WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS
JAN 2015

FICTION

An Unnecessary Woman - Rabih Alemmeddine - a meditation on aging, politics, literature, loneliness, grief and resilience (Sarah)

Binocular Vision New and Selected Stories- Edith Pearlman- quiet elegant take on the predicaments of being human (Kathy)

Edge of Eternity - Ken Follett - 3rd in Century Trilogy (Carol)

In a Summer Season - Elizabeth Taylor - a wealthy, charming widow, has married a man ten years her junior and everything is lovely until it's not. (Ann)

July's People - Nadine Gordimer - unforgettable look into the terrifying, tacit understandings and misunderstandings between blacks and whites. (Shelli)

Nora Webster - Colm Toibin - a fiercely compelling young widow and mother of four, navigates grief and fear and struggles for hope. (Shelli)

Redeployment - Phil Klay - from the frontlines of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, an attempt to understand what happened, and what happens to the soldiers who return. (Kathy)

Still Life with Breadcrumbs - Anna Quindlan - second chances, starting over, and going after what is most important in life. (Peggy)

White Dog Fell From the Sky - Eleanor Morse - captures the magic of the African landscape and the terror and degradation of life under apartheid (Charlet)

NONFICTION

Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant - Roz Chast- comfort and comic relief for anyone experiencing the life-altering loss of elderly parents. (Ann)

Old Jules - Mari Sandoz - biography of Old Jules (the author's father) who immigrates to Nebraska in the late 1800s (Ann)

Republic of Imagination American in Three books- Azir Nafsi - A passionate hymn to the power of fiction to change people's lives, (Sarah)

Also recommended:
Raymond Carver's stories (Shelli)