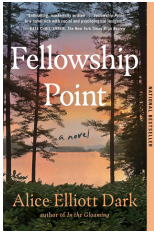


# WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

## Book Discussion

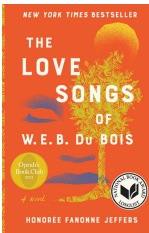
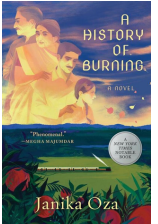
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### FICTION



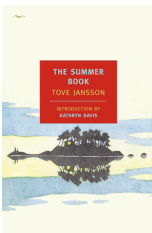
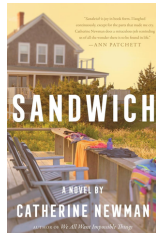
***Fellowship Point*** by **Alice Elliott Dark** - The story of a lifelong friendship between two very different women and eighty years of summers on a pristine point of land on the coast of Maine.

***A History of Burning*** by **Janika Oza** - In 1898, Pirbhai, a teenage boy looking for work, is taken from his village in India to labor for the British on the East African Railway. Far from home, Pirbhai commits a brutal act in the name of survival that will haunt him and his family for years to come.



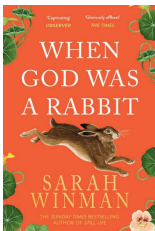
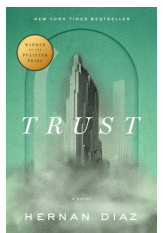
***The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois*** by **Honoree Panonne Jeffers** - To come to terms with her own identity, a young woman embarks on a journey through her family's past, uncovering the shocking tales of generations of ancestors—Indigenous, Black, and white—in the deep South.

***Sandwich*** by **Catherine Newman** - As her family gathers for the annual vacation on Cape Cod, Rocky, a woman coming to terms with life over 50, is worn out by menopause and nostalgia.



***The Summer Book*** by **Tove Jansson** - The story of Sophia, a six-year-old girl awakening to existence, and Sophia's grandmother, nearing the end of hers, as they spend the summer on a tiny unspoiled island in the Gulf of Finland.

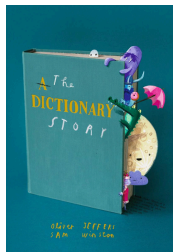
***Trust*** by **Herman Diaz** - A tale which unravels the truth behind a wealthy couple's rise to power in 1920s New York, exploring deception, privilege, and the corrosive force of greed.



***When God Was a Rabbit*** by **Sarah Winman** - From 1968 to the events of 9/11, the story follows the evolving bond of love and secrets between Elly and her brother Joe, and her increasing concern for an unusual best friend, Jenny Penny, who has secrets of her own.

### Children's Fiction

***The Dictionary Story*** by **Sam Winston, Oliver Jeffers** - Dictionary wants to tell a story like all the other books so one day she releases her letters which turn into words...chaos follows. The authors also delight in defining words in creative ways.

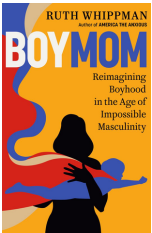
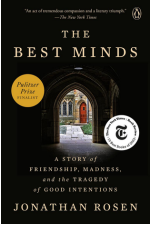


## NONFICTION



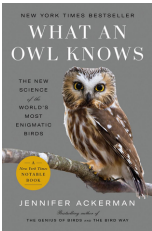
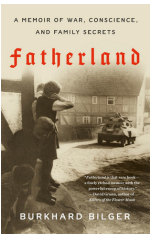
***The Copenhagen Trilogy: Childhood; Youth; Dependency*** by **Tove Ditlevsen** - A memoir touching on Tove's childhood (awkward/misfit), youth (early experiences in sex, and work) and dependency (multiple marriages and addiction).

***The Best Minds: A Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions*** by **Jonathan Rosen** - Rose investigates the forces that led his closest childhood friend, Michael Laudor, from the heights of brilliant promise to the forensic psychiatric hospital where he has lived since killing the woman he loved.



***BoyMom: Reimagining Boyhood in the Age of Impossible Masculinity*** by **Ruth Whippman** - A dive into the impossibly contradictory pressures boys now face and charts a new path to give boys a healthier, more expansive, and fulfilling story about their own lives.

***Fatherland: A Memoir of War, Conscience, and Family Secrets*** by **Burkhard Bilger** - the riveting account of Bilger's nearly ten-year quest to uncover the truth about his grandfather. Was he guilty or innocent, a war criminal or a man who risked his life to shield the villagers?



***What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds*** by **Jennifer Ackerman** - An awe-inspiring exploration of owls across the globe and through human history, and a spellbinding account of the world's most enigmatic group of birds.