Which book (either fiction or non-fiction) do you consider essential reading during a crisis, or to help people emerge from a crisis?

I recommend Daniel Kehlmann's last book, "Tyll" because it's written with a very special dry humour. Even now everybody has to preserve their sense of humour! What you learn, for example, is that in the "good old days" it was not better, it was even much worse. Especially during the Thirty Years' War in Europe (1618-1648) and the time of the Plague (Pest in German) (1346-1353).

Please choose and answer (in writing) three questions:

1. Name an innovative idea that drew your attention or that you or your organization implemented:
- In your community
- Within your organization

We are trying now to realize this idea: We, the literary festivals around the world, should create an event inspired by One World at Home
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzjMqd6KqXg

We should ask authors to speak for 39-99 seconds maximum about the corona-situation and to thank all the people who are working so hard at this time. A selfie. Done at home, like the photo which I did just now of myself, see below…
Before May 31st. Production by mid-June. To be published on June 15th.

2. **What life lesson would you like to pass along or what piece of advice would you like to give to your children?**
"Pessimism of intelligence, optimism of will" (Antonio Gramsci)

3. Can you name a person or public figure who stood out during a crisis (at any particular period in history) and who would make a good model for the current time? Why is that?

Angela Merkel when she decided in 2015 to invite about 1 million refugees to live in Germany. Why?: Because otherwise the idea of Human Rights and of Europe would have been severely damaged.

4. Name an act of social solidarity that recently moved or surprised you.
The Italian and Spanish street concerts and the applause for those involved in the corona crisis and "One World - Together At
Home" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzjMqd6KqXg