

WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

Book Recommendations

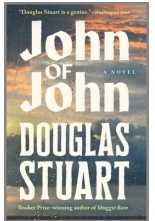
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FICTION



***Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki** - The story of a trailblazer, a woman who transcended the rigid roles ascribed to women and changed history for millions, all on her own terms.

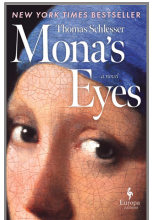
***John of John* by Douglas Stuart** - A vivid, moving novel following a young man returning to his Hebridean island home, a portrait of a father's expectations and a son's desires



***Land* by Maggie O'Farrell** - A soaring historical novel set in Ireland in the years before and after the Great Hunger; about separation and reunion, tragedy and recovery, colonization and rebellion..



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



***Sunrise* by Téa Obreht** - Three lives, one hundred years, one ghost town: an explosive novel about a mysterious place called Sunrise, where the secrets of the past refuse to stay buried

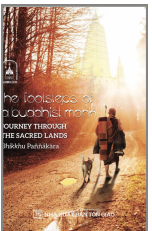


***Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell** - A gothic, intricate work of historical fiction set in Edinburgh about family secrets, lost lives, and the freedom brought by truth.

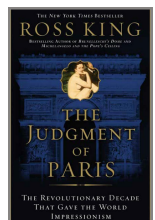


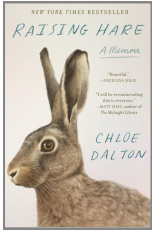
NONFICTION

***The Footsteps of a Buddhist Monk* by Bhikkhu Paññākāra** - A memoir documenting a 110-day walking journey from December 2022 to March 2023, involving 100 venerable monks walking 2,100 miles through India and Nepal in the spirit of peace and endurance.



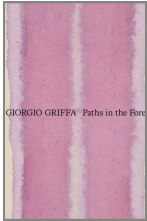
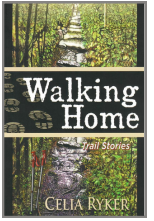
***The Judgment of Paris: The Revolutionary Decade that Gave the World Impression* by Ross King** - Portrays a seminal period when Paris was the artistic center of the world, and the rivalry between Meissonier and Manet.





Raising Hare by **Chole Dalton** - A fascinating meditation on freedom, trust, loss, and our relationship with the natural world, explored through the story of one woman's unlikely friendship with a wild hare.

Walking Home: Trail Stories by **Celia Ryker** - More than mud, sweat, and blisters while distance hiking the Long Trail; the author began writing about a difficult hike and ended up writing about the people who inspired her throughout her life.



Giorgio Griffa: Paths in the Forest by **Robert Wiesenberger, Joanna Fiduccia, Matilde Guidelli-Guidi** - Scholarly essays, an original text by the artist, and studio and installation photography illuminate Griffa's relationship to the history of painting, his concern for "material intelligence," and his particularly ecological way of thinking.

ALSO DISCUSSED

Link to Clark Museum exhibition:

<https://www.clarkart.edu/Microsites/Giorgio-Griffa-Paths-in-the-Forest/About-the-Exhibition>