

WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

Book Recommendations

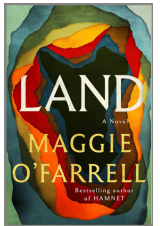
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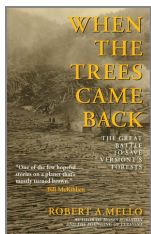


Pollock's Last Lover: A Novel of Art and Deception by Stephen Kiernan - The engrossing tale of two women whose lives collide as they contend with the art and legacy of the brilliant, tragic painter Jackson Pollock; set in New York City in alternating time periods—the 1950s and the early 2000s. (Also recommended *The Glass Chateau* by Kiernan.)

Land by Maggie O'Farrell - Perhaps best described by this quote (p. 84):
“Tomas did not shy away from what he saw around him, never shirked in committing to the record what had occurred in these places in recent years. He set it all down: the ghost towns, the weedlush fields, the mass graves, the workhouses, the Famine roads that led nowhere. He corrected the earlier surveyors' inept manglings of the language and their cavalier erasure of history. Maps can be read for many things - geography both natural and man-made - and Tomas made sure that the Great Hunger was inscribed on his drafts and in him name books, that it was recorded, in symbols and in writing, that its effects and scars would be seen, its evidence and testimony unmissable, for all time.”

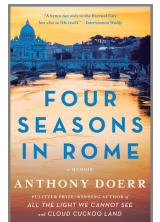


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When the Trees Came Back: The Great Battle to Save Vermont's Forests by Robert Mello - This book explores the long campaign to reverse the deforestation that decimated Vermont's ancient forests after the arrival of settlers in the mid-1700s.

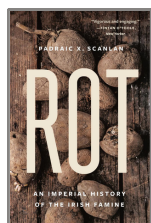
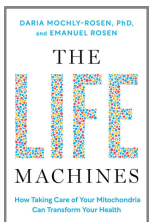
Four Seasons in Rome: On Twins, Insomnia, and the Biggest Funeral in the History of the World by Anthony Doerr - A travel memoir about art, new parenthood, and adventures in Rome.



Turner by Jean Selz - The story of Turner's revolutionary painting style and the impact of his cruel critic John Ruskin.



The Life Machines: How Taking Care of Your Mitochondria Can Transform Your Health by Daria Mochly-Rosen, Emanuel Rosen - Noted that the second half of the book is about the benefits of exercise.



Rot, An Imperial History of the Irish Famine by Padraic X. Scanlan - A revelatory new history of the Irish Great Famine, showing how the British Empire caused Ireland's most infamous disaster.