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Welcome back, book lovers

When Lee Child publishes a new [Reacher book](#), I read it. I enjoy his novels for reasons I can't articulate with any logic. If you haven't read them, and you want to be prepared for Reacher's upcoming debut on Amazon Prime Video, here is a link to my helpful summary on [Take My Word for It](#), applicable to nearly any of the novels. Although there is no substitute for an author's work, I have condensed about two dozen thrillers to 370 words. What other blog provides such value?



Not to be missed

Did these slip lower on your Must Read These Books pile? Then move them up. I recommend them in the hope you will tell me some of your recent favorites. (john@jcannonbooks.com)

News of the World

By [Paulette Jiles](#). If you are a Larry McMurtry fan, you won't want to miss this. Thanks to newsletter reader Luann Z. for looping me into the book and [this video](#).

These Women

By [Ivy Pochoda](#). A precisely designed mystery that deftly explores a social issue. Authors I work with probably tire of my (gentle) requests that they show rather than tell. This novel is a book-length example of how to do that.

Travels with Johnny

A trip in early 2020 BCE (Before Coronavirus Era) to San Jose, California, along Route 101 required a stop in Salinas to see [John Steinbeck's boyhood home](#). We ate lunch in his living room. The volunteers who maintain the home and offer the meals do a marvelous job. Didn't see [a poodle](#).

As you consider whether to visit the home and nearby [Steinbeck museum](#), remember this irrefutable logic from Tom Joad, itinerant philosopher: "You're bound to get idears if you go thinkin' about stuff."





Kind regards,
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