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Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
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The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference, Malcolm Gladwell
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Existentialism Is a Humanism, Jean-Paul Sartre
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The Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer
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