

WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND?

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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New to this edition: each book will be accompanied by the name of the person recommending

FICTION

Lucky Us – Amy Bloom- “My father’s wife died. My mother said we should drive down to his place and see what might be in it for us.” And so it begins..... (Barbara)

Tell the Wolves I’m Home – Carol Rifka Brunt- a universal story of how love chooses us, and how flashes of our beloved live through us even after they’re gone. (Kathy F)

All the Light We Cannot See – Anthony Doerr- a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. (Peggy)

Deafening – Francis Itani –war and deafness are the twin themes of this psychologically rich, impeccably crafted novel (Barbara)

The Lowland – Jhumpa Lahiri- The clever Mitra brothers are inseparable even though one is serious, cautious, and reliable, while the other is brash, impassioned, and rebellious (Ann)

After I’m Gone – Laura Lippman -an addictive story that explores how one man’s disappearance echoes through the lives of the wife, mistress, and daughters he left behind (Barbara)

Heft – Liz Moore- a cast of vulnerable, lonely misfits that will break your heart and then make it soar (Kathy F)

Financial Lives of the Poets – Jess Walter - wildly funny, this heartrending novel is a clever meditation on the American Dream gone horribly wrong (Ann)

NONFICTION

The Mockingbird Next Door- Marja Mills -uniquely intimate, ruminative, and gently illuminating biographical memoir of Harper Lee. (Ann)

Townie – Andre Dubus . Long before he became the highly acclaimed author Dubus shuffled and punched his way through a childhood and youth full of dysfunction, desperation, and determination. (Kathy F)

Undaunted Courage- Stephen Ambrose- the definitive book on Lewis and Clark's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase, the most momentous expedition in American history and one of the great adventure stories of all time. (Darcie)

ALSO

Archer Mayor – any of his work captures Vermont (Kathy F)

Anna Quindlen – (Kathy F)

Rabbit Collection – John Updike (Darcie)