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This week, we're sharing our favorite recent reads. To help round out our recommendations, we also tapped some folks who you've heard on Code Switch before — novelists, scholars, poets and podcasters.

All You Can Ever Know by Nicole Chung

"The book is an extraordinary, honest and sympathetic look at adoption, race in America and families in general. It's also such an engaging read. I stayed up way too late one night reading it because the story just pulled me in. And I've recommended many of my friends to read it so I can talk about it with them." — Jasmine Guillory, author of The Wedding Date, The Proposal and the forthcoming book The Wedding Part.

Becoming by Michelle Obama

"It's a deeply-moving coming of age story of Michelle Obama in her early life. There are such moving anecdotes about how this family just invested everything in the possibility of giving their children a better life. It's not a sweet book, but at the same time, it's deeply hopeful about the possibility of what happens when you work hard, what happens when you love hard." — Tayari Jones, author of An American Marriage, Silver Sparrow and other books.

Rage Becomes Her: The Power of Women's Anger by Soraya Chemaly

"What really impressed me about this book is this idea that women should be allowed to express their anger, particularly in Latin American families and communities. I just think Soraya goes into this incredible detail citing scientific studies and different works of literature that really convey the necessity to female anger, not only for the health of women, but for the health of equality in society." — Jean Guerrero, reporter with KPBS and author of Crux: A Cross-Border Memoir.

【1】Who wrote The Wedding Date?

- A. Tayari Jones B. Jean Guerrero
C. Jasmine Guillory D. Soraya Chemaly

【2】Which book tells a bitter story with hope?

- A. Becoming B. All You Can Ever Know
C. Silver Sparrow D. Crux: A Cross-Border Memoir

【3】What's the purpose of the passage?

- A. To sell books. B. To comment on books.
C. To share reviews of books. D. To collect opinions of books.

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Our hero's origin story started this past February in the Perine family living room in Birmingham, Alabama. Austin, a 4-year-old boy, and his father, Tad Perine, were watching a program on Animal Planet about a mother panda leaving her cubs. "I told him that the cubs would be homeless for a while," Tad says. "Austin didn't know what homelessness meant, but he was sad and wanted to know more."

Seeing this as a teachable moment, Tad took Austin to the Firehouse Ministries, a local shelter that provides housing, food, and other services for homeless men. As they drove by the redbrick building, they saw a group of 25 homeless men standing on the street corner. "Dad, they look sad," Austin said. "Can we take them some food and make them smile?" That day, Austin used his allowance to buy each man a Burger King sandwich and handed the food out himself. Seeing what their presence meant to the men at the ministry, Austin and Tad returned the next week.

After he returned every week for five weeks, word of Austin's acts of kindness spread through social media and national news outlets. Burger King jumped aboard, agreeing to donate \$1,000 a month for an entire year toward the cause. Soon, churches and shelters across the country began inviting Austin to come to distribute food in other areas. Whereas before Austin and Tad could feed 25 to 50 people at a time; now, thanks to corporate and community support, they can feed 800 to 2,000 people at once.

As for Austin, he continues to give out food, smiles, and his inspirational message of love. "It makes me feel like I'm saving the day."

【1】How does Austin feel when seeing the TV program?

- A. Surprised B. Joyful
C. Grateful D. Unhappy

【2】Why did Tad drive Austin to the local shelter?