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If I wanted music I would say so. I will not answer the phone. I don't care how I seem to the electric meter reader. I don't want to eat any dinner. I am honored to make these decisions. I don't have to like these movies. You can ask me to go with you, but you cannot demand that I like it. I don't want you looking over my shoulder. I don't want you reading over my shoulder. Today I don't even want you to look at my shoulder. This is the law. That is the way it is. Myrtle is the name of a flower. Thank you.