Johanna Schneider recommends Heart Berries: A Memoir by Terese Marie Mailhot (2018): Terese Marie Mailhot's Heart Berries has been called an "Iliad for the indigenous" and is an exceptional account of a life that has been disrupted by sexual abuse, racial cruelty and drug addiction. While being in a hospital after a breakdown, Mailhot is given a notebook to write down her thoughts. In deadpan humour and with a clear voice she tells us her story with brutal honesty, and it will bewitch and captivate you until the end. This is a woman's coming of age story like no other."

Uwe Klawitter recommends The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon (2003): The novel leads you into the life of Christopher Boone, a 15-year-old boy who has Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism. While Christopher is trying to solve the gruesome killing of a dog in his neighbourhood and self-consciously writes about it in the form of detective fiction, he finds out secrets that concern his own family. What this amounts to is a moving story of love and betrayal. More fascinating are Christopher's interests, his perceptiveness and reasoning, which are also vividly conveyed by the multimodal form of the novel, the inclusion of such graphic elements as drawings, maps, diagrams, mathematical formulas and lists. In many respects - this becomes clear - the world is a puzzle to Christopher. The courage and creativity of his coping strategies are admirable. His way of looking at the world challenges views on perception and offers a new sense of perspective.