll is author of Bullet Journaling
- 14:32:45 From Laura Allen : New book by fav author: Jodi Picoult, A Spark of Light
- 14:33:02 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : They have tours to go with the Three Pines!
- 14:33:03 From Ellen Groskorth : I recommend The Little Paris Bookshop to anyone who loves reading

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- 14:33:03 From Honore´ Francois : Little Paris Bookshop is great fun!
- 14:33:07 From Ellen Groskorth : it was so good
- 14:33:09 From Dianne Dixon : The Boat People, Night Film, the Martin Walker mysteries are some of the fiction I am reading at the moment.
- 14:33:19 From Laura Allen : And Kate Morton is an Australian author I love, new book: The Clockmakers Daughter
- 14:33:25 From Shannon : Oh, those are on my list Dianne!
- 14:33:34 From patrice rapalus : Recent non-fiction read is the
- 14:33:35 From Bryonna Denning : half and half
- 14:33:37 From Jackeline Barragan : 50/50
- 14:33:39 From Dawn Herring : 100 percent non fiction.
- 14:33:40 From Shannon : I read about 75% Fiction and 25% Non-Fiction.
- 14:33:40 From Laura Allen : More Fiction, fewer Non fiction
- 14:33:41 From Debbie Froelich : The Desire Map: A Guide to Creating Goals with Soul by Danielle LaPorte
- 14:33:44 From Patricia Komai : 75% fiction 25% non fiction
- 14:33:45 From Ellen Groskorth : 75 fiction/ 25 non
- 14:33:46 From Dianne Dixon : I have some Sharon Blackie books on my pile.
- 14:33:48 From Honore´ Francois : 85% non fiction
- 14:33:48 From Lorna Schreck : 75% fiction and 25% non-fiction.
- 14:33:53 From Randy Smith to All panelists : Non 90% fiction 10%
- 14:33:57 From Amy Christaldi : I always have a fiction book to read before bed, but I probably consume more non-fiction overall
- 14:33:58 From Melissa Sandí : i prefer fiction, but sometimes i really enjoy non-fiction
- 14:34:03 From Susan Richmond : 75% fiction and 25% non
- 14:34:15 From Karin Robinson : I read everything. Maybe 75% fiction, 25% non.

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- 14:34:15 From Susan Rubenstein : Alexander McCall Smith's series: The #1 Ladies Detective Agency that takes place in Botswana. And: The Scotland Street series that takes place in Edinburgh. Wonderful memorable characters in each.
- 14:34:16 From Kristen Baum : Maybe 60/40 in favor of fiction?
- 14:34:16 From Melody Herbert : 75% fiction, 25% non fiction
- 14:34:22 From Sundeep Grewal : Now 50/50. For a long time it was just non-fiction...glad to be out of that phase and enjoying fiction again!
- 14:34:23 From Dianne Dixon : Probable half and half - maybe non fiction is a bit out in front.
- 14:34:30 From Honore´ Francois : Thx Ryder's name totally escaped me
- 14:34:34 From Bryonna Denning : Essentialism -McKeown, Greg. Have this on order since I've seen it recommended in so many places
- 14:34:46 From Beano : I like murder mysteries "Who done it" books; 100% fiction except for the "how to" books.
- 14:34:46 From April Rosich : 75% nonfiction 25% fiction
- 14:34:47 From Ellen Groskorth : I got the name of the book wrong Honore!
- 14:34:49 From Susan Rubenstein : I read about 60 fiction, 40 fiction.
- 14:34:50 From Lorraine Thomas : Mostly fiction, I'll say 90%/10%.
- 14:35:03 From Melody Herbert : I am going to have to do the audio, I am having trouble with my eyes, Thank you
- 14:35:17 From patrice rapalus : I keep hitting send --argh! I read 90% fiction. Non - fiction recent read is The Creative Tarot by Jessa Crispin.
- 14:35:27 From ouassima t : Now 0 fiction !!!!
- 14:35:37 From Laura Allen : I am drawn to historical novels lately especially those set in WW2... anyone have a genre they get immersed in?
- 14:35:58 From Julia Slayton to All panelists : NO fiction, just History. Which could be redundant.
- 14:36:09 From Bryonna Denning : The Artist's Way !!
- 14:36:10 From Dianne Dixon : The Artist Way
- 14:36:17 From Amy Christaldi : The Artist's Way

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- 14:36:21 From Ellen Groskorth : The Peaceful Warrior,
- 14:36:25 From Amy Christaldi : You Can Be Happy No Matter What
- 14:36:26 From Kristen Baum : The Artist's Way. AND Sue Monk Kidd's The Dance of the Dissident Daughter.
- 14:36:31 From Randy Smith to All panelists : Women who Run with the Wolves
- 14:36:35 From Ellen Groskorth : Emotional Freedom
- 14:36:36 From Claudia Erixon : Prayers of Honouring by Pixie Lighthouse (another Jamie Recommendation!) Come back to it again and again
- 14:36:49 From Laura Allen : THE book that made me become a life long reader since 5th grade was Watership Down by Richard Adams
- 14:37:00 From Ellen Groskorth : Chicken Little!
- 14:37:01 From Beano : All of Eckhart Tole.
- 14:37:01 From Dianne Dixon : Full Catastrophe Living - Jon Kabat Zinn Saved my life.
- 14:37:11 From Amy Christaldi : Steering by Starlight by Martha Beck
- 14:37:16 From Ellen Groskorth : First memory of wanting to be able to read
- 14:37:21 From Jackeline Barragan : Daring Greatly by B.Brown
- 14:37:22 From Lorna Schreck : Two children's books, which I read as an adult: "The Giving Tree, and The Dot.
- 14:37:29 From Honore´ Francois : I really liked Julia Cameron's Sounds of Silence - hope I got the title right!
- 14:37:30 From Laura Allen : ALL of Wayne Dyer's books and audio
- 14:37:31 From Lorraine Thomas : Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by TS Eliot. It's the book that made me want to learn my alphabet so I could be a writer, too.
- 14:37:36 From Melissa Sandí : life is a dream by Calderon de la barca and sense and sensibility by Jane austen
- 14:37:44 From Dawn Herring : I have three: The Holiest of All, Christy, and one of Julia Cameron's The Vein of Gold.
- 14:37:46 From Sundeep Grewal : year of yes by shonda rhimes!!! the forest unseen by david george haskell are 2 recent ones!

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- 14:37:47 From Karin Robinson : I can't think of any one book that changed my life, but there have been many that have influenced my thinking.
- 14:38:03 From Laura Allen : Oh Lorna I gave The Dot as so many gifts!!
- 14:38:27 From Amy Christaldi : The Right to Write by Julia Cameron
- 14:38:30 From Susan Rubenstein : Yes, The Artist's Way, and another of hers, Walking in this World. The Little Prince. Charlotte's Web. Poems by e.e. cummings and Yehuda Amichai. Tom Jones by Fielding. Emma by Jane Austen.
- 14:38:37 From Dianne Dixon : Lord of the Rings read this every July for about 10 years - it was the signal that school was out and summer holidays were beginning.
- 14:38:46 From Laura Allen : Jaime, I think you would like The Dot (powerful children's book)
- 14:39:00 From Shannon : That's a wonderful tradition Dianne.
- 14:39:10 From Amy Christaldi : It's the Sound of Paper by Julia Cameron
- 14:39:16 From patrice rapalus : Little Women--I re-read every Christmas
- 14:39:19 From Bryonna Denning : And Refuse To Choose by Barbara Sher
- 14:39:29 From Honore' Francois : Sound of Paper by J Cameron
- 14:39:44 From Honore' Francois : yes just looked it up!
- 14:39:48 From Amy Christaldi : Oh yes. Barbara Sher is awesome!
- 14:39:49 From Lorna Schreck : For several years I taught watercolor painting at a local senior center and the first thing I did was read "The Dot" to my students - it was freeing to them - and me too.
- 14:40:29 From Patricia Komai : I love The Dot. Read that to my minders and firsties often.
- 14:40:39 From Laura Allen : Jaime i think you recommended Writing Down Your Soul...wow was this perfect at the right time
- 14:40:41 From Patricia Komai : oops kinders
- 14:40:42 From Dianne Dixon : Favourite children's for a long time is Going on a Bear Hunt - my philosophy of life described by this book.
- 14:40:46 From patrice rapalus : I love The Dot too!
- 14:40:46 From Ellen Groskorth : Can you repeat that title Jamie?

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- 14:41:23 From Laura Allen : I can't recommthere is a companion as well!end thhis one enought, and h
- 14:41:26 From Ellen Groskorth : The Art of Slow Writing - I find myself always thinking of this book
- 14:41:27 From Dianne Dixon : Yes to Writing Down Your Soul.
- 14:41:43 From Lorna Schreck : Janet Connor also has a workbook on Writing Down Your Soul.
- 14:41:53 From Honore´ Francois : Agree Writing Down Your Soul
- 14:41:55 From Ellen Groskorth : Thanks!
- 14:41:59 From Bryonna Denning : Writing Down Your Soul ... got this on your recommendation, Jamie ... love it!
- 14:42:04 From Laura Allen : I can't recomtd this one ENUFF and there is a companion as well!
- 14:42:15 From Amy Christaldi : I'll have to go back to the Lotus and the Lily. I have that but don't remember much about it
- 14:42:23 From Susan Rubenstein : Bird by Bird by Anne Lamott, One of the best books about writing, and very funny. Also about writing/journaling: Natalie Goldberg's books, the first one is called Writing Down the Bones.
- 14:42:32 From Kristen Baum : Oh, and the War of Art, by Pressfield
- 14:42:39 From Laura Allen : Writing Dopwn the Bones, yES!!
- 14:43:04 From Sundeep Grewal : a return to love helped me in my 20's through some chaos.
- 14:43:14 From Bryonna Denning : I have a TON of cookbooks ... I buy them instead of cooking !
- 14:43:16 From Amy Christaldi : I just bought Writing Down the Bones again only to realize I already had it, so I returned it. :)
- 14:43:36 From Honore´ Francois : Another fave writing book: Butterfly Effect
- 14:43:36 From Amy Christaldi : The Story Within is a great book on writing
- 14:43:52 From Patricia Komai : I enjoy cook books, too Bryonna.
- 14:43:56 From Dianne Dixon : So do I Jamie, me too and they are very marked up, dog eared highlighter.
- 14:44:59 From Susan Rubenstein : Who is the author of Turning Pro, Jamie? Sounds great.

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- 14:45:04 From Laura Allen : @Shannon, would you add the titles Jaime mentions so they are in chat? ;-)
- 14:45:42 From Shannon : I can try from here on in, but I
- 14:45:53 From Dawn Herring : I like Flora Bowley's Brave Intuitive Painting and her follow up, an art revolution. Not sure of that second title.
- 14:46:02 From Shannon : Oops! Truncation. But I don't have them at hand.
- 14:46:08 From Sundeep Grewal : big magic by elizabeth gilbert for putting fear in the passenger seat!
- 14:46:18 From Shannon : There we go!
- 14:46:37 From Karin Robinson : Changing direction a bit- I recently bought two books that are visually lovely and great inspiration: Around the World in 80 Trees by Jonathan Drori, and Wise Trees by Diane Cook and Len Jenshel.
- 14:46:51 From Laura Allen : Patti Digh, Creative is a Verb...and she has others....
- 14:46:58 From Karin Robinson : Flora Bowley is the reason I began painting.
- 14:47:06 From Bryonna Denning : Love this easy read: The Crossroads of Should and Must - Find and Follow Your Passion ... Elle Luna
- 14:47:15 From Lorna Schreck : When I first started painting, I was gifted with Danny Gregory's "The Creative License" and gave me permission to be the artist I am - with joyous imperfections galore.
- 14:47:18 From Laura Allen : My art is one of her books!!!
- 14:47:29 From Lorraine Thomas : Reading really fine fiction writers probably has the most impact on my writing; more, I think, than non-fiction books. It used to intimidate me, of course. (Oh, I'll never be as good as ----. I'm over it.)
- 14:47:32 From Dawn Herring : I also really like Danny Gregory's The Creative License and Art Before Breakfast. I love his sense of humor.
- 14:47:35 From Dianne Dixon : The Art Spirit - Robert Henri and Free Play - Stephen Nachmanovitch
- 14:47:36 From Patricia Komai : Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards and Danny Gregory's Books, An Illustrated Life and A Kiss Before You Go.
- 14:47:46 From Susan Rubenstein : Yes, Lorna, Danny Gregory is wonderful!

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- 14:47:53 From Shannon : Syllabus by Lynda Barry is so great!
- 14:48:00 From Honore´ Francois : Laura's illustrations are in one of Patti's book!
- 14:48:01 From Shannon : It's a bit different structure thought
- 14:48:03 From Dianne Dixon : Yes to Danny Gregory
- 14:48:05 From Bryonna Denning : martha beck
- 14:48:06 From Amy Christaldi : martha beck
- 14:48:08 From Laura Allen : martha beck
- 14:48:09 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : martha beck
- 14:48:13 From Dawn Herring : Martha Beck: Love all of her books!
- 14:48:15 From Dianne Dixon : Martha Beck
- 14:48:42 From Patricia Komai : How fun would it be to be a student in Linda Barry's classes!
- 14:48:50 From Ellen Groskorth : Omigosh, my list is getting big
- 14:48:54 From patrice rapalus : Yes! Syllabus is so good!
- 14:49:07 From Honore´ Francois : Love LBarry's Syllabus
- 14:49:23 From Shannon : I would love to be in one of Lynda Barry's classes. Sometimes I do the exercises and pretend I'm there.
- 14:49:37 From Honore´ Francois : U can follow LBarry on tumblr
- 14:50:06 From Amy Christaldi : You Can Draw in 30 Days by Mark Kistler. This was the first book on drawing that I was actually able to follow along with without feeling intimidated. I actually finished it which was a first for me. Great exercises
- 14:50:06 From Dianne Dixon : I also have several shelves of art books that have the art of one artist in some of the latest is Sara Midden
- 14:50:44 From Shannon : Come, Thou Tortoise ...so good :)
- 14:50:52 From Amy Christaldi : The Harry Potter Books are special to me. I have them all in hardbound copies
- 14:50:53 From Dianne Dixon : And likely forty five or fifty poetry books on my shelves.
- 14:50:56 From Jackeline Barragan : Hopscotch by Julio Cortazar

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- 14:51:15 From Shannon : The Diviners by Margaret Laurence. And To Sin with a Viking by Michelle Willingham (yes... it's a Harlequin).
- 14:51:55 From Karin Robinson : Any book by Lois Lowry
- 14:51:58 From Dianne Dixon : David Whyte, Mary Oliver
- 14:51:59 From Ellen Groskorth : Cynthia Voight's 'Homecoming' - YA fiction of the 80s
- 14:52:03 From Lorraine Thomas : The Witch of Blackbird Pond - Carolyn Speare. I've read it every year since I was 10 and just gave a copy to my 10 yo god-daughter.
- 14:52:11 From Lorna Schreck : Anne Morrow Lindbergh's "Gift from the Sea" walking the beach and facing life changing moments.
- 14:52:26 From Melissa Sandí : my special one is a series by a costarican authour, Lara Rios, it's a children's book actually, is the first one i lovde, it's callled "Short Pants"(a literal translation)
- 14:52:30 From Amy Christaldi : Might be off topic but I am listening to a Podcast series right now that treats Harry Potter as a Sacred Text and explores themes of life that are very thought provoking. It's called Harry Potter and the Sacred Text
- 14:52:34 From Dianne Dixon : Margaret Laurence is a favourite here.
- 14:52:57 From Shannon : I want to read all of Margaret Laurence's work
- 14:53:27 From Dianne Dixon : Pilgrim at Tinker Creek is one that I would never discard read it many times and Gift From the Sea is in there too
- 14:53:29 From Laura Allen : Martha beck also wrote Expecting Adam a memoir about her son...
- 14:53:47 From Shannon : Away by Jane Urquhart! Oh yes.
- 14:53:48 From Dianne Dixon : Oh yes Jane U
- 14:53:56 From Lorna Schreck : Oh My Gosh - I was a huge Harlequin fan as they were so easy to read - or maybe it was that they were not mentally challenging - LOL.
- 14:54:04 From patrice rapalus : Lorna, Gift from the Sea is one of my all time faves as well
- 14:54:11 From Jackeline Barragan : Anne Michaels, Fugitive Pieces
- 14:54:27 From Ellen Groskorth : oh yes.
- 14:54:28 From Dawn Herring : Martha Beck's Finding Your Own North Star and The Vein of Gold by Julia Cameron.

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- 14:54:31 From Amy Christaldi : The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. Great on audio. A special one for me that I return to often
- 14:54:38 From Ellen Groskorth : Fugitive Pieces. Big love for that one
- 14:54:42 From Susan Rubenstein : Poetry: Marge Piercy, David Whyte, e.e. cummings, Rumi, Yehuda Amichai, Tess Gallagher, Mary Oliver, of course. To name a few, I love poetry.
- 14:54:53 From Ellen Groskorth : In the Skin of A Lion, M. Ondaatje
- 14:55:18 From Shannon : So nice to see some love for Canadian authors . :)
- 14:55:25 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : Stern Men by Elizabeth Gilbert
- 14:55:30 From Randy Smith to All panelists : It's romance but I live the ME BEFORE YOU SERIES by Jojo Moyes
- 14:55:32 From Dianne Dixon : The Alexandra Stoddard books
- 14:55:32 From Laura Allen : An old paperback called Voice of the Planet....I lost it and couldn't recall the title until the internet came to the rescue a few years ago...one of those sites that lets you enter the plot...and then matches.
- 14:55:39 From Shannon : Romance counts!
- 14:55:51 From Dawn Herring : I read a book called Hinds Feet on High Places by Hannah Hurnard. Powerful book.
- 14:55:59 From Amy Christaldi : The Unmistakable Touch of Grace by Cheryl Richardson
- 14:56:12 From Laura Allen : The Outlander series, excellent narrator for the whole series
- 14:56:35 From Laura Allen : Oh Jaime try one of these sites ;-) I'll send you a link!
- 14:56:39 From Honore´ Francois : I @Dianne: Yay for Alexandra Stoddard!
- 14:56:48 From Amy Christaldi : Oh kids books. I loved Beverly Cleary books as a kid. I read all the Henry Huggins ones and of course Ralph S. Mouse
- 14:56:55 From Claudia Erixon : cliché maybe, but Eat Pray Love is that special old favourite for me. Also The Time Traveller's Wife. and recently loved "Angels in my Hair" by Lorna Byrne- an amazing autobiography.
- 14:56:55 From Ellen Groskorth : The Fionavar Tapestry - Guy Gavriel Kay
- 14:57:08 From Laura Allen : Ohhhhh Ellen, yeys yes yes!!!

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- 14:57:10 From Susan Rubenstein : Alice Munro's early ones: Lives of Girls and Women, among my favorite. Another Canadian under Poetry, as well as fiction: Margaret Atwood. And Leonard Cohen and Irving Layton.
- 14:57:24 From Shannon : Yes, The Fionavar Tapestry. That's a wonderful series.
- 14:57:30 From Dianne Dixon : I have every non fiction written by an author Gladys Taber they were non fiction and about paying attention to life and being present in anecdotal stories of her life. I paid \$200 for the first one just to complete my set, a number of years ago.
- 14:57:32 From Sundeep Grewal : me too! eat pray love :)
- 14:57:35 From Amy Christaldi : Yes. The Time Traveler's Wife - awesome!
- 14:57:41 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : Anne Tyler books
- 14:57:50 From Bryonna Denning : Snow Goose on Youtube ... hope it's the right one
- 14:57:51 From Karin Robinson : I'm an old lady and I grew up in the "Nancy Drew" generation. That's where I developed a love of series reading.
- 14:57:52 From Bryonna Denning : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pwwZOGN-ao>
- 14:58:11 From Laura Allen : Okay FAV SciFi: everthing by Sheri S Tepper
- 14:58:38 From Dawn Herring : The Glass Castle is my favorite memoir.
- 14:58:39 From Susan Rubenstein : Few do quirky families full of humanity like Anne Tyler, where the city of Baltimore is also a character.
- 14:58:43 From Lorna Schreck : I learned about Gladys Taber through Susan Branch - both are wonderful kindred spirits.
- 14:58:59 From Beano : Thank you so much Jamie!
- 14:59:00 From Laura Allen : Yes Amy!!!
- 14:59:06 From Karin Robinson : ThanksJamie!
- 14:59:09 From Dianne Dixon : Yes I love Susan Branch too but had the GT books first.
- 14:59:12 From Amy Christaldi : Can't wait to get the chat transcript. So much inspiration. Thanks everyone!!
- 14:59:14 From Jackeline Barragan : I really enjoyed the forum. Thanks Jamie and everyone
- 14:59:17 From Kristen Baum : Thank you everybody! Thank you Jamie!

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- 14:59:17 From Patricia Komai : Thanks, everyone. Thank you, Jamie.
- 14:59:24 From Laura Allen : Best HOUR evah, thank you all and Jaime and Shannon!!!
- 14:59:29 From Dawn Herring : Thank you so much Jamie!
- 14:59:32 From Dianne Dixon : WOW!
- 14:59:33 From Shannon : It's wonderful to see the books that people are enjoying.
- 14:59:35 From Ellen Groskorth : Thank you!
- 14:59:40 From Shannon : And have enjoyed :)
- 14:59:41 From Lorraine Thomas : Thank you, everyone!
- 14:59:41 From Dawn Herring : It's been delightful, all.
- 14:59:45 From Sundeep Grewal : this was wonderful everyone! thank you!
- 14:59:46 From Bryonna Denning : Love getting your book recommendations, Jamie. So hope we'll see more :)
- 14:59:47 From Susan Rubenstein : Very things as joyful as sharing one's passion with books with others! Thanks Jamie and to everyone for their sharing! Can't wait to read the transcript and make a proper list from it all!!
- 14:59:50 From Dianne Dixon : Thanks everyone.
- 14:59:54 From Lorna Schreck : Great hour - reminding me and introducing me to so many great books and authors.
- 14:59:59 From Catherine Haskell to All panelists : Thank YOU!!!
- 15:00:03 From Randy Smith to All panelists : This was GREAT!!!
- 15:00:07 From Melissa Sandí : thank you so much!!!! my first time live!!! i really enjoyed!! a big hug from Costa Rica
- 15:00:07 From Laura Allen : One more SciFi; Maria Doria Russel!!!
- 15:00:08 From Beano : Bye Lorna
- 15:00:12 From Honore´ Francois : Great Way to spend an hour! Thanks all!
- 15:00:13 From Susan Rubenstein to All panelists : Big Hugs to you Jamie! xxoo Rubi
- 15:00:13 From Patricia Komai : Bye all

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- 15:00:14 From Dianne Dixon : Bye
- 15:00:15 From Shannon : Take care everyone!
- 15:00:16 From Laura Allen : Happy reading!!!!
- 15:00:21 From Randy Smith to All panelists : bYEEE ALLL
- 15:00:35 From Ellen Groskorth : Thanks Shannon!
- 15:00:36 From Jamie Ridler to All panelists : Some of the books I mentioned:
- 15:00:51 From Ellen Groskorth : Thanks for all the suggestions. :-)
- 15:01:27 From Jamie Ridler

Books by Steven Pressfield = The ARTist's Journey, Turning Pro, Do the Work
Journaling books by Janet Conner: Writing Down Your Soul, The Lotus and the Lily
Books by Natalie Goldberg: Writing Down the Bones, Living Color, the True Secret of Writing, Wild Minds
About Meditation: Start Here Now by Susan Piver
Braving the Wilderness by Brene Brown. Btw, she has a new book out called Dare to Lead.
The works of Jane Urquhart, especially Away and Changing Heaven
Come Thou, Tortoise by Jessica Grant
And two audio books I didn't get to mention that were real creative inspirations for me in the past year: Creative Quest by Quest Love and The Wander Society by Keri Smith

- 15:04:40 From Laura Allen : thanks for leaving chat open, I've copied and pasted into Word already! ;-)
- 15:08:27 From Laura Allen : LOL, it's 26 pages!!! (doublespaced, but still how FAB!)
- 15:08:43 From Jamie Ridler : Now that's a resource