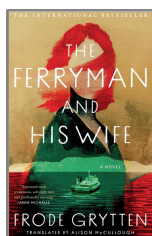


WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

Book Recommendations

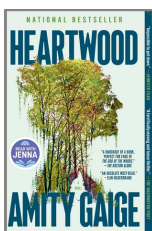
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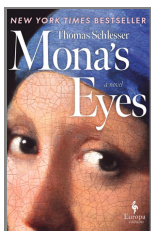
The Ferryman and His Wife by **Frode Grytten** - Ferry driver Nils Vik's remembrances while steering his last voyage along the fjord, on what he knows will be his last day alive.

The Frozen River by **Ariel Lawhon** - A historical mystery inspired by the real life and diary of an 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system.



Heartwood by **Amity Gaige** - A gripping journey as a search and rescue team race against time after a woman mysteriously disappears on the Appalachian Trail inspires larger questions about the ways in which we get lost, and are found.

Life of Chuck by **Stephen King** - A story about community and about humanity at its best; a celebration of joy, mystery, and existential wonder, told in reverse chronological order.



Mona's Eyes by **Thomas Schlessler** - A 10-year-old and her beloved grandfather visit fifty-two works of art and commit to memory "all that is beautiful in the world" before Mona loses her sight forever.

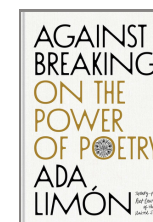
Resurrection by **Leo Tolstoy** - The author's last completed novel is an intimate, psychological tale of guilt, anger, and forgiveness.



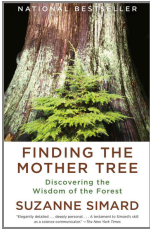
The Things We Never Say by **Elizabeth Strout** - In this moving exploration of the human condition, Strout takes one man's fears and loneliness and makes them universal.

NONFICTION

Against Breaking: On the Power of Poetry by **Ada Limon** - The 24th Poet Laureate of the United States inspires us to see poetry as much more than just words—as a powerful force for healing, a call to action, and a vibrant celebration of humanity's many voices.



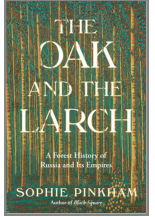
The Irish Goodbye: Micro-Memoirs by **Beth Ann Fennelly** - Fennelly writes of the small moments that shape a life, whether moving, troubling, or gladdening, in the process dignifying the diminutive through the act of attention.



Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest by **Suzanne Simard** - A moving, deeply personal journey of discovery from the world's leading forest ecologist who forever changed how people view trees and their connections to one another and to other living things in the forest.



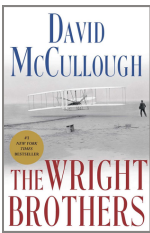
The Oak and The Larch: A Forest History of Russia and its Empires by **Sophie Pinkham** - Drawing on literature, history, and art to connect the expanse of the Russian wilderness and the nature of Russian culture, Pinkham portrays Russia's long history of imperial conquest.



Mudlarking: Lost and Found on the River Thames by **Lara Maiklem** - From Neolithic flints to Roman hair pins, medieval buckles to Victorian toys, Maiklem discovers objects that tell her about London and its lost ways of life.

Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage by **Belle Burden**

With unflinching honesty and profound grace, Burden charts a path through heartbreak to show the power of a woman who refuses to give up on love.



The Wright Brothers by **David McCullough** - The dramatic story-behind-the-story about the courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly drawn from the immense riches of the Wright Papers, including private diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks, and letters.

Art Book Collection of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec

ALSO DISCUSSED

The Life of Chuck (the movie) a superb adaption of the same-titled novella by **Stephen King**.

