

**Books That Made a New Space in My Brain**  
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[Learned Pigs and Fireproof Women](#) by Ricky Jay

[Slaves of Spiegel](#) by Daniel Pinkwater

[Seek: Reports from the Edges of America and Beyond](#) by Denis Johnson

[Blind Corners: Adventures on Everest and the World's Tallest Peaks](#) by Geoff Tabin

[Touching the Void](#) by Joe Simpson

[The Children's Hospital](#) by Chris Adrian

[The Mysterious Disappearance of Leon \(I Mean Noel\)](#) by Ellen Raskin

[Coming Through Slaughter](#) by Michael Ondaatje

[Crossing to Safety](#) by Wallace Stegner

[If On A Winter's Night a Traveler](#) by Italo Calvino

[The Myth of Sisyphus](#) by Albert Camus

[Everything That Rises: A Book of Convergences](#) by Lawrence Weschler

[Actual Air: Poems](#) by David Berman