

## 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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