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The 52 Lists Project #49

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List your favorite books:

I feel like I've done this list before, though it's right on schedule, and the *52 Lists* book does not repeat. It is definitely a topic dear to my heart, and one I've written about before. For this list, I'll categorize.

Gardening Books:

- *Onward and Upward in the Garden* by Katherine S. White
- *Weeds in Winter* by Lauren Brown
- *Creating a Cottage Garden* by Sue Phillips
- *Seasons at Seven Gates Farm* by Keith Scott Morton and Mary Seehafer Sears
- *An Island Garden* by Celia Thaxter
- *Carrots Love Tomatoes* by Louise Riotte
- *Grow Your Own Vegetables* by Joy Larkcom

Cookbooks:

- *This Good Food* by Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette
- *Sundays at Moosewood Restaurant* by the Moosewood Collective
- *The Supermarket Epicure* by Joanna Pruess
- *The Key to Chinese Cooking* by Irene Kuo
- *Let's Get Together* by DeeDee Stovel and Pam Wakefield
- *An Everlasting Meal* by Tamar Adler
- *Sweets for Saints and Sinners* by Janice Feuer

Essays:

- *The Essays of E.B. White* by E.B. White
- *Silences* by Tillie Olsen
- *The Writing Life* by Annie Dillard
- *If It Fitz* by Jim Fitzgerald
- *The White Lantern* by Evan S. Connell
- *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *Trying to Save Piggy Sneed* by John Irving
- *In Search of Our Mother's Gardens* by Alice Walker

Memoir:

- *Growing Up* by Russell Baker
- *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston
- *China Men* by Maxine Hong Kingston
- *The Liar's Club* by Mary Karr
- *Let's Not Go To the Dogs Tonight: an African Childhood* by Alexandra Fuller
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls
- *Half-Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls

Fiction:

- All of the loosely related stories by Louise Erdrich, but especially *Love Medicine*, *Tracks*, *The Master Butcher's Singing Club*, *Four Souls* and *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse*.

- Just about any by Barbara Kingsolver, but especially *Pigs in Heaven*.
- Everything I've read so far by Kay Atkinson, especially *Life After Life*.
- All of the light-hearted mysteries by Laurie R. King featuring Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell.
- Everything Alice Walker writes is golden, but *The Color Purple* is my favorite.
- The same goes for Mark Twain, but I'd choose *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* if I had to pick just one.

Miscellaneous Others from various categories:

- *Women Who Run With the Wolves* by Clarissa Pinkola Estes
- *The Arctic Grail* by Pierre Berton
- *I Could Do Anything (If I Only Knew What it Was)* by Barbara Sher
- *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn
- *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott
- *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White
- *The Poems of Emily Dickinson*
- *The Collected Poems of Theodore Roethke*
- *Encaustic Painting Techniques* by Patricia Baldwin Seggebruch

And, oh, there are other books on art, history, nature and health that have gone unmentioned. How have I not mentioned poets Marge Piercy, Caroline Forché and Billy Collins? And all of the other writers of fiction that have meant so much to me? For this one day, this will have to do.