

# WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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### FICTION

**A God in Ruins – Kate Atkinson**-This is that age-old story--man's fall from grace, and his endless struggle to regain it

**Behind the Scenes at the Museum – Kate Atkinson**-a humorous multigenerational tale of a spectacularly dysfunctional Yorkshire family

**Nutshell – Ian McEwan**-Trudy has betrayed her husband, John and plans his murder. But there is a witness to the plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb.

#### **To the Bright Edge of the World – Eowyn Ivey –**

In winter of 1885, Colonel Allen Forrester leads a small band of men on an expedition that has been deemed impossible: to venture up the Wolverine River and pierce the vast, untamed Alaska Territory. Leaving behind his pregnant wife, Colonel Forrester records his extraordinary experiences in hopes that his journal will reach her if he doesn't return.

**Sweet Tooth – Ian McEwan** - Cambridge student Serena Frome's beauty and intelligence make her the ideal recruit for MI5. The year is 1972. How long can she conceal her undercover life?.

**The Summer Before the War – Helen Simonson –** A novel to cure your *Downton Abbey* withdrawal . . . a delightful story about nontraditional romantic relationships, class snobbery and the complications of living in a small community.

**Unnecessary Woman – Rabin Alameddine** - a nuanced rendering of one woman's life in the Middle East and an enduring ode to literature and its power to define who we are.