

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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)