WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND DECEMBER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

FICTION

ALL THE DEVILS ARE HERE - LOUISE PENNY - 16th in the series finds CI Armand Gamache investigating a sinister plot in the City of Light

BOOKWOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK - KIM MICHELE RICHARDSON - Thanks to Roosevelts Pack Horse Project, Troublesome Creek gets its very own traveling librarian.

COST - ROXANNA ROBINSON - Robinson tackles addiction and explores its effects on the bonds of family

EVENING AND MORNING - KEN FOLLETT- prequel to Pillars of Earth - set in England at the Dawn of the Middle Ages

HOW THE PENGUINS SAVED VERONICA- HAZEL PRIOR- 85 year old Veronica McCreedy, estranged from her family, decides to visit Antarctica to study penguins

PACHINKO - MIN JIN LEE - four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family trying to control their destiny in 20th C Japan

NON-FICTION

BADASS LIBRARIANS OF TIMBUKTU - JOSHUA HAMMER - To save ancient Arabic Texts from Al Queda, a band of Librarians pulls off a brazen heist.

BECOMING ODESSA - JENNIFER DAVIS - After college graduation, Davis embarks on a modern day Odyssey on the Appalachian Trail

DOPESICK : DEALERS, DOCTORS AND THE DRUG COMPANY THAT ADDICTED AMERICA- BETH MACY -

GREENLIGHTS- MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY - McConaughey's unflinchingly honest and remarkably candid memoir

A PROMISED LAND - BARACK OBAMA - the 1st volume of Obama's memoirs focusing on his search for identity as a young man and landmark moments of his first presidential term.

WELCOMING THE UNWELCOMING: LIVING IN A BROKEN WORLD - PEMA CHODRON an open hearted call for connection, compassion and love

NEW BOOKS - featured

SEVEN AND A HALF LESSONS ABOUT THE BRAIN - LISA FELDMAN BARRETT -Neuroscientist Barrett demystifies that "big gray blob" between your ears

THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE'LL BE LAUGHING - JACQUELINE WINSPEAR- a memoir of the beloved author's English childhood

WINTERING: POWER OF REST AND RETREAT IN DIFFICULT TIMES - KATHERINE MAY -An intimate, revelatory book exploring the ways we can care for and repair ourselves when life knocks us down.

READING

POETRY - PEDRO ARRUPE POETRY - ANNE SEXTON

Exploring DORA MAAR - an artist and sometimes muse for Picasso and other surrealists