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Still Reading:

Experiencing the Impossible, by Bill Johnson. This is a devotional book I read from time to time.

The Passion Translation: The New Testament (2nd Edition), by Brian Simmons.

Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley.

Poetry

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up, by Marie Kondo.

Good Omens, by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett.

Prince of Tides, by Pat Conroy.

Storm Glass, by Jeff Wheeler.

The Discipline of Masters, by Scott Allan.

Finish, by Jon Acuff.

The Joy of Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Baking, by Peter Reinhart & Denene Wallace.

Writing Better Lyrics, by Pat Pattison.

Giants: Sons of the Gods, by Douglas Van Dorn.

Finished:

- **Watchers**, by Dean Koontz. This was one of the best books I have ever read and my first Dean Koontz work. Loved it!

- **The Practicing Mind**, by Thomas M. Sterner. This was a helpful and encouraging book and I highly recommend it!
- **The Lost Choice**, by Andy Andrews. It was pretty good. I don't know if it totally counts as a "finish", as I listened to it on Audible after being trapped alone at my Mom's on a dark and stormy night while she was in Memphis. I had been there cleaning and her driveway flooded and I feared that my car would be soaked, so I spent the night. Her insane cat must have been getting a running start and body-slamming herself into Mama's bedroom door (she wanted to sleep with me in the other room, I guess.) I turned on this book to tune her out and was in and out of consciousness until about 1AM, when I finally got up and let the bloody girl out. JK. She wasn't bloody or harmed in any way. Just catty. And no, I didn't let her sleep with me!
- **A Wrinkle in Time**, by Madeleine L'Engle. Great book.
- **Dracula**, by Bram Stoker. He held my interest to the end, but the end was—eh. I don't know why.
- **Shelter in Place**, by Nora Roberts. First book I've read by Roberts. Not really my taste, but decent story line. Foul language.
- **Relic**, by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child. Awesome book with stellar suspense and great ending.
- **Invisible**, by James Patterson and David Ellis. Quite foul-mouthed and gory. He is a good storyteller, though! Sworn off of him for a while, too.
- **That Hideous Strength**, by C. S. Lewis. The third book in Lewis' space trilogy. It was my least fav of the three. I never invested in the story.
- **The Demonologist**, by Gerald Brittle. First-hand reports of exorcisms by the people who helped clear the real Amityville Horror house. Very interesting.

- ***The Bean Trees***, by Barbara Kingsolver. Lost interest.
- ***The Stand***, by Stephen King. LONG. Done with King for a while.
- ***Infinite Potential: What Quantum Physics Reveals about How We Should Live***, by Lothar Schafer. A lot of this is above my head, but there are fascinating parts. Quantum physics is simply preternatural. (That's a new favorite word of mine.)
- ***The Talisman***, by Stephen King. This was a very long book. Valuable strictly for training. He did make me care about a character named "Wolf." There were two "worlds" and I feel he did a great job of flipping back and forth between them.
- ***The Physics of Angels***, by Matthew Fox and Rupert Sheldrake. This was a great book based primarily on the writings of Thomas Aquinas on angels. I found that it resonated with certain thoughts I've had about angel specifics, as well as giving me new ideas to ponder.
- ***Breaking the Habit of Being Yourself: How to Lose Your Mind and Create a New One***, by Dr. Joe Dispenza. Some interesting research on the importance of one's feelings being in line with one's thoughts when it comes to overcoming adversity and reaching goals. It is not a Christian book (nor anti-Christian), but it provokes one to contemplate former failures that may have been due to thinking/saying one thing but feeling its opposite.
- ***The Handmaid's Tale***, by Margaret Atwood. Ugh. Spoiler alert! If it weren't for the **Master Class** lessons by **Margaret Atwood** I'm listening to (where she refers to this book), the time I spent reading this would be a waste. She drags you through this mostly narrated story (first person) which is depressing, only to leave the ending open and jump into the future to some historians finding the book in the form of a journal and commenting on it. So, so, so do not like for a writer to do this to me. I will finish her master class, but I doubt I'll ever read another of her novels! That said...as I was putting in the link for Margaret Atwood, I saw that she's coming out with a sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale* in September 2019. does this mean she will **finish**

the story? I may have to recant, if so, and read it. If any of you have watched *The Handmaid's Tale* (on Netflix?) please comment and let me know what you think of it.

- ***The Believer's Authority***, by Kenneth E. Hagin. A short devotional-type book I gleaned much from.