What’s On Your Nightstand
Book Recommendations - November 2023

Fiction

*The Architect’s Apprentice* by Elif Shafek - An intricate novel brimming with vibrant characters, intriguing adventure set in the lavish backdrop of the Ottoman court, where love and loyalty are no match for raw power

*The Collected Stories of Amy Hempel* - Four short collections of stunning stories about marriages, minor disasters, and moments of revelation

*Heat & Dust* by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala - The diary of an English girl who goes to India to reconstruct the story of Olivia, her grandfather's first wife

*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride - A novel about small-town secrets and the people who keep them

Nonfiction

*Burning Questions: Essays and Occasional Pieces, 2004 to 2021* by Margaret Atwood - The author offers her funny, erudite, endlessly curious, and uncannily prescient take on everything.

*Eight Days in May: The Final Collapse of the Third Reich* by Volker Ullrich and Jefferson Chase - Not only an indispensable account of the Nazi endgame, but a historic work that brilliantly examines the costs of mass delusion

*Up Home: One Girl’s Journey* by Ruth Simmons - An evocative account of Simmons’ remarkable trajectory from Jim Crow Texas, where she was the youngest of twelve children in a sharecropping family, to the presidencies of Smith College and Brown University

*The Wild Braid: A Poet Reflects on a Century in the Garden* by Stanley Kunitz

*Wild Iris and Faithful and Virtuous Night* by Louise Gluck

Wait, wait, There’s more……..

- Interested in a “One off”?
  - If we all are reading or about to read the same book, e.g. *Covenant of Water*, a stand-alone discussion could be scheduled - Opinions? Suggestions? Let me know.