

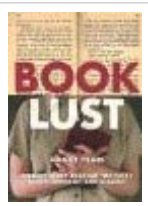
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➤ This Week in Reading Sept 30 - Oct 6



Quite a week, indeed. There are more Nobel prizewinners [this week](#), two presidents (of different countries), a couple of literary giants known as much for their erudition and charm as talk show

guests as for their writing, some other literary giants, and some bestselling women authors.



It's also [Banned Books Week this week](#) and October is National Book Month and National Reading Group Month, as well. It's also the anniversary of the founding of the American Library Association and the international writers group, PEN. Among the authors born this week is the creator of the world's first major encyclopedia, so librarians are celebrating. It's even a chance to bring out the tried and true, but favorite, quotations about reading.

This week's question: This is Taz, the blog dog's, favorite quotation. Which author, born this week, said it? *"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."*



Answer to last week's question: [George and Ira Gershwin](#) won the Pulitzer Prize for their 1931 musical *"Of Thee I Sing."* The show satirized presidential politics and included a poke about the Supreme Court with the question "What is more important - justice or corn muffins?" For more about the show see the [Library of Congress](#) web page about it, or better yet, [read it](#). It's the month to do so.

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