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Global Reading Challenge: Sweden

DB99302 **The Half-Finished Heaven: Selected Poems** by Tomas Tranströmer
A selection of translated poems from across the career of the Swedish winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Literature. 2017.

DB83204 **My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry** by Fredrik Backman
Seven-year-old Elsa is acknowledged as weird. The grandmother she lives with is flat-out crazy, but she shares tales of the fairyland of Miamas. When her grandmother dies, Elsa is entrusted with delivering letters of apology and learns about her place in the world. 2014.

DB42027 **Alfred Nobel, A Biography** by Kenne Fant (biography)
Life of the nineteenth-century Swedish chemist and industrialist best known as the inventor of dynamite and as the founder of the prestigious Nobel prizes. Using Nobel's writings and correspondence, the author reveals a man who was a talented writer, a successful businessman, and a caring benefactor, but who also was a misanthropic bachelor prone to unhappiness and melancholy. 1993.

DB94399 **When I Was A Child** by Vilhelm Moberg (historical fiction)
Valter, seventh and youngest child of soldier Str ng and his wife Hulda, is born in 1897. As he grows up, his father dies and his siblings immigrate to America. Valter must decide what he wants from life. Translated from the original 1946-47 three-volume Swedish edition. Some descriptions of sex. 1956.

DB71967 **Pippi Longstocking** by Astrid Lindgren (juvenile fiction)
Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village. For grades 3-6. 1945.

DB73976 Before The Frost; Linda Wallander 01 by Henning Mankell (mystery)
Chief inspector Kurt Wallander's daughter Linda has the summer off before beginning her own police career. Linda is alarmed when childhood friend Anna disappears after insisting she had spotted her long-missing father. Meanwhile, Kurt investigates the acts of a violent religious fanatic. Violence. 2004.

DB107281 An Elderly Lady Is Up To No Good: Stories by Helene Tursten (fiction)
Collection of five stories featuring eighty-eight-year-old Maud. She has lived alone in downtown Gothenburg for seventy years and prefers it that way. Her misadventures include handling a crisis with a local celebrity who covets Maud's apartment, foiling her ex-lover's engagement, and disposing of some pesky neighbors. Strong language, violence. 2018.

DB15798 Ingrid Bergman, My Story by Ingrid Bergman (autobiography)
Candid self-portrait of the popular stage and screen actress who lost favor with the American public when she left her husband and child for the Italian director Roberto Rossellini. Her exile from Hollywood lasted sixteen years, when she went from Number One at the box office to near oblivion. She writes of Garbo, Bogart, Cooper; her three marriages; and her bout with cancer. 1981.

DB67759 The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson (suspense)
Stockholm. Wealthy octogenarian Henrik Vanger hires disgraced journalist Mikael Blomkvist and antisocial computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate the disappearance of his great-niece as a teenager forty years ago. They uncover damaging secrets about the family--and themselves. Originally published in Swedish. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2008.

DB90202 The Gentle Art Of Swedish Death Cleaning How To Free Yourself And Your Family From A Lifetime Of Clutter by Margareta Magnusson (nonfiction)
An artist explains the Swedish concept of *döstädning*, meaning the effort to clean and declutter your home before you die. The tips for sorting and categorizing possessions can be used to prepare for any big life transition. 2018.