What is the common good? AY 2020-21
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We spent the early summer of 2020 exploring the idea of the common good, and the sources here are ones we found along our way. Some came immediately to mind, like the TV series *The Good Place* or *The Migration Series* of paintings by Jacob Lawrence. Some, like Imani Perry’s essay on the “defiant joy” of Blackness, are just published. Some come from familiar places we turn to again and again for inspiration and meaning—Baltimore City, the BMA, *This American Life*, *Brainpickings*. Here are places to wander, to get lost, to find new pathways.

1. Maria Popova, “Truth, Justice, and Public Good: Simone Weil on Political Manipulation, the Dangers of “For” and “Against,” and How to Save Thinking from Opinion”
   

2. Rachel Carson, *The Sea Around Us* (1951)
   
3. *The Good Place*, NBC, streaming on Netflix


4. *This American Life*, “The Problem We All Live With - Part 1”

https://www.thisamericanlife.org/562/the-problem-we-all-live-with-part-one


7. Imani Perry, “Racism is Terrible, Blackness is Not.”

8. *The Baltimore Sun*, “Abel Wolman, father of clean water; Sanitary engineer: His 75-year career led to better health for millions around the world”

10. Pete Brook, “The Most Gripping Photo Essays on Criminal Justice, on Vantage”
    https://medium.com/vantage/criminal-justice-reform-on-medium-52f1b4e7ce13

11. Baltimore Museum of Art
    https://artbma.org/exhibitions/past.html
12. Afaa Michael Weaver, “Poets on Poetry”

https://www.amazon.com/Multitudes-Selected-Afaa-Michael-Weaver/dp/1889330418

13. Jacob Lawrence, *The Migration Series*

https://lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/the-migration-series/panels/58/in-the-north-the-african-american-had-more-educational-opportunities

14. Rebecca Solnit, “City of Women”

http://rebeccasolnit.net/essay/city-of-women/
15. Ursula K. LeGuin, “She Unnames Them”

https://lithub.com/ursula-k-le-guin-editing-to-the-end/

16. Common Good Film Series

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEUXfv87Wpk

Link: Coming soon

17. Common Good Playlist

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/This_Is_America_(song)

Link: Coming soon