What's On Your Nightstand - Book Recommendations
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FICTION

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi - In a small Tokyo cafe customers are offered a chance to travel back in time but there are strict rules that must be followed. Most importantly, the trip can last only as long as it takes for the coffee to get cold.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus - The career of a female scientist in 1960s California takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng - the story of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice.....about the power—and limitations—of art to create change, the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children

NONFICTION

In the Shadow of the Empress by Nancy Goldstone - a saga of Empress Maria Theresa—one of the most renowned women rulers in history—and three of her extraordinary daughters, including Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen of France

A Man’s Place by Annie Ernaux - a narrative of the life and death of Ernaux's father, a working-class man who believed that self-denial, hard work, and careful speech would gain him entrance into the middle class where good manners, well-spoken words, and respectability reigned

Rasputin: Faith, Power, And The Twilight Of The Romanovs by Douglas Smith - a picture of Rasputin in all his complexity--a man of God, voice of peace, loyal subject, adulterer and drunkard. A fascinating portrait of the twilight of imperial Russia as it lurched toward catastrophe.