What's On Your Nightstand
Book Recommendations — September 2020

**Fiction**

**AMERICAN DIRT** - JEANINE CUMMINS - Due to a horrific event, Lydia and her son are forced to flee Acapulco thus joining the caravans of migrants attempting to reach the United States. This is the story of their journey.

**WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING** - DELIA OWENS - A heartbreaking coming-of-age story and possible murder in the marshes of North Carolina

**Nonfiction**

**BEYOND BELIEF: MY SECRET LIFE INSIDE SCIENTOLOGY AND MY HARROWING ESCAPE** - JENNA MISCAVIGE HILL AND LISA PULITZER - Niece of the Scientology leader, Hill details the story of her childhood in the sect and ultimate escape.

**BLACK IS THE BODY: STORIES FROM MY GRANDMOTHER’S TIME, MY MOTHER’S TIME, AND MINE** - EMILY BERNARD - “Race is the story of my life, and therefore black is the body of this book.”

**BOOK OF JOY: LASTING HAPPINESS IN A CHANGING WORLD** - DALAI LAMA, DESMOND TUTU - Two spiritual giants, five days, one timeless question

**BORN A CRIME: STORIES FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDHOOD** - TREVOR NOAH - The inspiring story of coming-of-age during the twilight of apartheid

**CASTE - THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS** - ISABEL WILKERSON - An examination of the unspoken caste system that has shaped American society

**TOO MUCH IS NEVER ENOUGH: HOW MY FAMILY CREATED THE WORLD’S MOST DANGEROUS MAN** - MARY TRUMP - Trumps’ niece shines a bright light on the dark history of their family.

**TOUGH LOVE: MY STORY OF THE THINGS WORTH FIGHTING FOR** - SUSAN RICE - Recalling pivotal moments from her dynamic career on the front lines of American diplomacy and foreign policy

**VESPER FLIGHTS** - HELEN MACDONALD - A collection of insightful essays on nature urging us to see the world through eyes that are not our own.