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Cultural Life: Nick Hornby, sculptor

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Books: I'm re-reading 'Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close' by Jonathan Safran Foer, about Oskar, a nine-year-old boy who lost his father in 9/11.

Television: 'Nurse Jackie' on DVD. It's a New York-based dark comedy set in a hospital. I'm a fan of Dr O'Hara - played by the British actress Eve Best - who's previously played 'Hedda Gabler'.

Films: I re-watched 'Midnight Cowboy' and 'Ghostbusters'... New York classics. I'm a real believer in getting stuck into the place you're going to. I also liked Sophie Fiennes's documentary 'Over Your Cities Grass Will Grow', a documentary film about the German painter and sculptor Anselm Kiefer. The reality of the studio is just brilliant... yanking huge paintings up and down, brushing paint about, burning books, and balancing concrete slabs.

Visual Arts: 50 Years at Pace is a humongous show at the New York gallery with slightly grimy originals... There's Jasper Johns's "Three Flags", and a room of display cabinets full of anecdotal photographs, scribbles on the backs of envelopes, and original invitation cards.

Dance: The other night I saw a concept piece at the Joyce Theatre, New York, created by the choreographer Jerome Bel, which explores the work of the dancer Cédric Andrieux, who takes us through the mechanics of his eight years with Merce Cunningham via the contortions and pain of repeating shapes. It was moving and profound.

Music: Dragonette - a Canadian electropop band. The singer, Martina, is incredibly sexy.

Nick Hornby was one of several artists who donated to the fourth Macmillan De'Longhi Art Auction in London, an event held annually to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support



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