What’s On Your Nightstand - Book Recommendations - April 2022

FICTION

Shirley Jackson's work

**Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende** - novel spans decades and crosses continents following two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home.

**The Orphanage by Serhiy Zhadan** - A devastating story of the struggle of civilians caught up in the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

**Small Things like These by Claire Keegan** - While delivering an order to the local convent, a coal merchant makes a discovery which forces him to confront both his past and the complicit silences of this small Irish town controlled by the Catholic Church.

**Still Life by Sarah Winman** - A captivating, bighearted, richly tapestried story of people brought together by love, war, art, flood, and the ghost of E. M. Forster.

NONFICTION

**Between The Mountain and the Sky: A Mother’s Story of Love, Loss, Healing, and Hope by Maggie Doyne** - A gap-year trip becomes a life-changing experience when 19-year-old Doyne falls in love with the disadvantaged children of Nepal. She was driven to build a refuge for homeless children, a school, a women's center and health center - all of which are thriving 10+ years later.

**From Heaven Lake: Travels Through Sinkiang and Tibet by Vikram Seth** - After two years as a postgraduate student at Nanjing University in China, Vikram Seth hitch-hiked back to his home in New Delhi, via Tibet. From Heaven Lake is the story of his remarkable journey and his encounters with nomadic Muslims, Chinese officials, Buddhists and others.

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