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MICHAEL GILTZ AT WORK

The Movies, Books, Theater, Concerts, CDs I Saw In 2018

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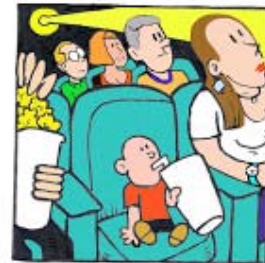
KEY: star rating is on the four star scale

meaning of "/" or "\"

*** is three stars out of four

*** / is three stars leaning towards 3 1/2

*** \ is three stars leaning towards 2 1/2



BOOKS

(Increasingly, I am sampling books, reading 10%, 20% even 40 or 50% before deciding to move on. The books below are only the ones I've read completely. That also explains what looks like generous grading -- more and more, if I sense a book is not going to be among my favorites, I stop reading. Too many books; too little time!)

1. Pietr The Latvian by Georges Simenon (1931) (Maigret #1) ** 1/2
2. Enter Talking by Joan Rivers with Richard Meryman (1986) *** 1/2
3. The Common Good by Robert Reich **
4. A Grief Observed by C.S. Lewis (1961) ***
5. The Carter Of La Providence by Georges Simenon (1931) (Maigret #2) *** /
6. The Triumph of Christianity by Bart Ehrman ** 1/2
7. The Late Monsieur Gallet by Georges Simenon (1931) (Maigret #3) ***
8. A Wizard Of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin (1968) *** 1/2
9. Coffin, Scarcely Used by Colin Watson (1958) ***
10. Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics by Dan Harris and Jeff Warren w

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FAVORITE LINKS

[Americablog](#)[Five O'Clock Lightning baseball blog](#)[Deep Pop -- Lori Lakin's Blog](#)[The Back Page -- Jason Page on ESPN Radio](#)[Cine-Blog -- George Robinson's Blog](#)[Documents On Art & Cinema - Daryl Chin's Blog](#)[Brucie G's Wondrous Blog Of Adventure and Mystery -- Bruce Greenspan's Blog](#)

BLOG ARCHIVE

► 2019 (7)

▼ 2018 (34)

▼ December (7)

Caryle Adler **

11. The Throne Of Caesar by Steven Saylor ** 1/2
12. A Long Way From Home by Peter Carey ***
13. Bump In The Night: A Flaxborough Mystery by Colin Watson ***
14. The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss *** 1/2
15. Space Odyssey by Michael Benson ** 1/2
16. Circe by Madeline Miller *** 1/2
17. Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Bway Revolution by Scott S. Purdum ***
18. Rocket Men by Robert Kurson ** 1/2
19. Factfulness by Hans Rosling with Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Rönnlund ** 1/2
20. Bob by Wendy Mass and illo by Rebecca Stead ** 1/2
21. Can Democracy Survive Global Capitalism? by Robert Kuttner ***
22. The Emissary by Yoko Tawada ***
23. Beneath A Ruthless Sun by Gilbert King *** 1/2
24. Endling The Last by Katherine Applegate *** 1/2
25. Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston ***
26. The Boy From Tomorrow by Camille DeAngelis **
27. Imperial Twilight by Stephen R. Platt *** 1/2
28. The Mandela Plot by Kenneth Bonert ***
29. Gentlemen Formerly Dressed by Sulari Gentill **
30. Calypso by David Sedaris *** 1/2
31. Snow Crash by Neal Stephenson *** (but *** 1/2 in terms of influence)
32. Lincoln's Last Trial by Dan Abrams and David Fisher ** 1/2
33. Small Country by Gaël Faye *** 1/2
34. The Street Where I Live by Alan Jay Lerner *** 1/2
35. Island Of The Mad by Laurie R. King ** 1/2
36. The Button War by Avi ** 1/2
37. The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje *** 1/2
38. Conan Doyle For The Defense by Margalit Fox ***
39. Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik *** 1/2
40. I'm A Free State by V.S. Naipul *** 1/2
41. Moon Tiger by Penelope Lively ****
42. Skippy: Daily Comics 1925-1927 by Percy Crosby *** 1/2
43. Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien *** 1/2
44. Farmer In The Sky by Robert Heinlein (1950) * 1/2
45. Citizen Of The Galaxy by Robert Heinlein (1957) ** 1/2
46. The Divided Earth by Faith Erin Hicks *** 1/2
47. Skippy: Daily Comics 1928-1930 by Percy Crosby ***
48. Skippy: Daily Comics 1931-1933 by Percy Crosby ***
49. The Spy Of Venice by Benet Brandreth ** 1/2
50. Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein (1959) ** 1/2
51. The Complete Terry and the Pirates 1934-1936 by Milt Caniff ** 1/2
52. Toaff's Way by Cynthia Voigt ***
53. The Serial Garden: The Complete Armitage Family Stories by Joan Aiken *** 1/2
54. The Sea Queen by Linnea Hartsuyker *** 1/2
55. Childhood's End by Arthur C Clarke ***

The Movies, Books, Theater,
Concerts, CDs I Saw In...

TV and Film Must Watch List

THEATER: "Network" Has A
Star, But No Show

THEATER: "The Prisoner" Can't
Get Free

THEATER: Ruben and Clay's
Holiday TV Special (Minu...

MOVIES: "Amazing" Aretha

THEATER: Time For Stoppard
To Stop?; A "Prom" To F...

- November (4)
- October (6)
- September (1)
- May (5)
- April (6)
- March (4)
- February (1)

- 2017 (6)
- 2016 (2)
- 2015 (14)
- 2014 (2)
- 2013 (5)
- 2012 (18)
- 2011 (15)
- 2010 (10)
- 2009 (43)
- 2008 (86)
- 2007 (781)
- 2006 (2412)
- 2005 (5)

56. Playing To The Gods by Peter Rader *** 1/2
57. Pieces of Her by Karin Slaughter ** 1/2
58. If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin ***/
59. Marilla Of Green Gables by Sarah McCoy ***
60. Little Man, Little Man by James Baldwin and illos by Yoran Cazac (1976) *** 1/2
61. Transit by Anna Seghers (1944) *** 1/2
62. The Dinosaur Artist by Paige Williams ** 1/2
63. The Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel José Older **
64. Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (1943) *** 1/2
65. The Assassination Of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin ** 1/2
66. A Knife In The Fog by Bradley Harper ** 1/2
67. #SAD: Doonesbury In The Time of Trump by Garry Trudeau *** 1/2
68. Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel by Val Emmich with Steven Levonson and Benj Pasek and Justin Paul **
69. The Library Book by Susan Orlean *** 1/2
70. What If It's Us by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera **
71. The Fifth Season by N.J. Jemisin (Broken Earth Trilogy Vol. 1) *** 1/2
72. Red Moon by Kim Stanley Robinson ** 1/2
73. The Reckoning by John Grisham *
74. Knights vs Dinosaurs by Matt Phelan ** 1/2
75. Astounding by Alec Nevala-Lee (bio of John W Campbell and sci-fi) ***
76. The Hidden Witch by Molly Knox Ostertag * 1/2
77. Perfect by Max Amato (eraser vs pencil picture book) * 1/2
78. The War Before The War by Andrew Delbanco ***
79. Wolves Of Eden by Kevin McCarthy *** 1/2
80. Aladdin (a new translation by Paolo Lemos Horta) ***
81. God in the Qu'ran by Jack Miles ***
82. We The People by Erwin Chemerinsky ** 1/2
83. The Obelisk Gate by N.K. Jemisin (Broken Earth Trilogy, Vol. 2) *** 1/2
84. The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo *** 1/2
85. The Stone Sky by N.K. Jemisin (Broken Earth Trilogy Vol 3) *** 1/2
86. Endless Night by Agatha Christie ** 1/2
87. Skyward by Brandon Sanderson **
88. There There by Tommy Orange *** 1/2
89. The Tangled Tree by David Quammen *** 1/2
90. The Murderer's Ape by Jakob Wegelius *** 1/2
91. Camelot's End by Jon Ward ***

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strong emphasis on the ones I like, so don't think I love everything I listen to -- I just don't bother really listening to the ones I don't)

1. The Alan Parsons Project -- Eye In The Sky (1982) **
2. Dinah Washington -- The Fats Waller Songbook aka Sings Fats Waller (1957) *** 1/2
3. Nina Simone -- Mood Indigo: The Complete Bethlehem Singles ***/
4. The James Hunter Six -- Whatever It Takes ***/
5. Lee Wiley -- West Of The Moon (1956) ** 1/2
6. Petula Clark -- Living For Today ** ("While You See A Chance" cover nice)
7. Kendrick Lamar et al -- Black Panther soundtrack ***/
8. They Might Be Giants -- I Like Fun ** 1/2
9. Fall Out Boy -- Mania ***/
10. Anderson East -- Encore **
11. Jimmy Buffett -- Buried Treasure Vol. 1 **
12. Josh Ritter -- Gathering ***
13. Gaz Coombes -- Matador (2015) ** 1/2
14. Paul McCartney and Elvis Costello -- Flowers In The Dirt demos (1985) *** 1/2
15. Boz Scaggs -- Some Change (1994) *** 1/2
16. Various Artists -- Blade Runner 2049 Soundtrack
17. Jo Stafford -- Autumn In New York (1950) **
18. Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams (2015) *** 1/2
19. Tracey Thorn -- Record ***/
20. Joan Baez -- Whistle Down The Wind ***
21. Thelonius Monk -- The Complete Prestige 10 Inch LP Collection

22. Thelonius Monk -- Thelonius Monk Trio (1954) ****
23. Thelonius Monk -- Monk (1954) *** 1/2
24. Thelonius Monk -- And Sonny Rollins (1954) *** 1/2
25. Curtis Roush -- Cosmic Campfire Music ** 1/2
26. Kronos Quartet and Laurie Anderson -- Landfall ** 1/2 (not enough Laurie)
27. Steve Winwood -- Greatest Hits Live ** 1/2
28. Philip Phillips -- Collateral **
29. Carmen McRae -- Book Of Ballads (1958) ****
30. The Eagles -- Hotel California (1976) ** 1/2
31. Carmen McRae -- By Special Request (1955) ***
32. Brian Fallon -- Sleepwalkers **
33. Paul McCartney and Youth as The Fireman -- Electric Arguments (2008) ***
34. Mabel Mercer -- Merely Marvelous (1960) ***
35. MGMT -- Little Dark Age **
36. The Moody Blues -- Days of Future Passed (1967) **
37. John Oates -- Arkansas ***
38. John Moreland -- In The Throes (2013) ***
39. Jo Stafford -- Starring Jo Stafford (1953) **
40. Glenn Gould -- Bach: The Goldberg Variations (1981) ****
41. Franz Ferdinand -- Ascending **

42. Merle Haggard -- Mama Tried (1968) *** /
43. The Clash -- The Clash (1977) *** 1/2
44. Simple Minds -- Walk Between Worlds ** 1/2
45. Andy Gibb -- Greatest Hits (1980) **
46. Kacey Musgraves -- Golden Hour ** 1/2
47. Jimi Hendrix -- Both Sides Of The Sky **
48. Tim Christensen -- Honeyburst (2003) *** 1/2
49. The Four Lads -- The Singles Collection 1952-1962 * 1/2
50. Cecile McLorin Salvant -- WomanChild (2013) *** 1/2
51. Meshell Ndegeocello -- Ventriloquism ***
52. Don McLean -- Botanical Gardens * 1/2
53. Ashley McBryde -- Girl Goin' Nowhere ***
54. Paul McCartney -- Memory Almost Full (2007) ***
55. The Fratellis -- In Your Own Sweet Time ***
56. Elizabeth Mitchell -- The Sounding Joy (2013) * 1/2
57. Kurt Elling -- The Questions **
58. Jack White -- Boarding House Reach **
59. Toto -- Greatest Hits: 40 Trips Around The Sun * 1/2
60. Brandi Carlisle -- By The Way, I Forgive You *** 1/2
61. Sonny Rollins -- Way Out West (1957) *** /
62. Habibi -- Cardamom Garden * 1/2
63. Ben Harper and Charles Musselwhite -- No Mercy In This Land **
64. Born Ruffians -- Uncle, Duke and the Chief **
65. Bettye LaVette -- Things Have Changed ***
66. The Meters -- Rejuvenation (1974) *** 1/2
67. Patrick Wolf -- Lupercalia (2011) ***
68. Rick Springfield -- The Snake King *** / (heretic!!)
69. Rhye -- Blood **
70. Vivian Leva -- Time is Everything **
71. Calum Scott -- Only Human **
72. Scotty McCreery -- Seasons Change ** 1/2
73. The Clash -- Give 'em Enough Rope (1978) *** 1/2
74. Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong -- Cheek To Cheek: Complete Duet Recordings *** 1/2
75. Vance Joy -- Nation Of Two **
76. Tom Williams -- All Change **
77. Tom Rogerson -- Finding Shore **
78. Tal National -- Tantabara ** 1/2
79. The Clash -- Combat Rock (1982) ***
80. Donna Summer -- Bad Girls (1979) ** 1/2
81. Donna Summer -- The Wanderer (1980) * 1/2
82. Janelle Monáe -- Dirty Computer *** 1/2
83. Mandy Patinkin -- Diary, January 27, 2018 *** 1/2
84. John Prine -- The Tree Of Forgiveness ***
85. Frank Turner -- Be More Kind ** (but "The Lifeboat" lovely)
86. Joshua Hedley -- Mr. Jukebox *** /
87. Sting and Shaggy -- 44/876 **
88. Mary Chapin Carpenter -- Sometimes Just The Sky **
89. Sonny and Cher -- The Beat Goes On: The Best Of Sonny and Cher
** 1/2
90. The Magic Numbers -- Outsiders ** 1/2

91. Charlie Puth -- VoiceNotes ***
92. Jason Aldean -- Rearview Town ***/
93. Josh Rouse -- Love In The Modern Age *** 1/2
94. Beach House -- 7 ***
95. Nellie McKay -- Silver Orchid *** 1/2 /
96. Courtney Barnett -- Tell Me How You Really Feel *** /
97. Old Crow Medicine Show -- Volunteer ** 1/2
98. Maddie Poppe -- Songs From The Basement **
99. Jennifer Warnes -- Another Time, Another Place **
100. Shawn Mendez -- Shawn Mendez ** (but "In My Blood" v good)
101. Kanye West -- Ye ** 1/2
102. Leon Bridges -- Good Thing ***
103. Arctic Monkeys -- Tranquility Base Hotel and Casino *** 1/2
104. Willie Nelson -- Last Man Standing **
105. The Temptations -- Psychedelic Shack (1970) *** 1/2 \
106. The Temptations -- Meet The Temptations (1964) ** 1/2
107. The Temptations -- Sing Smokey Robinson (1965) ***
108. Kelly Willis -- Back Bein' Blue ** 1/2
109. Dave Alvin and Jimmie Dale Gilmore -- Downey To Lubbock **
110. The Temptations -- The Temptin' Temptations (1965) ***
111. The Pointer Sisters -- Our Hits ** 1/2
112. Dierks Bentley -- The Mountain **
113. Lynyrd Skynyrd -- Pronounced Leh-nerd Skin-nerd (1973) ***
114. The Meters -- Fire On The Bayou (1976) ***
115. Neko Case -- Hell-On ***
116. Betty Buckley -- Hope *** (title track great)
117. Brad Mehldau -- Seymour Reads The Constitution ** 1/2
118. Benjamin Jaffe -- Oh, Wild Ocean of Love ***/
119. Ry Cooder -- The Prodigal Son *
120. Ruen Brothers -- All My Shades of Blue **
121. J Balvin -- Vibras ***
122. Birch Pereira -- Western Soul ***/
123. The Temptations -- With A Lot O' Soul (1967) *** 1/2
124. Panic! At The Disco -- Pray For The Wicked ***/
125. Parquet Courts -- Wide Awake! **
126. American Aquarium -- Things Change **
127. Kasey Chambers -- Campfire ***/
128. Kamasi Washington -- Heaven and Earth *** 1/2
129. The Temptations -- In A Mellow Mood (1967) *
130. Frank Sinatra -- Standing Room Only ** 1/2
131. Jerry Reed -- The Unbelievable Guitar And Voice Of Jerry Reed (1967) ***
132. Elvis Presley -- The Searcher (documentary soundtrack) ** 1/2
133. Nas -- Nasir *** 1/2
134. Lynyrd Skynyrd -- Second Helping (1974) ***
135. Tom Rush -- Voices ***/
136. Rufus Wainwright -- Northern Stars ** 1/2
137. Various Artists -- Universal Love: Wedding Songs Reimagined **
138. Sugarland -- Bigger **
139. The Temptations -- Wish It Would Rain (1968) ** 1/2
140. Paul Simon -- Graceland: The Remixes *

141. Van Morrison -- You're Driving Me Crazy w Joey DeFrancesco **
1/2
142. The Temptations -- Diana Ross and the Supremes Meet The
Temptations (1968) * 1/2
143. The Temptations -- Cloud Nine (1969) *** (side one ****; side two
** 1/2)
144. 5 Seconds Of Summer -- Youngblood **
145. John Coltrane -- Both Directions At Once (1963) *** 1/2
146. The Last Poets -- Understand What Black Is **
147. The Temptations -- Puzzle People (1969) ** 1/2
148. Booker T and the MGs -- UpTight (1969) ** 1/2
149. Joan Armatrading -- Not Too Far Away **
150. Françoise Hardy -- Personne d'autre **
151. Arthur Buck -- Arthur Buck **
152. Kadhja Bonet -- Childqueen **
153. Ray Davies -- Our Country -- Americana Act Two **
154. Various Artists -- Baby Driver Volume 2: The Score For A Score **
155. Death Grips -- Year Of The Snitch ** (could be the soundtrack to
The First Purge)
156. Don Flemons -- Black Cowboys ** 1/2
157. Corey Harris and Henry Butler -- Vu-Du Menz (2000) *** 1/2
158. Buddy Guy -- The Blues Is Alive And Well *** 1/2
159. The Temptations -- The Temptations' Christmas Card (1970) **
1/2 but "Silent Night"
160. Gaël Faye -- Rythmes et Botanique (2017) ** 1/2
161. Gaz Coombes -- World's Strongest Man ** 1/2
162. The Temptations -- Sky's The Limit (1971) *** /
163. The Temptations -- Solid Rock (1972) ***
164. Chastity Brown -- Silhouette Of Sirens ** 1/2
165. Ike Reilly -- Crooked Love ** 1/2
166. The Rails -- Other People * 1/2
167. Ben Rector -- Magic **
168. Mike and the Moonpies -- Steak Night at the Prairie Rose **
169. The Milk Carton Kids -- All The Things That I Did And All The
Things That I Didn't Do *1/2
170. The Poppy Family - A Good Thing Lost: 1968 - 1973 ** (but nice
voice)
171. Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever -- Hope Downs ** 1/2
172. Ron Sexsmith -- Carousel One (2015) *** /
173. Cowboy Junkies -- All That Reckoning ** 1/2
174. Van Morrison -- His Band and the Street Choir (1970) ** 1/2 \
175. Scott Matthews -- The Great Untold *** /
176. Martin Courtney -- Many Moons **
177. Mary Gauthier -- Rifles and Rosemary Beads *** (esp "Bullet
Holes In The Sky")
178. Matt Costa -- Santa Rosa Fangs **
179. Ray LaMontagne -- Part Of The Light **
180. Lori McKenna -- The Tree **
181. Otis Redding -- Dock Of The Bay Sessions (1968/2018) *** \
182. Ruel -- Ready ** 1/2
183. Rev. Shawn Amos -- Breaks It Down (2017) **

184. Corey Harris -- Daily Bread (2005) (weak prod; liked "The Peach")
185. The Free Design -- Kites Are Fun (1967) ** 1/2
186. Ashley Monroe -- Sparrow **
187. Billy Price -- Reckoning **
188. Beth Nielsen Chapman -- Hearts Of Glass **
189. Birds Of Chicago -- Love In Wartime * 1/2
190. Birdtalker -- One **
191. The Bookshop Band -- Accidents and Pretty Girls (2017) **
192. Bombino -- Deran ***
193. Bobby Sanabria -- West Side Story Reimagined ** 1/2
194. Brent Cobb -- Providence Canyon **
195. Clay Parker and Jodi James -- The Lonesomest Sound That Can Sound **
196. Ron Sexsmith -- The Last Rider (2017) *** 1/2
197. Boz Scaggs -- Out Of The Blues *** 1/2
198. The Free Design -- You Could Be Born Again (1968) * 1/2
199. Bettye Lavette -- Things Have Changed ***
200. Charles Lloyd and Lucinda Williams -- Vanished Gardens **
201. Cale Tyson -- Careless Soul ** 1/2
202. Nathaniel Rateliff -- Tearing At The Seams ** 1/2
203. Punch Brothers -- All Ashore **
204. The Jayhawks -- Back Roads and Abandoned Motels ** 1/2
205. Matthew Sweet -- Tomorrow's Daughter *** /
206. Rodney Crowell - Acoustic Classics ** 1/2
207. The Coup -- Sorry to Bother You ** 1/2
208. Gorillaz -- The Now Now *** /
209. The Free Design -- Stars/Time/Bubbles/Love (1970) **
210. Bettye LaVette -- Child Of The Seventies (1972) *** /
211. Jim Lauderdale -- Time Flies ** 1/2
212. H.E.R. -- I Used To Know Her ** 1/2
213. Gene Clark -- Sings For You (1967 unreleased demos; put out 2018) **
214. Drake -- Scorpion *** 1/2
215. Gene Clark -- With The Gosdin Brothers (1967) **
216. Lucy Dacus -- Historian **
217. Various Artists -- African Scream Contest 2 *** 1/2
218. Washington Phillips -- And His Manzanarene Dreams (1927-1929 recordings) ** 1/2
219. The Left Banke -- Walk Away Renee/ Pretty Ballerina (1967) *** /
220. Various Artists -- Restoration: The Songs Of Elton John **
221. The Vines -- In Miracle Land *** 1/2
222. Amanda Shires -- To The Sunset **
223. Angelique Kidjo -- Remain in Light *** 1/2
224. Brad Mehldau -- After Bach ** 1/2
225. Engelbert Humperdink -- His Greatest Hits (1974) ***
226. Zuli -- Supernatural Voodoo (2015) ** 1/2
227. The Left Banke -- Too (1968) ** 1/2
228. Virginia Wing -- Ecstatic Arrow **
229. Henry Butler and Steven Bernstein -- Viper's Drag (2014) *** 1/2
230. Years and Years -- Palo Santo ***

231. The War and Treaty -- Healing Tide **
232. Wallows -- Spring EP ** 1/2
233. Buffalo Springfield -- Buffalo Springfield (1967) ***
234. Buffalo Springfield -- Buffalo Springfield Again (1967) ***\
235. Margo Guryan -- Take A Picture (1968) ** 1/2
236. MC5 -- Kick Out The Jams (Live) (1969) ***
237. John Coltrane -- Ballads (1963) ** 1/2
238. The Magpie Salute -- High Water I ** 1/2
239. Mary Halvorson -- Code Girl **
240. Manic Street Preachers -- Resistance Is Futile **
241. Mon Laferte -- La Trenza ** 1/2
242. Moses Sumney -- Black In Deep Red, 2014 (EP) ***/
243. Natalie Prass -- The Future and the Past ** 1/2
244. Agnes Obel -- Late Night Tales **
245. Aisha Burns -- Argonauta **
246. Ben Howard -- Noonday Dreams **
247. Alessia Cara -- Know-It-All ** 1/2
248. Buffalo Springfield -- Last Time Around (1968) *** 1/2
249. King Princess -- Make My Bed ** 1/2
250. Let's Eat Grandma -- I'm All Ears **
251. The Beths -- Future Me Hates Me ***
252. Amine -- Good For You **
253. Anna Burch -- Quit The Curse **
254. Anna Tivel -- Small Believer ** 1/2
255. Lindsey Buckingham -- Law and Order (1981) ** 1/2
256. Shannon Shaw -- Shannon in Nashville **
257. Eminem -- Kamikaze ***
258. Gruff Rhys -- Babelsberg ** 1/2
259. The Interruptors -- Fight The Good Fight ***
260. Paul McCartney -- Egypt Station
261. Madeleine Peyroux -- Anthem *** 1/2
262. Richard Thompson -- 13 Rivers ***
263. Shakey Graves -- Can't Wake Up *** 1/2
264. Paul Simon -- In The Blue Light ***
265. Willie Nelson -- My Way *** \
266. Bobbie Gentry -- Ode To Billie Joe (1967) ****
267. Logic YSIV ***
268. Beta Radio ***/
269. Kathy Mattea -- Pretty Bird **
270. Bobbie Gentry -- The Delta Sweete (1968) *** 1/2
271. Gilbert O'Sullivan -- Gilbert O'Sullivan ** 1/2
272. Mandy Patinkin -- Diary: April/May 2018 *** 1/2
273. Richard and the Young Lions -- Vol. 1 (fun Nuggets-era sound but weak lyrics) **
274. Bobbie Gentry -- Local Gentry (1968) ***/
275. Bobbie Gentry and Glenn Campbell -- Bobbie Gentry and Glenn Campbell (1968) ** 1/2
276. Richard Swift -- The Hex ** 1/2
277. Bobbie Gentry -- Touch 'Em With Love (1969) ***
278. Bobbie Gentry -- Fancy (1970) ** 1/2 (but great title track)
279. Bobbie Gentry -- Supper Time: The Lost Jazz Album (1970) my

own title ***/

- 280. Mandy Barnett -- Winter Wonderland ** 1/2
- 281. Bobbie Gentry -- Patchwork (1971) *** 1/2
- 282. Michael McDonald -- Season Of Peace: The Christmas Collection
* 1/2
- 283. Eric Clapton -- Happy Xmas * 1/2
- 284. The Monkees -- Christmas Party ** 1/2
- 285. Tamino -- Habibi EP ** 1/2
- 286. John Hiatt -- The Eclipse Sessions ***
- 287. The Mamas and the Papas -- If You Can Believe Your Eyes and
Ears (1966) ** 1/2
- 288. Bobby Timmins -- Holiday Soul ** 1/2
- 289. Martina McBride -- It's The Holiday Season *
- 290. David Ball -- The Greatest Christmas * 1/2
- 291. CeCe Winans -- Something's Happening! A Christmas Album *
- 292. Engelbert Humperdink -- Warmest Christmas Wishes * 1/2
- 293. George Strait -- Classic Christmas ** 1/2
- 294. Hall and Oates -- Home For Christmas (2006) **
- 295. The Mamas and the Papas -- The Mamas and the Papas (1966) **
1/2
- 296. Crosby Stills and Nash -- Crosby Stills and Nash (1969) ***
- 297. Crosby Stills Nash and Young -- Deja Vu (1970) *** 1/2 \
- 298. The Ronettes -- ...Presenting The Fabulous Ronettes featuring
Veronica (1964) *** 1/2
- 299. Kelley Stoltz -- Natural Causes ** 1/2
- 300. The Mavericks -- Hey! Merry Christmas ***
- 301. William Shatner -- Shatner Claus * 1/2
- 302. Rodney Crowell -- Christmas Everywhere **
- 303. Roseanne Cash -- She Remembers Everything *** 1/2
- 304. Rod McKuen -- New Carols For Christmas: The Rod McKuen
Christmas Album (1971) ** 1/2
- 305. Rubén Blades -- Una Noche Con Rubén Blades ** 1/2
- 306. Aaron Watson -- An Aaron Watson Family Christmas **
- 307. Culture Club -- Life ** 1/2
- 308. Bob Dylan -- More Blood, More Tracks official revised early
version of BOTT incl on boxed set *** 1/2
- 309. David Archuleta -- Winter In The Air **
- 310. The Gibson Brothers -- Mockingbird **
- 311. Gwen Stefani -- You Make It Feel Like Christmas **
- 312. John Klein -- Let's Ring The Bells All Around The Christmas Tree
(1964) * 1/2
- 313. K.C. and the Sunshine Band -- A Sunshine Christmas * 1/2
- 314. Kris Wu -- Antares **
- 315. Diana Ross -- Wonderful Christmastime (1994) * 1/2
- 316. Pentatonix -- Christmas Is Here * 1/2
- 317. Pistol Annies -- Interstate Gospel ***
- 318. Alec Benjamin -- Narrated For You ***
- 319. Tyler The Creator -- The Grinch **
- 320. Old 97s -- Love The Holidays **1/2
- 321. Tony Bennett and Diana Krall -- Love Is Here To Stay *** 1/2
- 322. Jill Scott -- By Popular Demand ***

- 323. The Struts -- Young and Dangerous *** /
- 324. Prince -- Piano and a Microphone 1983 ***
- 325. The Beatles -- White Album official Esher Demos on 2018 boxed set ***
- 326. Frank Sinatra -- Sings For Only The Lonely (1958; 2018 stereo mix) *** 1/2 but unnecessary
- 327. Mumford and Sons -- Delta **
- 328. Queen -- A Night At The Opera (1975) ** 1/2
- 329. Neil and Liam Finn -- Lightsleeper ** 1/2
- 330. Various Artists -- Gonna Sing Gonna Shout: Bluegrass Gospel From The Pen of Rick Lang *** /
- 331. Wayne Shorter -- Night Dreamer (1964) *** 1/2
- 332. Wayne Shorter -- Juju (1964) *** 1/2
- 333. Wayne Shorter -- Speak No Evil (1965) ****
- 334. Bob Dylan -- More Blood, More Tracks New York demos of BOTT via boxed set ****
- 335. The Lemon Twigs -- Go To School ** 1/2
- 336. Elvis Costello -- Look Now *** 1/2
- 337. Rosalía -- El Mal Querer ** 1/2
- 338. Paul Williams -- Elmer Otter's Jug-Band Christmas (1977) **
- 339. The Go-Go's -- Beauty and the Beat (1981) ***
- 340. Hawktail -- Unless **
- 341. Hozier -- Nina Cried Power EP ***
- 342. Marianne Faithful -- Negative Capability ***
- 343. Will Hoge -- My American Dream ***
- 344. Jess Sah Bi and Peter One -- Our Garden Needs Its Flowers (1985) **
- 345. Ingrid Michaelson -- Songs For The Season ** 1/2
- 346. J Cole -- COD **
- 347. Melissa Ericco -- Sublime Sondheim **
- 348. Mariah Carey -- Caution **
- 349. Robyn -- Honey **
- 350. Straight No Chaser -- Holiday Spirits (2008) ** 1/2
- 351. Rozalén -- Cuando El Rio Suena (2017) ***
- 352. Rhett Miller -- The Messenger ** 1/2
- 353. Loretta Lynn -- Wouldn't It Be Great ***
- 354. Michael Langoria -- Merry Christmas Darling * 1/2
- 355. Mike Love -- Reason For The Season * 1/2
- 356. Mitch Ryder -- Christmas (Take A Ride) *
- 357. Macy Gray -- Ruby *** 1/2
- 358. Kaskade -- Christmas Deluxe *
- 359. The SalSoul Orchestra -- Christmas Jollies (1976) *
- 360. Los Straitjackets -- The Complete Christmas Songbook * 1/2
- 361. Various Artists -- Feelin' Right, Saturday Night: The Rick and Ron Anthology *** 1/2
- 362. The 1975 -- A Brief Enquiry Into Online Relationships ***
- 363. Erin Harpe -- The Christmas Swing * 1/2
- 364. America -- Holiday Harmony * 1/2
- 365. Vince Staples -- FM! ***
- 366. Colter Wall -- Songs of the Plain ** 1/2
- 367. Eric Church -- Desperate Man ***

368. The Carpenters -- Christmas Portrait (1978; new extended version) ***
369. The Carpenters -- Close To You (1970) **
370. The Carpenters -- Carpenters (The Tan Album) (1971) ** 1/2
371. The Carpenters -- A Song For You (1972) ** 1/2
372. The Carpenters -- Now and Then (1973) ** (side one and title track ***)
373. The Carpenters -- Horizon (1975) ** 1/2/ (side one very strong)
374. The Carpenters -- A Kind of Hush (1976) **
375. The Carpenters -- Passage (1977) * 1/2
376. The Carpenters -- Made In America (1981) **
376. The Carpenters -- Voice Of The Heart (1983) * 1/2
377. The Carpenters -- The Singles: 1969-1973 (1973) *** 1/2
378. Linda Thompson -- My Mother Doesn't Know I'm On The Stage *** 1/2
379. The Tallest Man On Earth -- When the Bird Sees The Ground ***
380. Christine and the Queens -- Chris ** 1/2
381. Cat Power -- Wanderere ** 1/2
382. Chris Crofton -- Hello It's Me! ***/
383. Anthony David -- Hello Like Before: The Songs Of Bill Withers ***
384. Aaron Lee Tasjan -- Karma For Cheap **
385. Barbra Streisand -- Walls *
386. Audra McDonald -- Sing Happy **
387. Bryan Ferry -- Bitter-Sweet ***
388. Alejandro Escovedo -- The Crossing **
389. Cardi B -- Invasion Of Privacy **
390. Cécile McLorin Salvant -- The Window *** 1/2
391. Esperanza Spalding -- 12 Little Spells ***/
392. Freddy Cole -- My Mood Is You ** 1/2
393. Gilberto Gil -- Ok Ok Ok ***
394. Jeff Tweedy -- Warm ***/
395. Jeff Lovano -- Scandal **
396. John Grant -- Love Is Magic ** 1/2
397. John Mellencamp -- Other People's Stuff ***
398. Kenny Chesney -- Songs For the Saints **
399. Kinky Friedman -- Circus Of Life **
400. Lera Lynn -- Plays Well With Others ** 1/2
401. Amos Lee -- My New Moon **
402. Bill Frisell -- Music IS ***

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(Not TV movies, of course, but movies and TV -- and TV movies if it comes to that. Mostly I only list TV shows when I've tackled an entire season at once or reappraising an entire series after it's over This

doesn't really capture my ongoing watching of current TV.)

1. Downsizing ** 1/2
2. Of Mice And Men (1939) ** 1/2
3. I, Tonya ***
4. Paddington 2 ** 1/2
5. The Post **
6. Black Panther **
7. The Greatest Showman **
8. The Founder *** 1/2
9. Obit ***
10. Good Time *** 1/2
11. Machines ** 1/2
12. Dunkirk ****
13. Una Mujer Fantastica *** 1/2
14. Foxtrot *** 1/2
15. Dawson City: Frozen Time ***
16. Bad Lucky Goat ***
17. Loveless *** 1/2
18. God's Own Country *** 1/2
19. The B-Side ***
20. Love, Simon ** 1/2
21. Logan ***
22. Patti Cake\$ ** 1/2
23. The Lost City Of Z *** 1/2
24. Harold and Lillian: A Hollywood Love Story ***
25. Only The Brave ***
26. A Quiet Passion ***
27. The Breadwinner *** /
28. Happy Death Day ***
29. Land Of Mine *** 1/2
30. Columbus *** /
31. Frantz ** 1/2
32. Get Out ***
33. Brigsby Bear **
34. Risk (Laura Poitras documentary) *** /
35. A Quiet Place ** 1/2
36. Ready Player One *
37. Lean On Pete ** 1/2
38. The Endless **
39. Blockers (esp Ike Barinholtz and Miles Robbins) ***
40. Annihilation **
41. Captain America: Civil War **
42. Le Corbeau (1943) ** 1/2
43. Isle Of Dogs *** 1/2 (prod, score, voice, screenplay)
44. Miracles For Sale (1939) *
45. Deadpool 2 **
46. Solo: A Star Wars Story **
47. At The Circus (1939) *
48. Summer 1993 *** 1/2 (direction, lead perf)
49. Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase (1939) * 1/2

50. Yes, My Darling Daughter (1939) * 1/2
51. The Guardians ** 1/2
52. 7th Heaven (1927) w Janet Gaynor (w Noam at Moma)
53. Klute *** 1/2 (at Metrograph w Noam)
54. Who We Are Now *** 1/2 (plus lead perf)
55. Les Parents Terrible (1948) *** (at Quad w Noam) (Jean Marais miscast but excitingly shot)
56. Cuatro Corazones (1939) (at Moma w Noam) ** 1/2
57. Won't You Be My Neighbor? (Mr Rogers documentary) ***
58. Killing Eve Season One *** 1/2
59. The Incredibles 2 ***
60. Hallelujah (1929 all-black film about man turned preacher but always tempted by harlot) ** 1/2
61. The Royal Rodeo (1939 short) no stars
62. Whitney ** 1/2
63. Sgt. Madden (1939) ** 1/2
64. American Animals *** 1/2 (screenplay)
65. Lady Of The Tropics (1939) *
66. Sorry To Bother You ** 1/2
67. Teen Titans! Go To The Movies ** 1/2
68. 5th Avenue Girl (1939) ** 1/2
69. Mission: Impossible -- Fallout **1/2
70. Eighth Grade *** 1/2
71. McQueen *** (shame the music isn't the original tracks for the shows)
72. RBG ***/
73. BlackKKKlansman ***
74. Wings Of The Navy (1939) * 1/2
75. Crazy Rich Asians * 1/2
76. The End Of The Fucking World S1 ***
77. Museo (w Gael Garcia Bernal) *** /
78. Fahrenheit 11/9 ** 1/2
79. Detectorists S3 *** 1/2
80. Jack Ryan S1 **
81. First Man (sound design) ***
82. The Old Man and The Gun ***/
83. Mid90s ** 1/2
84. The Sisters Brothers ** 1/2
85. Beautiful Boy ** 1/2
86. A Star Is Born **
87. Free Solo ***
88. Monrovia, Indiana (Frederick Wiseman doc) ***/
89. Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes Of Grindelwald ** 1/2
90. Roma *** \
91. Amazing Grace ****
92. Can You Ever Forgive Me **
93. Hale County This Morning, This Evening ***
94. Ralph Breaks The Internet ** 1/2
95. Mary Poppins Returns **
96. If Beale Street Could Talk **
97. Anna and the Apocalypse ** 1/2

98. Spiderman: Into The Spideverse *** /
99. Capernaum *** 1/2
100. Cold War *** /
101. The Favourite *** 1/2
102. Second Act * 1/2
103. Mary, Queen of Scots **
104. My Neighbor Totoro (1988) *** 1/2
105. Easy Living (1937) ** 1/2
106. The Spirit Of The Beehive (1973) *** 1/2
107. Shoplifters ***\
108. They Shall Not Grow Old **
109. Pope Francis: A Man of His Word ** 1/2
110. Burning ** 1/2
111. A Very English Scandal (TV miniseries w Hugh Grant) *** 1/2
112. The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel S2 *** 1/2
113. Howards End (TV miniseries 2018) ** 1/2
114. Shirkers ***

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(The names after the shows are the people who joined me at the performance.)

1. At Home At The Zoo: Homelife and The Zoo Story (at Signature w Luis)
2. [Escape To Margaritaville](#) (w Franny) **
3. [Broadway By The Year: 1947 and 1966](#) (w TJ) ***
4. [Lobby Hero](#) (w Michael Cera) (w Noam) ***
5. [Frozen](#) (w Luis) **
6. [Rocktopia](#) (w Luis) *
7. [Angels in America](#) (w Garrett)** 1/2
8. [Mean Girls](#) (w Cohen) ** 1/2
9. [The Sting](#) (w Harry Connick Jr.) (w Noam) **
10. [Mlima's Tale](#) (w Noam) ** 1/2
11. [Children Of A Lesser God](#) (w Joshua Jackson) (w Noam) ** 1/2
12. [Sancho: An Act Of Remembrance](#) (w Vincent) ** 1/2
13. [The Metromaniacs](#) (w Noam) ***
14. [Summer: The Donna Summer Musical](#) (w Cohen) *
15. [The Seafarer](#) (w Zoe) **
16. [Henry V](#) (Public Mobile Unit w Zenzi Williams) (w Noam) * 1/2
17. [Saint Joan](#) (w Noam) **

18. Travesties (w Tom Hollander and Seth Numrich) (alone) *

19. My Fair Lady (w Lauren Ambrose) (w Noam) ***

20. Summer and Smoke (w Marin Ireland at CSC) (w Noam) *

21. Broadway By The Year: 1956 and 1975 (w Luis) ** 1/2

22. August Wilson Monologue Competition at the August Wilson Theat

23. Paradise Blues (Dominique Moriceau play at Signature) (w Dave Co

24. Our Lady Of 121st Street (revival at Signature) (w Dave, Zoe, Noam

25. Dance Nation (at Playwrights Horizons) (w Joanne) ** 1/2

26. Margo Price at Lincoln Center Out Of Doors ***\

27. The Gospel at Colonus at Shakespeare in The Park ** (this perf, not

28. The Nap (w David Cohen) **

29. Bernhardt/Hamlet (w Noam) * 1/2

30. On Beckett (Bill Irwin) (w Joanne) ***

31. What The Constitution Means To Me (w Cohen) **

32. The Winning Side (Werner von Braun play) (solo) *

33. Oklahoma (at St. Ann's Warehouse) (w Noam) **

34. Mother Of The Maid (w Glenn Close at Public) (w TJ) *

35. Shake and Bake: Love's Labour's Lost (w Sam Dolson) ***

36. The Lifespan of a Fact (w Noam) **

37. India Pale Ale (w Noam) *

38. Thunderbodies at Soho Rep ***

39. The Ferryman (w Dave Cohen)

40. The Mavericks at MusikFest Cafe in Bethlehem, PA (alone) *** / (s
standing room bar space.

41. King Kong (on Broadway, w host Joanne) *

42. The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui (at CSC w Raul Esparza; guest Noam

43. Mike Birbiglia's The New One (w guest Noam) ***

44. American Son (w Kerry Washington; guest Noam) * 1/2

45. The Hard Problem (w guest Noam) ** 1/2

46. The Prom (w guest Noam) **

47. Met Opera: Il Trittico (w Placido Domingo; host Stephen) ***

48. Eve's Song (at Public) * 1/2

49. Almost, Maine (high school prod at Notre Dame Catholic girls scho

50. Alec Benjamin -- at Mercury Lounge ***

51. Ruben and Clay's First Annual Christmas Reunion Show (w TJ) **

52. The Prisoner (Peter Brook) w Noam

53. [Network](#) * 1/2 (Byran Cranston) (w Garrett)

54. Slave Play (NYTW) ** 1/2 (w TJ)

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*** is three stars out of four

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