GENE'S TOP 25 BOOKS:

- The Second Sex by Simone de Beauvoir
- A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth
- Adolphe by Benjamin Constant
- The Red and the Black by Stendhal
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- King Lear by William Shakespeare
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
- Paris 1919 by Margaret MacMillan
- Essays by Michel de Montaigne
- Ulysses by James Joyce
- Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Collected Stories by William Trevor
- Oedipus Rex by Socrates
- Hawthorne's Short Stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Middlemarch by George Eliot
- Humboldt's Gift by Saul Bellow
- The Pity of It All: A Portrait of the German Jewish Epoch, 1743 1933 by Amos Elon
- Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition by David Nirenberg
- The Tin Drum by Gunter Grass
- Death in Venice by Thomas Mann
- Elective Affinities by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- Short Stories by Isaac Bashevis Singer
- Bible: Book of Genesis (Adam and Eve)/Book of Job
- Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert