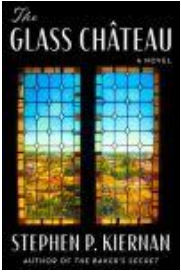


What's On Your Nightstand

Book Recommendations - October 2023

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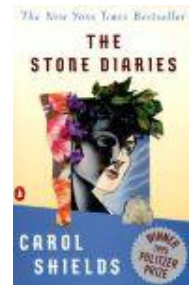
***The Glass Chateau* by Stephen Kiernan** - Inspired by the life of Marc Chagall, a gripping tale of hope, healing, and the redemptive power of art set against the turmoil of post WWII France.



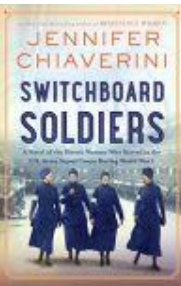
***The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy** - Equal parts powerful family saga, forbidden love story, and piercing political drama.



***The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles** - A Victorian gentleman, Charles Smithson, is by turns entranced, befuddled, and devastated by a mysterious woman who is, according to local gossip, the spurned ex-mistress of a French naval officer.



***Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields** - Fictionalized autobiography of Daisy Goodwill Flett – a subtle but affecting portrait of an everywoman reflecting on an unconventional life



***Switchboard Soldiers: A Novel of the Heroic Women Who Served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps During World War I* by Jennifer Chiaverini**



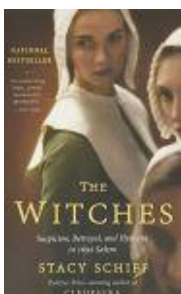
***Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini** - Saga that recreates the danger, romance, and sacrifice of an era and brings to life one courageous, passionate American and her circle of women friends who waged a clandestine battle against Hitler in Nazi Berlin



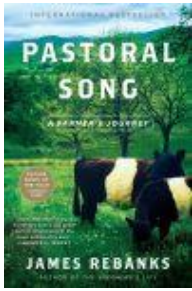
***We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson** - Gothic tale of a peculiar girl named Merricat and her family's dark secret



***Who Was Changed and Who Was Dead* by Barbara Comyns** - An English village struck by a mysterious epidemic — Flood, fire, madness descend on Comyns's characters occasionally accompanied by ducks (yes..ducks! KB)



***The Witches: Suspicion, Betrayal, and Hysteria in 1692 Salem* by Stacy Schiff** - In 1692 Massachusetts, a minister's daughter began to scream and convulse. Less than a year later, 19 men and women had been hanged and an elderly man crushed to death.



NONFICTION

***Pastoral Song* by James Rebanks** - Story of the regeneration of one family's traditional English farm

***The Shepherd's View: Modern Photographs from an Ancient Landscape* by James Rebanks** - A breathtaking book of photography of England's Lake District that chronicles an ancient way of living

***You Could Make This Place Beautiful* by Maggie Smith** - Smith writes of her personal heartbreak and takes on contemporary womanhood, traditional gender roles, and the power dynamics that persist even in many progressive homes.

