WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND Book Discussion February 2025



FICTION

Glif by Ali Smith - Two children make their way through a dystopian world.



Pigs in Heaven by **Barbara Kingsolver** - A Native American girl and her adoptive mother settle in Tucson, Arizona, as they both try to overcome their difficult pasts.



More or Less Maddie by **Lisa Genoa** - A realistic and often painful picture of the toll mental illness takes on both the affected person and loved ones.



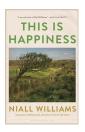
Nora Webster by **Colm Toibin** - A fiercely compelling young widow navigates grief, fear, and longing, and finds her own voice.



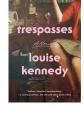
The Lion Women of Tehran by **Marjan Kamali** - The story of a 30-year friendship set against the tumult and terror of the Iranian Revolution.



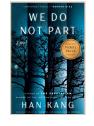
This is Happiness by **Niall Williams** - An intricately observed portrait of a community: its idiosyncrasies and its traditions; its paradoxes and its inanities; its failures and its triumphs.



Trespasses by **Louise Kennedy** - Set in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, a shattering novel about a young woman caught between allegiance to community and a dangerous passion.



We Do Not Part by Han Kang - The story of a friendship between two women while powerfully reckoning with a hidden chapter in Korean history.



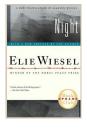
When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara O'Neal - An emotional new tale of two sisters, an ocean of lies, and a search for the truth.



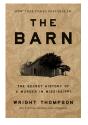
A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry - This novel captures all the cruelty and corruption, dignity and heroism of India.



NONFICTION



Night by **Eli Wiesel** - A candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps.

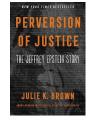


The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi by Wright

Thompson - An account of the murder of Emmett Till that lays bare how forces from around the world converged on the Mississippi Delta in the long lead-up to the crime, and how the truth was erased for so long.

Julia Child Rules: Lessons on Savoring Life by **Karen Karbo** - The life of the sunny, unpretentious chef, author, cooking show star, and bon vivant, with an eye towards learning how we, too, can savor life.





Perversion of Justice: the Jeffrey Epstein Story by Julie K, Brown -

Brown recounts her uncompromising and risky investigation of Jeffrey Epstein's underage sex trafficking operation and the explosive reporting for the Miami Herald that finally brought him to justice

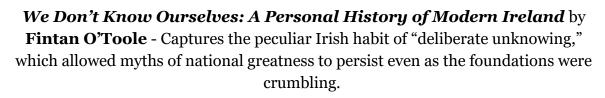


The Tenth Muse: My Life in Food by **Judith Jones** - A memoir by the legendary cookbook editor who was present at the creation of the American food revolution and played a pivotal role in shaping it



The Waiting Game: The Untold Story of Who Served the Tudor Queens

by **Nicola Clark** - A colorful and authoritative narrative history of the oftenoverlooked—yet hugely influential—figures of the Tudor court: the ladies-in-waiting.





Small Town by **Peggy Merrill** -memories of growing up and living in Woodstock, Vermont. (no cover image available)





Movie: Zone of Interest - The film focuses on the life of German Auschwitz commandant Rudolf Höss and his wife Hedwig, who live with their family in a home in the "Zone of Interest" next to the German concentration camp.