



**Reading List—Pam McFarland
American Short Stories
LLI 130**

Texts:

2021 Pushcart Prize Best of the Small Presses, Edited by Bill Hendersn
The Best American Short Stories of 2020, Curtis Sittenfeld, Editor
And links/PDFs provided by instructor

Please read the material for Week 1, prior to first class.

Week 1: (Sept. 13)

Anthony Doerr, "The Master's Castle" - (Pushcart, p. 36)

Julia Armfield, "Longshore Drift" (Pushcart, p. 256)

Week 2: (Sept. 20)

Meng Jin, "In the Event," (Pushcart, p. 17)

Karen E. Bender, "The Shame Exchange" (Pushcart, p. 333)

Week 3: (September 27)

Elizabeth McCracken, "It's not You" (Pushcart, p. 436)

Mary Gaitskill, "This is Pleasure" (Best of, p. 133)

Week 4: (October 4)

Karl Tar Greenfield, "The Golden Age of Television" (Pushcart, p. 174)

Emma Cline, "The Nanny" (Best, p. 78)

Week 5: (October 11)

Lee Smith, "Intensive Care," PDF provided

Alice Hoffman, "The Wedding of Snow and Ice," PDF provided

Week 6: (October 18)

William Mawell, "The Thistles in Sweden," PDF provided

Elizabeth Strout, "Gift," PDF Provided