# WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND? BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS MAY 2020

## **FICTION**

### THE GLASS HOTEL - Hilary St. John Mandel

A Ponzi scheme which entraps and devastates many lives

### **KEEPER OF LOST CAUSES - Jussi Adler-Olsen**

Carl, an emotionally damaged police detective, is now director of the cold cases department.

### **OLIVE AGAIN - Elizabeth Strout**

Cantankerous Olive struggles to understand not only herself and her own life but the lives of those around her in a small Maine town

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### **HIS IS HAPPINESS - Niall Williams**

Set in Ireland, this story wanders as though it is traveling on one of the twisty, winding roads of the rural life.

## **NONFICTION**

## **ACROSS MANY MOUNTAINS - Yangzom Brauen**

Portrait of three generations of Tibetan women whose lives are forever changed when Chairman Mao's red army crushes Tibetan independence,

## THE BAREFOOT WOMAN - Scholastique Mukasonga

A moving, unforgettable tribute to a Tutsi woman who did everything to protect her children from the Rwandan genocide,

#### DALAI LAMA - AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE - Alexander Norman

The first authoritative biography of the Dalai Lama—a story by turns inspiring and shocking

### HIKING WITH NIETZCHE: on becoming who you are - John Kaag

About defeating complacency, balancing sanity and madness, and coming to grips with the unobtainable.

### **LOVING ANIMALS - Jeannie Lindheim**

Conversations with an animal communicator

## **NOTHING TO DECLARE - Mary Morris**

The union of a travel book and a journey into the self.

### **UNBROKEN - Laura Hillenbrand**

In World War II an airman crashes into the Pacific Ocean and survives - against all odds

## **UPSTREAM - Mary Oliver**

A collection of essays by a revered poet

## WHY WE SWIM - Bonnie Tsui

A fascinating and beautifully written love letter to water

# **FAVORITE "RE-READS"**

- Excellent Women Barbara Pym
- Winnie the Pooh A.A. Milne
- The Bobbsey Twins
- Nancy Drew
- Toward the End of Time John Updike
- Before the Storm Rilke
- Alice in Wonderland Lewis Carroll
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