What's On Your Nightstand
Book Recommendations - June 2022

NONFICTION

A Dog Walks Into A Nursing Home: Lessons in the Good Life from an Unlikely Teacher by Sue Halpern - the story of how one faithful, charitable, loving, and sometimes prudent mutt - showing great hope, fortitude, and restraint along the way (the occasional begged or stolen treat notwithstanding) - taught a well-meaning woman the true nature and pleasures of the good life.

Letters Of Shirley Jackson - Laurence Jackson Hyman - ongoing discussion of the life, letters, and drawings of Shirley Jackson. One of our participants has an art installation at Jackson’s house in Bennington.

Tasha: A Son’s Memoir - Brian Morton - a vivid account of an unforgettable woman and a stark look at the impossible task of caring for an elderly parent in a country whose unofficial motto is “you’re on your own.”

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

Horse - Geraldine Brooks - Based on the remarkable true story of a record-breaking thoroughbred. Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

The Twilight World - Werner Herzog - the incredible story of Hiroo Onoda, a Japanese soldier who defended a small island in the Philippines for 29 years after the end of World War II

The Flag, the Cross and the Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened - Bill McKibben

CUZ WE ALL NEED SOME LAUGHS:

Why do all plots by major authors feel the same?

William Shakespeare:
You become King. This turns out to have been a very big mistake

Agatha Christie:
The extravagant web of lies that is your home life is shattered by twin irritations: a spate of deaths and a Belgian asking irritating questions.