

## IRIS'S TOP 25 BOOKS:

Madeline suggested we follow the list of movies with a list of books. I think we can bring together a wonderful assortment of books if each of us selects the top 25 books that we have found particularly important in one way or another—not a “best” books list, but books to which we have had a strong emotional reaction or books that changed the way we look at the world. I am posting Gene’s list and my list (both unranked). As you will see, we have only two overlaps! I hope each of you will also add a list—any combination of fiction and nonfiction you wish. We will then have a really eclectic set of family favorites!

## IRIS'S LIST:

- A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
- For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
- Exile by Richard North Patterson
- An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris
- The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John le Carre
- In the Garden of Beasts by Eric Larson
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt
- The Best and the Brightest by David Halberstam
- All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
- In the First Circle by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- Pushkin’s Button by Serena Vitale
- The French Lieutenant’s Woman by John Fowles
- The Remains of the Day (and An Artist of the Floating World and A Pale View of Hills) by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Possession: A Romance by A.S. Byatt
- The Makioka Sisters by Jun’ichi Tanizaki
- Schindler’s List by Thomas Keneally
- My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit
- China: Alive in the Bitter Sea by Fox Butterfield
- A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth
- Middlemarch by George Eliot
- The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight