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Here's my refashioned list:

"A rhythm of books." —

.. Known by Salt by Tina Mozelle Braziel

.. Grand Union by Zadie Smith

.. What Am I Feeling? by Christi Straub and Josh Straub

.. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss

.. I Can Read with My Eyes Shut (ibid)

.. Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

.. God: A Biography by Jack Miles

.. Slouching Toward Bethlehem by Joan Didion

.. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

.. My First Mandarin Words with Gordon & Li Li by Michele Wong McSween