

2023 sealey challenge reading list

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The Coal Life by Adam Vines

Eyes Bottle Dark with a Mouthful of Flowers by Jake Skeets

The Way of the Earth by Matthew Shenoda

Trace Evidence by Charif Shanahan

For the Love of Endings by Ben Purkert

I'm Always So Serious by Karisma Price

Then the War by Carl Phillips

Corpse Whale by dg nanouk okpik

Bread and Circus by Aireal D. Matthews

4:30 Movie by Donna Masini

Gumbo Ya Ya by Aurielle Marie

No Sweet without Brine by Cynthia Manick

The Curious Thing by Sandra Lim

So Long by Jen Levitt

Bianca by Eugenia Leigh

Notes from the Divided Country by Suji

Kwock Kim

Worldly Things by Michael Klebler-Diggs

Decade of the Brain by Janine Joseph

Sonnets for Albert by Anthony Joseph

Song of my Softening by Omotara James

Cenzontle by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

You Don't Have to Go to Mars for Love by Yona Harvey

Might Kindred by Mónica Gomery

Village by Latasha N. Nevada Diggs

Good Woman by Lucille Clifton

Year of the Murder Hornet by Tina Cane

Mama Phife Represents by Cheryl Boyce-Taylor

What Are We Not For by Tommye Blount

Negative Money by Lillian-Yvonne Bertram

Judas Goat by Gabrielle Bates

Jaw by Albert Abonado

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