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Becoming

by Michelle Obama

Absolutely fantastic. About her struggles, boundless enthusiasm, steadfast refusal to be dragged down into the muck. I absolutely loved it. Wonderful photos and family stories. The times in the white house are endearing.

American Agent

by Jacqueline Winspear

About living through the blitz. A great story. The main character is such a wonderful heroine. I didn't realize that American had no interest in getting into the war. I had no idea what it was like to live through the war in Britain. It has so many characters, it can be confusing so start from the beginning of the series. (Maisie Dobbs series.)

Happy All the Time

by Laurie Colwin

it's my 6th time reading it. A novel of fun, manners, and a delightful comedy. One of the very best.

The Golden Tresses of the Dead

By Alan Bradley

If you've not read any of the Flavia de Luce novels, they are just a delight. In this book Flavia is a teenager (She's 10 in the first book). She's delighted by chemistry including poisons. Dogger is the caretaker and former military. In this one there is a murder and they think they should form an investigative agency. The plot is involving, and the characters are interesting.

Verses for the Dead

By Preston and Child

Set in Florida, which is unusual. There's a guy named Prendergast who's very well turned out and is disliked by the powers that be. They give him Cold Moon, a Native American partner. The bosses don't get it. Prendergast is pleased with his young partner. A daunting mystery with some surprises in hierarchy of the department.

The Fox

By Frederick Forsyth

Set in England where I've been a couple of times, but I don't know the culture that well. Begins with a computer-obsessed hacker- he's so good the former chief of British Secret Service thinks maybe he can be used. There are a number of political computer attacks- the chief sets the kid and another person to intervene. It's fascinating. Never ran into a piece where logical actions are screwed up like this.

## The Things They Carried

by Tim O'Brien

"A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. " He's an incredible writer. Fantastic.

## Fear: Trump in the White House

By Bob Woodward

"*Fear* presents vivid details of the negotiations between Trump's attorneys and Robert Mueller, the special counsel in the Russia investigation, laying out for the first time the meeting-by-meeting discussions and strategies. It discloses how senior Trump White House officials joined together to steal draft orders from the president's Oval Office desk so he would not issue directives that would jeopardize top secret intelligence operations." De does a fantastic job documenting what goes on.

## West Viking: The Ancient Norse In Greeland And North America

By Farley Mourat

About the ancient Norse in North America. He also recites some of the Norse sagas. It talks about old theories- it's from 1965. He died a few years ago. He theorized another Norseman found Labrador before Leif Erickson.