Former President Obama reveals his favorite books and songs of 2017

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Former President Barack Obama hasn't let go of some of the traditions he adopted in the White House.

One of them is sharing his favorite books and songs from the previous year, 2017 highlights he released this time on New Year's Eve.

Some of the singers -- [Jay-Z](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/entertainment/music/jay-z-rapper.htm), Chance the Rapper and [Bruce Springsteen](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/entertainment/music/bruce-springsteen.htm) -- are no strangers to Obama, having all either worked with him or raised money for the former president in the past.

[Kendrick Lamar](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/entertainment/music/kendrick-lamar.htm), Andra Day, Mavis Staples, French Montana, [Harry Styles](http://abcnews.go.com/topics/entertainment/music/harry-styles.htm) and Camila Cabello are also among the included artists.

As for his reading list, Obama included Amor Towles' "A Gentleman in Moscow," with the author responding to the news on Twitter, calling it "a humbler" to make the list and writing, "what a way to start the new year."

Elizabeth Strout, whose book "Anything is Possible,” was included on the list, wrote she was "delighted" by the news.

Several of the books he selected touch on economic hardship in America, like "Janesville: An American Story" by Washington Post reporter Amy Goldstein, and "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond.

The list also includes a short story collection by James McBride and a memoir by the late Cory Taylor.

And showing that he hasn't left all interest in the presidency behind, he listed biographer Ron Chernow's latest tome, "Grant."

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