WHAT’S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS
OCTOBER 2014

FICTION

THE DINNER – Herbert Koch – A very, very upsetting but good novel (Charlet)

FAMILY HAPPINESS – Laurie Colwin – a happily married woman begins an affair with an artist (Elizabeth)

The GOLUM AND THE JINNI – Helene Wecker – a novel set in the Lower East Side (1899) where people from many different Middle Eastern countries co-existed peacefully (Janis)

A HEART OF STONE – Renate Dorrestein – coming-of-age novel with a dark secret at its core (Elizabeth)

ME BEFORE YOU – JoJo Moyes – a novel about a young woman who finds work taking care of an elderly handicapped man (Carol)

ORFEO- Richard Powers – An extremely compelling novel about a retired musician (Janis)

NONFICTION

CROSSING THE BORDERS OF TIME – Leslie Maitland – memoir about the author’s mother, a young Jewish woman who falls in love with a Frenchman as her family flees Nazism in Europe (Elizabeth)

INHERITANCE - Sharon Moalem – ways our supposedly immutable genes are changed by trauma and other life experiences (Carol)
MY IDEAL BOOKSHELF – Thessaly La Force, ed. Celebrities and others describe the books that would be on their “ideal bookshelf” (Anne)

ONE SUMMER – Bill Bryson – 1927...history written in a light and entertaining manner (Anne)

MEMOIR OF A CATHOLIC GIRLHOOD – Mary McCarthy – Orphaned and growing up in Seattle, McCarthy eventually became one of the most outspoken intellectuals of her time. (Peggy)

THE SIXTH EXTINCTION – Elizabeth Colbert- The environmental disaster that is taking place on our earth (Charlet)

SPEAK MEMORY – Vladimir Nabokov – classic memoir of one of the childhood of one of the great novelists of the 20th century (Peggy)

THINK LIKE A FREAK –Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner– How to address great social questions in a new and different way (Miranda)

ALSO

Podcasts by Dr. Max Roe and Ty Lopez – both are innovative thinkers (Miranda)