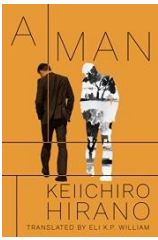
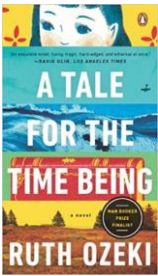


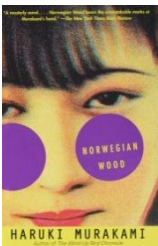

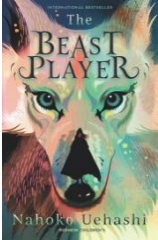
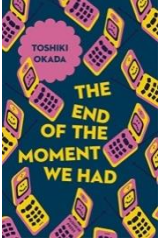


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### Books discussed during JFT Book Club Online 2020 (June 11, 2020)

	Title	Author	Call no.	Item no.
	<b>A man</b>	Hirano, Keiichiro	in process	in process
	<p>“Akira Kido is a divorce attorney whose own marriage is in danger of being destroyed by emotional disconnect. With a midlife crisis looming, Kido’s life is upended when a former client, Rie Takemoto, wants Kido to investigate a dead man—her recently deceased husband, Daisuke. Upon his death she discovered that he’d been living a lie. His name, his past, his entire identity belonged to someone else, a total stranger... With each new revelation, Kido will come to share the obsession with—and the lure of—erasing one life to create a new one.”</p>			
	<b>A tale for the time being</b>	Ozeki, Ruth L.	813.54 O93 2013	00023161
	<p>“In Tokyo, 16-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox - possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future.”</p>			
	<b>Confessions</b>	Minato, Kanae	895.636 M56 2014	00025108
	<p>“After calling off her engagement in the wake of a tragic revelation, Yuko Moriguchi had nothing to live for except her only child, four-year-old child, Manami. Now, following an accident on the grounds of the middle school where she teaches, Yuko has given up and tendered her resignation. But first she has one last lecture to deliver. She tells a story that upends everything her students ever thought they knew about two of their peers, and sets in motion a diabolical plot for revenge.”</p>			
	<b>Harmony</b>	Itoh, Project	895.636 I86 2010	00021004
	<p>“In the future, Utopia has finally been achieved thanks to medical nanotechnology and a powerful ethic of social welfare. This perfect world isn't that perfect though, and three young girls stand up to totalitarian kindness and super-medicine by attempting suicide via starvation. As a crisis threatens the harmony of the new world, Tuan rediscovers another member of her suicide pact, and together they must help save the planet...from itself.”</p>			
	<b>Norwegian wood</b>	Murakami, Haruki	895.635 M87 N67 1987 895.635 M87 N67 2000	00008697 00025192
	<p>“Toru, a serious young college student in Tokyo, is devoted to Naoko, a beautiful and introspective young woman, but their mutual passion is marked by the tragic death of their best friend years before. As Naoko retreats further into her own world, Toru finds himself drawn to a fiercely independent and sexually liberated young woman. A magnificent coming-of-age story steeped in nostalgia, <i>Norwegian Wood</i> blends the music, the mood, and the ethos that were the sixties with a young man’s hopeless and heroic first love.”</p>			

	<b>Penance</b>	Minato, Kanae	895.636 M56 2017	00025876	<p>“A chilling psychological thriller and Edgar Award finalist about four women, forever connected by one horrible day in their childhood – fifteen years later, someone wants to make sure they never forget. When they were girls, Sae, Maki, Akiko and Yuko were tricked into leaving their friend Emily with a mysterious stranger. Then the unthinkable occurred: Emily was found murdered hours later. The four friends were never able to describe the stranger to the police; the killer's trail went cold. Asako, the bereaved mother, curses the surviving girls, vowing that they will be the ones to pay for her daughter's murder.”</p>
	<b>The beast player</b>	Uehashi, Nahoko	895.635 U33 B42 2018	00026512	<p>“Elin's family has an important responsibility: caring for the fearsome water serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. So when some of the creatures mysteriously die, Elin's mother is sentenced to death as punishment. With her last breath, she manages to send her daughter to safety. Alone and far from home, Elin soon discovers that she can communicate with both the terrifying water serpents and the majestic flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great power, but it also involves her in deadly plots that could cost her life.”</p>
	<b>The end of the moment we had</b>	Okada, Toshiki	895.636 O32 E52 2018	00026297	<p>“In two stunning tales by novelist-playwright Toshiki Okada, characters stagger and thrash, bound by a generational hunger for human connection. On the eve of the Iraq War a couple finds unexpected deliverance – fleeting and anonymous –at a love hotel. And wheels spin as a woman aches for something more from her husband, even as she knows she has enough.”</p>

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