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**Orphan Train**  By Christina Baker Kline

“interesting because based on historical events. It was a horrifying time, yet kept the reader hurrying to learn more about certain facts. … shows you a nearly forgotten part of history that many readers might not know existed…. also makes you want to research more about the orphan trains.” —Peggy Ericson

**The Goldfinch**  By Donna Tartt

“I was disappointed by it. The author tells a pretty good story through the first 500 pages but then drifts into a wordy, self-indulgent journey through the last 200 or so pages. When she is good the author is a very good story teller. When she isn’t good she resorts to esoteric wanderings and loses the impact of the story. Lots of readers have recommended this book but I am definitely not one of them.” —Paul Doutrich

**Classic Selection: The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

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