

## Check out President Obama's favorite books, films, and music of 2021!



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Hi there,

Throughout history, art has helped move society forward. Songs become anthems of global movements, films awaken our consciences to the lived reality of our neighbors, and books help us find common ground by revealing universal truths. In the White House, President Obama celebrated artists, musicians, and writers who used their voices to make a difference. So it's no wonder that in his post-presidency, he's continuing the tradition.

[Recently, President Obama shared the music, books, and films that were some of his favorites this year. Check it out.](#)



Here at the Foundation, we also believe that the arts have the power to change things for the better. That's why we're proud to support

leaders like Asia-Pacific Leader Minkyung Michelle Cho. Minkyung founded an organization called Singing Beetle to support and empower artists and songwriters in South Korea to make their voices heard—yes, K-pop is involved.

Right here on the South Side of Chicago, Candice Washington put her admiration of Toni Morrison into action by founding Brown Books and Paintbrushes, where she educates young children of all races on Black culture and healthy racial identity through art, literacy, and cultural programming.

Two of our Europe Leaders, Isabel Broian of Armenia and Farhad Shamo Roto of France who identify as Yezidis, worked together to create a film about child marriage in the Yezidi community, using the documentary to spark conversations about the harmful practice and hopefully bring it to an end.

**[As you reflect on the year, we hope you'll treat yourself by checking out President Obama's final picks of 2021.](#)**

Here's to the power of art,

—The Obama Foundation

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