## What's On Your Nightstand Book Recommendations - August 2023

## FICTION



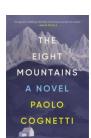
confiding in her priest, but the tangled confession brings secrets to light that provoke a moral quandary for not only the clergyman, but the reader as well.

The All of It by Jeannette Haien - the seemingly simple tale of a parishioner

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

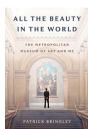
**Night of the Living Rez by Morgan Talty** - unforgettable portrayal of an Indigenous community as they struggle with a painful past and an uncertain future

## NONFICTION

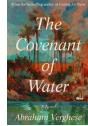


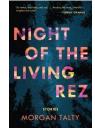
Akenfield: Portrait of an English Village by Ronald Blythe - Woven from the words of the inhabitants of a small Suffolk village in the 1960s

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







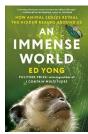




How to Cook the Victorian Way with Mrs. Crocombe - a smorgasbord of social

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

