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

FICTION

*Apeirogon*, Colum McCann: based on a true story...the unlikely friendship between two fathers, one Paestinian, the other Israeli, both of whom have lost their daughters in the everlasting conflict and are, together, advocating peace.

*Dracula*, Bram Stoker; Edward Gorey, ill.: A collector’s edition of the most famous vampire novel of all time, illustrated with the artwork Edward Gorey created for his stage designs for the novel's Broadway stage adaptation.

*Everyday is Mother's Day*, Hilary Mantel: Mantel's first novel takes us into a slatternly house, filled with demons and ghosts, where the clairvoyant Evelyn Axon and Muriel, her pregnant half-wit daughter, cower out of sight of society while a horrible secret grows in the darkness

*Martin Marten*, Brian Doyle: a braided coming-of-age tale involving two youngsters in search of life, family, friends, enemies and the wonder of it all.

NONFICTION

*These Precious Days*, Ann Patchett: Life often takes turns we do not see coming. Patchett ponders this truth in these wise essays that afford a fresh and intimate look into her mind and heart.

*A Question of Choice*, Sarah Weddington: A memoir filled with “valuable, passionate insights” from the lawyer who argued the landmark Roe v. Wade case to the Supreme Court

*Unmasked: My Life Solving America’s Cold Cases*, Paul Holes: Holes, a retired Cold Case Investigator in the Bay Area, played a part in putting several serial predators on Death Row

Also Recommended:

*Good Karma Hospital* - (Netflix) - a medical drama series about a disillusioned doctor, Ruby Walker, who heads for South India hoping to make a fresh start.

*Lemon Tree* - film - The Israeli Defense Minister moves to a house on the border between Israel and the West Bank with the building sitting on the Israeli side just next to the dividing line. The Israeli Secret Service views the neighboring lemon grove of Salma Zidane, a Palestinian widow whose family has cared for the area for generations, as a threat to the minister and his wife. The security forces soon set up a guard post and a fence around the grove. They then obtain an order to uproot the lemon trees.