What’s On Your Nightstand
Book Recommendations - August 2023

FICTION

*The All of It* by Jeannette Haien - the seemingly simple tale of a parishioner confiding in her priest, but the tangled confession brings secrets to light that provoke a moral quandary for not only the clergyman, but the reader as well.

*All the Days of Summer* by Nancy Thayer - a woman’s second act on the island of Nantucket delivers much more than she expected

*Anticipation* by Melodie Winawer - a thrilling tale set in the crumbling city of Mystras, Greece, in which a scientist’s vacation with her young son quickly turns into a fight for their lives after they cross paths with a man out of time

*The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese - epic of love, faith, and medicine, set in Kerala, South India, following three generations of a family seeking the answers to a strange secret

*The Eight Mountains* by Paolo Cognetti - a moving and elegant novel about the friendship between two young Italian boys from different backgrounds and how their connection evolves and challenges them throughout their lives

*Night of the Living Rez* by Morgan Talty - unforgettable portrayal of an Indigenous community as they struggle with a painful past and an uncertain future

NONFICTION

*Akenfield: Portrait of an English Village* by Ronald Blythe - Woven from the words of the inhabitants of a small Suffolk village in the 1960s

*All the Beauty in the World - the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me* by Patrick Bringley - the story of a former New Yorker staffer who spends a decade as a museum guard, writes an inspiring portrait of a great museum, its hidden treasures, and the people who make it tick
How to Cook the Victorian Way with Mrs. Crocombe - a smorgasbord of social history - an absolute must for fans, foodies and anyone with an appetite for the past

An Immense World: How animal senses reveal the hidden realms around us by Ed Yong - The author coaxes us beyond the confines of our own senses, allowing us to perceive the skeins of scent, waves of electromagnetism, and pulses of pressure that surround us.

MEH/DNR
(MEH means Meh/ DNR means discussed - not recommended)

The Bird Hotel by Joyce Maynard - After a childhood filled with heartbreak, Irene - a talented artist - finds herself in a small Central American village where she renovates and runs a lakefront hotel at the base of a volcano.

MEH

Yellowface by R. F. Kuang - Bestselling sensation Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn’t write the book she claims she wrote, and she is most certainly not Asian American. How long can this last? MEH