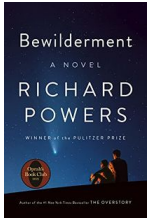


What's On Your Nightstand Book Recommendations

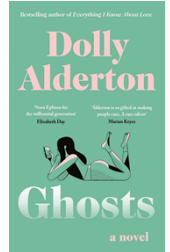
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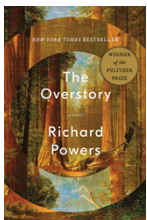
Bewilderment - Richard Powers - Theo and Robin Byrne, a grieving widowed father and his acutely sensitive, emotionally troubled 9-year-old son, try to deal with upheavals - both personal and world wide

Ghost - Dolly Alderton - funny and tender, filled with whip-smart observations about relationships, family, memory, and how we live now



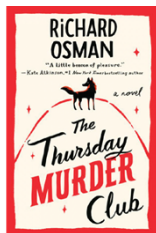
Island of the Missing Trees - Elif Shafek - Moving back and forth in time and place this is the story of forbidden lovers (one Greek and Christian, the other Turkish and Muslim) in a divided Cyprus, the painful issues of migration, belonging and other family tragedies.

Mind of Winter - Laura Kasischke - thirteen years ago, Holly and her husband adopted a beautiful baby girl from Russia. Now, while more beautiful than ever, the child is becoming disturbingly erratic.



Overstory - Richard Powers - story woven together from many people's experiences about the environmental impact of clear cutting forests

A Summer Book - Tove Jansson - the story of Sophia, a six-year-old girl awakening to existence, and Sophia's grandmother, nearing the end of hers, as they spend the summer on a tiny unspoiled island in the Gulf of Finland



Thursday Murder Club - Richard Osman - in a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes. together they call themselves the Thursday Murder Club

A Winter Book - Tove Jansson - collection of some of Finnish writer/illustrator/political cartoonist Tove Jansson's best loved and most famous stories.



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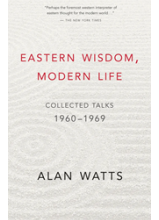
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***Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity* - Dave Graeber** - A dramatically new understanding of human history, challenging our most fundamental assumptions about social evolution

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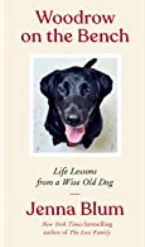
**SHAKESPEARE
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OUR PAST AND FUTURE**
JAMES SHAPIRO

***Shakespeare in a Divided America: What His Plays Tell Us about Our Past and Future* - James Shapiro** - Shapiro traces the unparalleled role of Shakespeare's four-hundred-year-old tragedies and comedies in illuminating the many concerns on which American identity has turned.

***Wintering - The Power of Rest and Retreat In Difficult Times* - Katherine May** - explores the ways we can care for and repair ourselves when life knocks us down.



***Woodrow on the Bench: Life Lessons From a Wise Old Dog* - Jenna Blum** - "For anyone who's ever loved an old dog."

Because it's imperative to keep a sense of humor . . .
An excerpt from one of my favorite books of all time:

THEY CALL ME NAUGHTY LOLA: Personal Ads from the LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS:

"Married, divorced, married, divorced, but that doesn't mean there is a pattern developing. Optimistic lad, mid-fifties, seeks woman for NE based relationship. Box no. 8765"

