What’s On Your Nightstand
Book Recommendations - April 2023

FICTION

*All That Is Mine I Carry With Me by William Landay* – A mother vanished. A father presumed guilty. There is no proof. There are no witnesses. For the children, there is only doubt.

*Fair and Tender Ladies by Lee Smith* – Ivy Rowe, Virginia mountain girl, then wife, mother, and finally "Mawmaw," never strays far from her home—but the letters she writes take her across the country and over the ocean.

*Horse by Geraldine Brooks* – In the novel, which spans from the 1850s to the present, a discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and one of the great racehorses in American history come together in a tale of spirit, obsession, and injustice.

*A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes* – a story which gives much-needed voice to the silenced women of the Trojan War

NONFICTION

*The Argonauts by Maggie Nelson* – a philosophical look at motherhood, transitioning, partnership, parenting, and family

*My Autobiography of Carson McCullers by Jenn Shapland* – Shapland interweaves her own story with McCullers’s to create a vital new portrait of one of our nation’s greatest literary treasures, and shows us how the writers we love and the stories we tell about ourselves make us who we are.

*Island Medicine: Life, Healing, and Community on a Maine Island by Dr. Chuck Radis* – For more than 3 decades, Radis has lived on Peaks Island—off the coast of Maine—and provided medical care to communities on four islands in Casco Bay, logging more than 100 house calls each year.

*Solito by Javier Zamora* – Nine year old Javier takes a three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling amid a group of strangers and a “coyote” hired to lead them to safety, Javier expected his trip to last two short weeks. Fate had other plans.