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(*Gone Girl*, out this month)

My next-door neighbor very early on, Mr. Johnson, was the kindest, most gentle man I've ever met, and he was the first person to actually see me.

Not even in my house did I exist, but when he looked at me, he let me know that I was alive and I had a voice.