

WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2016

FICTION

Homegoing – Yaa Gyasi- the story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver.

Sandcastle Girls – Chris Bohjalian - an intricately nuanced romance with a complicated historical event (Armenian genocide) at the forefront.

Summer Guest- Alison Anderson - a spellbinding narrative that draws together, across two centuries, the lives of three women through the discovery of a diary.

The Vegetarian – Han Kang -A beautiful, unsettling novel about rebellion and taboo, violence and eroticism, and the twisting metamorphosis of a soul

NONFICTION

Aliceheimer's – Dana Walrath - a series of illustrated vignettes provides daily glimpses into the world of Alzheimer's

The Friendship – Wordsworth & Coleridge – Adam Sisman

On the Trail of Genghis Khan – Tim Cope -A journey of adventure, endurance and eventual triumph, this is a celebration of and an elegy for an ancient way of life.

River of Doubt – Candice Millard- After his humiliating election defeat in 1912, Roosevelt set his sights on the most punishing physical challenge he could find, the first descent of an unmapped, rapids-choked tributary of the Amazon

Mentioned but not discussed:

Our Souls at Night

Thirteen Ways of Looking

Transatlantic

Winter's Tale

Submitted after the meeting:

Jane Steele – Lyndsay Faye

La Rose – Louise Erdrich

Shelter – Jung Yun

Smoke - Dan Vyleta

This Must Be the Place – Maggie O'Farrell

Winter's Tale – Mark Helprin