WHAT’S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS
MARCH 2021

FICTION

BOOK OF LOST FRIENDS - LISA WINGATE - three young women search for family amid the destruction of the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who learns of their story and its vital connection to her students’ lives.

CIRCE - MADELINE MILLER - a feminist take on reimagining the myth of Circe, an infamous goddess of the Odyssey

DAY AFTER NIGHT - ANITA DIAMANT - based on a true story, four women who survived the Holocaust find salvation in the bonds of friendship

DESIRABLE DAUGHTERS - BHARATI MUKHERJEE - the diverging paths of 3 Calcutta born sisters as they come of age in a changing world.

THE FOUR WINDS - KRISTIN HANNAH - a stunning story that brings to life the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl and the people who lived through it
A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW - AMOR TOWLES - A Russian Count is ordered to spend the rest of his life under house arrest inside a luxury hotel.

ROSIE RESULT - GRAEME SIMISON - The third in the series finds Don Tillman, geneticist and world's best problem solver, living his life according to a life contentment graph - but that is about to change.

SECRET RIVER - KATE GRENVILLE - the settlement of New South Wales by a population of exiled British criminals in the early 1800's.

NONFICTION

BEHIND ENEMY LINES - THE STORY OF A FRENCH JEWISH SPY IN NAZI GERMANY - MARTHE COHN

BLINDFOLD: A MEMOIR OF CAPTURE, TORTURE AND ENLIGHTENMENT - THEO PADNOS - a journalist’s account of being kidnapped and tortured by al Qaeda in Syria
CODE BREAKER - GENE EDITING AND THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE - WALTER ISAACSON - Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that could allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies.

EMERSON: THE MIND ON FIRE - ROBERT RICHARDSON - compilation of Emerson’s letters, notebooks, journals and published works.

ICEBOUND: SHIPWRECKED AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD - ANDREA Pitzer - a riveting account of Dutch polar explorer, William Barents and his 3 harrowing Arctic expeditions.

CHILDRENS

STAR IN A JAR - SAM HAY - what would you do with a fallen star?

EXCESSIVE ALPHABET - JUDI BARRETT - avalanches of A’s to Zillions of Z’s
PAIRINGS

(FIC) BEFORE WE WERE YOURS - LISA WINGATE -
Fictionalized account of the plight of the orphans of the Tennessee Children’s Home Society

(NON-FIC) BEFORE AND AFTER
- JUDIE CHRISTIE AND LISA WINGATE
The compelling, poignant true stories of victims of a notorious adoption scandal some of whom learned the truth from the novel Before We Were Yours and were reunited with birth family members as a result of its wide reach.