

Adult Summer Reading Books 2023

Book Title	Author	Comment
<i>Hawthorn Legacy</i>	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	Many young people have suggested this series, so I gave it a try. So far I've enjoyed the first two. There's mystery, suspense teen social drama, and the plot moves quickly.
<i>Mrs. March</i>	Feito, Virginia	Mrs. March is an odd person and even more so when Mr. March writes a book that according to the town people is about Mrs. March. This sent her into a frenzy.
<i>The Music of Bees</i>	Garvin, Eileen	I <u>loved</u> this book--from several perspectives, incorporated the landscape--learned a TON about bees! Loved it!
<i>Hello Beautiful</i>	Napolitano, Ann	Good summer read, by the end you'll think about your own father
<i>Innocent in Death</i>	Robb, JD	Great story line, easy summer read
<i>The Vacationers</i>	Straub, Emma	"Life happens, but your actions/decisions will certainly shape it!"
<i>The Invention of Wings</i>	Monk Kidd, Sue	A beautiful historical fiction told in 2 perspectives. 5 star review!
<i>Surviving Savannah</i>	Callahan, Patti	Love the flashbacks of August and Lily. Loved learning about the creation of a museum. Very good!
<i>Mrs. March</i>	Feito, Virginia	A woman with mental health issues is trying to live in high society. She kills her husband without realizing it.
<i>The Birth of the Pill</i>	Eig, Jonathan	A must read!
<i>Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek</i>	Richardson, Kim Michele	Kentucky hill country during the Depression. Not a place I'd want to be!

<i>Out of the Clear Blue Sky</i>	Higgin, Kristen	Easy-fun-summer read!
<i>The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo</i>	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	Full of old Hollywood glamor. Great choice for Pride month!
<i>Hello Beautiful</i>	Napolitano, Ann	Well written, easy read with a twist or two.
<i>Renovation of the Heart</i>	Willard, Dallas	A great book about the transforming work of the Gospel of Jesus.
<i>The Spanish Love Deception</i>	Armas, Elena	It's a good book, slow building but very funny and entertaining!
<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	Owens, Delia	A wonderful book. Amazing imagery throughout the book!
<i>People We Meet on Vacation</i>	Henry, Emily	Great quick beach read!
<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	Backman, Fredrik	A heartwarming tale that shows us that everything is not as it seems.
<i>Hello Beautiful</i>	Napolitano, Ann	Comfortable read but not as good as her prior book.
<i>The Last Thing He Told Me</i>	Dave, Laura	An unexpected twist of a love story.
<i>Transcendent Kingdom</i>	Gyasi, Yaa	I loved how the protagonist connected science and faith in her daily life.
<i>The Girl from Berlin</i>	Balson, Ronald	Excellent historical fiction. Heartwarming and heartbreaking.
<i>Look How Happy I'm Making You</i>	Rosenwaive, Polly	Short stories of women experiencing pregnancies and their babies. Makes you cry, cringe and nod your head in agreement.

<i>The Trackers</i>	Frazier, Charles	I like the character development a great deal. The plot held my interest.
<i>The Homecoming</i>	Morton, Kate	It had some unpredictable twists and turns, which I loved!
<i>Meet Me at the Lake</i>	Fortune, Carley	3.5 stars out of 5. Didn't care for time lapse style.
<i>Sunshine Girls</i>	Fader, Molly	3 star read-Friendship that lasts through the years!
<i>The Housemaid</i>	McFadden, Freida	Great book, part 2 also great -lots of suspense.
<i>Ghosted</i>	Walsh, Rosie	Captivating characters with a bit of a twist midway through.
<i>The Soulmate</i>	Hepworth, Sally	A quick read that I loved!
<i>Island Girls</i>	Thayer, Nancy	Light, fluffy summer read!
<i>Impossible People</i>	Wertz, Julia	Great read for fans of her comics, sobriety memoirs, or the pain of being in one's 20's.
<i>Up to Speed</i>	Yu, Christina	Great book for female runners and athletes.
<i>Foundation Trilogy</i>	Asimov, Isaac	Sci-Fi, an excellent read written by a master.
<i>The Hotel Nantucket</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Amazing book! It held my attention till the end-and the ending was fantastic. Doing a fall book club with this one!
<i>The Book of Charlie</i>	Von Drehle, David	Inspiring story that tells how this man adapted to changes that occurred during his 109 year life.
<i>This Time Tomorrow</i>	Straub, Emma	Time travel story that reminds you, you could be in a different place if one small change is made.

<i>Finlay Donovan is Killing It</i>	Cosimano, Elle	A cozy mystery with cute characters and a mysterious twist of the end.
<i>Act Like You Got Some Sense</i>	Foxx, Jamie	Not bad-career path-trying to be the best father he can be(hits & misses)
<i>The Nightingale</i>	Hannah, Kristin	Best World War II historical fiction yet!
<i>Nine Lives</i>	Finlay, Alex	Awesome book! Great suggestion from your plot twist display. Engaging with a surprise ending.
<i>Summer Reading</i>	McKinley, Jenn	Adorable rom-com that touches upon Portuguese culture.
<i>The Last Kingdom</i>	Cornwell, Bernard	Fun historical fiction read.
<i>A Kingdom of Flesh and Fire</i>	Armentrout, Jennifer	Amazing! Action packed fantasy. 4 / 5 Stars
<i>Family Tree</i>	Delinsky, Barbara	Couldn't put it down!!
<i>All the Broken Places</i>	Boyne, John	Such a good book!
<i>Bandit Queens</i>	Shroff, Parini	Too strange for me!
<i>Screaming on the Inside</i>	Grose, Jessica	Sends the message that we don't need to live up to society's expectations as mothers.
<i>Escaping Wars and Waves</i>	Kugler, Olivier	Super interesting graphic journalism about Syrian refugees.
<i>Embracing Aging</i>	Guerrasio, MD, Jeanette	Great tips for aging easily.

<i>Last Train to London</i>	Waite, Megan	Great story about the kinder transport of World War II.
<i>The Sister Effect</i>	Mallory, Susan	The perfect summer read. Bonus-it was a large print copy so I could see it!
<i>Point Last Seen</i>	Dodd, Christina	Excellent mystery with many subplots and twisted endings.
<i>Maisie Dobbs</i>	Winspear, Jacqueline	Enjoy reading about women protagonists.
<i>The House in the Cerulean Sea</i>	Klune, TJ	Great magical read!
<i>White Trash Warlock</i>	Slayton, David	A lot of details, almost too much. Liked the twist on the fantasy world.
<i>When Pigs Fly</i>	Lanier, Krissy	Debut novel-a story of heartache and hope. Can't wait for her next book!
<i>Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six</i>	Unger, Lisa	Family and friends go to a cabin and are attacked by a girl who is trying to kill all of her half siblings. 9 out of 10 rating.
<i>The Perfect Family</i>	Harding, Robyn	Great book-keeps you wondering until the end. Couldn't put it down.
<i>The Wife Upstairs</i>	Hawkins, Rachel	Very good. I was expecting a more surprising ending.
<i>The Maid</i>	Prose, Nita	Liked it-at times felt bad for the main character.
<i>How the Zebra got its Stripes</i>	Grasset, Leo	Quick read, interesting vignettes.
<i>Mrs. Nash's Ashes</i>	Adler, Sarah	Story of a young woman fulfilling her best friend's last wishes.

<i>You Could Make This Place Beautiful</i>	Smith, Maggie	Very good-very moving description of a family in the throes of divorce.
<i>The Sorcerer of Pyongyang</i>	Theroux, Marcel	Dungeons and Dragons meets North Korea, what could go wrong? Quick, entertaining read.
<i>Overboard</i>	Paretsky, Sara	Paretsky's books are intelligent and well worth reading.
<i>Shell Game</i>	Paretsky, Sara	V.I. Warshawski is a cool PI in Chicago. She's tough and speaks Italian.
<i>Truly, Madly, Deeply</i>	Kingsbury, Karen	About a man named Michael who is accused of beating a resident.
<i>Mad Honey</i>	Picoult, Jodi	This was a wonderful thought provoking book. Kept me guessing about how it would end!
<i>Heroes</i>	Fry, Stephen	Wonderful continuation of Mythos. Fascinating Greek story.
<i>The Chelsea Girls</i>	Davis, Fiona	An enjoyable historical fiction about two girls who met during WWII in Italy. Later they went to NYC and worked in the entertainment industry. Quite a twist half-way through!
<i>James Patterson</i>	Patterson, James	Pleasantly surprised-very enjoyable autobiography. He is smart, interesting and a hard working guy!
<i>Dear Child</i>	Hausmann, Romy	Hard to get into-not my favorite read.
<i>The Last House on the Street</i>	Chamberlain, Diane	Great plot twists!
<i>Dreamland</i>	Sparks, Nicholas	Typical Nicholas Sparks-a love story woven between the perfect tale.

<i>The Paris Dressmaker</i>	Cambron, Kristy	Excellent historical fiction with courageous, strong characters fighting for humanity in WWII.
<i>1,000 Books to Read Before you Die</i>	Mustich, James	Some great titles to read!
<i>November 9</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Quick read-"meta" romance.
<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i>	Van Pelt, Shelby	Fun and heart warming story of people looking for family and belonging. Fantastic octopus character.
<i>Dry</i>	Shusterman, Neal	An excellent YA book about a cataclysmic climate event and how people respond.
<i>Pineapple Street</i>	Jackson, Jenny	The story is about a rich family and the standards they hold for themselves. While not perfect they judge others for social class.
<i>Truth Be Told</i>	Phillippi Ryan, Hank	Great story by a local author.
<i>City of Fortune</i>	Thompson, Victoria	Circa 1919-Early days of horse racing in New York. Loved it!
<i>Your Love Is Not Good</i>	Helva, Johanna	Funny, devastating look at the art world.
<i>Romantic Comedy</i>	Sittenfeld, Curtis	Loved It! Very sweet and LOL funny at times.
<i>The Making of Us</i>	Jewell, Lisa	Great! Not Jewell's usual but interesting!
<i>Lost Girl Ghosted</i>	Unger, Lisa	Excellent!
<i>Mademoiselle Chanel</i>	C. W. Gortner	Loved it!
<i>The Villa</i>	Hawkins, Rachel	This fun, short summer read is a page turner. The characters visiting Italy are in for a surprise!

<i>In Five Years</i>	Searle, Rebecca	I read this book in 2 days! Couldn't put it down-would highly recommend it.
<i>Hidden Mercy</i>	O'Loughlin, Micheal	Discusses the role of the Catholic Church in the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the 1980's.
<i>The American Roommate Experiment</i>	Armas, Elena	A great sequel to the Spanish Love Deception! Light, fun reading.
<i>Exes & O's</i>	Lea, Amy	Easy summer read!
<i>The Perfect Couple</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Quick read....interesting mystery!
<i>Sparring Partners</i>	Grisham, John	3 short stories-classic Grisham entertaining fun read!
<i>The Dictionary of Lost Words</i>	Williams, Pip	Words do matter! Esme was a pioneer of her time pushing the boundaries of social norms and expectations. Enjoyable reading.
<i>Greenwich Park</i>	Faulkner, Katherine	Good suspense! Kept me guessing to the very end.
<i>Sold</i>	Landish, Lauren/ Willow Winters	Grab a fan because this one is hot!!
<i>True Biz</i>	Novic, Sara	This book gave a whole new perspective on being a deaf student and human.
<i>In Five Years</i>	Serle, Rebecca	Quick, engaging read!
<i>Carrie Soto is Back</i>	Jenkins Reed, Taylor	My 4th Jenkins Reed book-least fave.
<i>Kay and Ike</i>	MacManus, James	Loved it!
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	White, E.B.	Classic children's book- great read aloud.

<i>Nine Lives</i>	Finlay, Alex	Awesome book! New favorite author.
<i>Every Last Fear</i>	Finlay, Alex	Quick read!
<i>Night Shift</i>	Finlay, Alex	Great suspense!
<i>The Parable of the Sower</i>	Butler, Octavia	Liked the writing but it was really depressing.
<i>Playing it Safe</i>	Weaver, Ashley	Great fun-third book in a series.
<i>Greenwich Park</i>	Faulkner, Katherine	Gripping story till the end.
<i>Yours Truly</i>	Jimenez, Abby	A fun and charming book!
<i>Private Moscow</i>	Patterson, James	Holds my interest with its intrigues.
<i>Queen Charlotte</i>	Quinn, Julia	3 Stars! Love how Charlotte stood by George's side.
<i>Not a Happy Family</i>	Lapena, Shari	Great suspense book! Keep you guessing until the last chapter.
<i>Kristin Lauransdatter</i>	Undset, Sigrid	Historical novel-Medieval Norway during the Black Plague.
<i>It Starts With Us</i>	Hoover, Colleen	The sequel to <i>It Ends With Us</i> .
<i>What's Worth Keeping</i>	McLoren, Kaya	I read this book while grieving my sister's sudden death. This book brought me a lot of comfort. It inspired me to go out in nature to process my grief. A lovely story!
<i>True Biz</i>	Novic, Sarah	A great coming of age story!
<i>Pineapple Street</i>	Jackson, Jenny	Voyeuristic and heartwarming character-driven novel about the dysfunctions of family life.

<i>Ward D</i>	McFadden, Freida	McFadden is an excellent thriller writer, but this story was not as believable and did not capture the reader like her other books.
<i>Ward D</i>	McFadden, Freida	Pretty good thriller, did not love the ending.
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Garmus, Bonnie	Good summer reading!
<i>Without Merit</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Good story!
<i>Final Offer</i>	Asher, Lauren	Enemies to lovers and second chance romance.
<i>The Witch of Tin Mountain</i>	Kennedy, Paulette	Two generations of women who were witches in a small town.
<i>Goodnight Irene</i>	Urrea, Luis Alberto	Great book based on the true story of his Mom's experiences as a Red Cross worker during WWII.
<i>My Italian Bulldozer</i>	McCall Smith, Alexander	Good story!
<i>Songs of Kabir</i>	Mehrotra, A.K.	Really loved this old iconoclastic poet who I just read for the first time!
<i>Best of Friends</i>	Shamsie, Kamila	Beautiful book about a long friendship and everything that encompasses that relationship!
<i>Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix</i>	Rowling, JK	Decided to re-read the Harry Potter books as an adult! Just finished #5 and thought this is my least favorite of the series. I was pleasantly surprised with the details I forgot!
<i>Forget Prayers, Bring Cake</i>	Gerson, Merissa Nathan	Easy read for a single woman who may be grieving. Practical advice!
<i>Fresh Fruit, Broken Bones</i>	Holmes, Seth	An ethnographic study of farm workers in the US. Offers a human perspective often overlooked. Loved it!

<i>Hotel Nantucket</i>	Hildebrand, Elin	Perfect beach read!
<i>The Best Minds</i>	Rosen, Jonathan	Thought provoking story of 2 men and the nature of mental illness. Tremendous.
<i>The Final Gambit</i>	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn	I am always hesitant with books further in the series, but this third installment was just as exciting/suspenseful as the first!
<i>The Love of My Life</i>	Walsh, Rosie	Great story! Loved the story and the characters.
<i>Bert and Mamie Take a Cruise</i>	Keyse-Walker, John	1939! Round Africa Cruise SS Columbus-German liner-Nazis (pro & con) Murder, suspicious, shifty passengers. Great descriptions of Africa stops. Bert and Mamie are a delight. Enjoyed it! (SS Columbus a real liner)
<i>The Summer Deal</i>	Shalvis, Jill	Great summer beach/pool read! Four stars!
<i>Under the Tuscan Sun</i>	Mayes, Frances	Magical! I felt like I was in Tuscany. The description of locations brought Italy to life!
<i>We Were Never Here</i>	Bartz, Andrea	Engaging story! Ending was a bit rushed/flat, but didn't deter!
<i>The Last Original Wife</i>	Frank, Drothea Benton	Nice, light summer read. Happy ever after ending—just the way I like them!
<i>We Are Never Meeting in Real Life</i>	Irby, Samantha	As much as essays appeal to me, I wasn't a fan of their work. A little too candid for my taste.
<i>What Have We Done</i>	Finlay, Alex	Did not like—very slow!
<i>How Far the Light Reaches</i>	Imbler, Sabrina	Beautiful personal essays/science writing about strange ocean life.
<i>Beach Read</i>	Henry, Emily	A great new novel for light, fun reading. Went by too quick!

<i>You Can Make This Place Beautiful</i>	Smith, Maggie	A wife, mother, and writer has 2 children and a husband only to find out that her husband is cheating on her...I think the main message I found was having your world collapse, for yourself and your very young children, and being able to find another life and maybe even a better life?
<i>You Shouldn't Have Come Here</i>	Rose, Jeneva	Very twisty ending!
<i>Holding on to Nothing</i>	Shelburne, Elizabeth Chiles	A depressing novel with some hints of hope about the consequences of a drunken encounter and how it changes people's lives.
<i>Identity</i>	Roberts, Nora	Great story by an author I enjoy reading
<i>All the Furs and Feathers</i>	O'Finlan, Eileen	Not sure you have this book, but you should. Awesome book! Eileen lives in Holden
<i>Reminders of Him</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Woman serves time for leaving the scene of an accident she caused and her boyfriend dies. She has his child in prison and tries to get custody of her when she gets out.
<i>A Novel Disguise</i>	Larsen, Samantha	Unmarried woman in 1784 finds brother dead in his bed covered in sick—buries him in the backyard. Takes his place as librarian to a wealthy family. Poison, trial, nasty vicar with 13 kids. Good read.
<i>Counterfeit</i>	Chen, Kristin	A major twist toward the end leaves the reader no longer trusting the narrator
<i>Musical Chairs</i>	Poeppel, Amy	Amazing cast of characters. Great book!
<i>Artisan Sourdough Made Simple</i>	Raffa, Emilie	Many recipes-beautiful photos! Great deal of guidance for the beginner.
<i>Vacationland</i>	Moore, Meg Mitchell	Great descriptions of the Maine coast and a family drama.

<i>The Best Most Awful Job</i>	May, Katherine	Totally honest stories about motherhood!
<i>Unspeakable Things</i>	Lourey, Jess	A well-written book even if it disturbs you.
<i>The Gifts of Imperfection</i>	Brown, Brene	I really liked the points the book brought up and how it included things you can do to implement changes in your own life.
<i>Someone Else's Shoes</i>	Moyes, Jojo	Story follows two very different women whose lives cross paths over a mistaken gym bag swap. A pair of shoes is literally what bonds them. With a bit of a twist they both end up in better circumstances.
<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	Towles, Amor	Loved this book! Couldn't put it down!
<i>Beneath the Bending Skies</i>	Kirkpatrick, Jane	Historical romance in Montana in 1860.
<i>The Perfect Block</i>	Pierce, Blake	Suspense and keeps you guessing!
<i>Clipped Wings</i>	Hunting, Helena	Sweet book-romance about two people dealing with PTSD from extreme losses.
<i>My Name is Resolute</i>	Turner, Nancy E.	An excellent storyteller! Colonial America, love and family.
<i>Where the Grass is Green and the Girls are Pretty</i>	Weisberger, Lauren	So good! And long, which I like.
<i>One Thousand White Women</i>	Fergus, Jim	Interesting read. Loved it.
<i>Always the Last to Know</i>	Higgins, Kristan	Family relationship between adult daughter and elderly parents.
<i>The Last House Guest</i>	Miranda, Megan	A good book about solving a murder.

<i>The Night Swim</i>	Goldin, Megan	Good read, tough subject matter, bit of a surprise ending!
<i>Ugly Love</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Fun quick read!
<i>Paris Is Always a Good Idea</i>	McKinlay, Jenn	Great easy read!
<i>Without a Trace</i>	Steel, Danielle	It reminded me why I've been avoiding this author!
<i>Social Graces</i>	Rosen, Renee	Historical fiction!
<i>Jaws</i>	Benchley, Peter	Very different from the movie-not what I expected!
<i>The Book of Summer</i>	Gable, Michelle	Excellent story about family, friends and how the past drives the future.
<i>Verity</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Twisted story that left me with questions. Did she do it? We will never know.
<i>A Court of Silver Flames</i>	Maas, Sarah	Spicy!
<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>	Alvarez, Julia	Very sad story of oppression, rebellion and women.
<i>The Stationary Shop</i>	Kamalz, Marjan	Great story of love and loss!
<i>In Between</i>	Vlahos, Hadley	She describes several of her hospice patients and what she has learned from them. Definitely recommend!
<i>Fairy Tale</i>	King, Stephen	Great read!
<i>Speak to Me of Love</i>	Eden, Dorothy	An English family's daughter takes over her father's clothing store.

<i>Battlefield Cyber</i>	McLaughlin, Michael	The danger of our data being hacked by the Chinese and Russians.
<i>Confess</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Great beach read!
<i>The Christmas Promise</i>	Richard Paul Evans	A twin dies and the husband befriends the other twin to help her.
<i>The End of Her</i>	Lapena, Shari	Great book!
<i>The Wives</i>	Fisher, Tarryn	I was very surprised at how things came together (or fell apart) in the end!
<i>Say You Swear</i>	Brandy, Meghan	Plot was good but the book was long.
<i>Land of Silence</i>	Afshar, Tessa	Historical fiction: Excellent characters and a story that draws you in.
<i>The Salt Path</i>	Winn, Raynor	Fascinating autobiography.
<i>Spare</i>	Prince Harry	Honest look at the behind the scenes life of a royal. Reveals how shameless the press really is.
<i>Almost Just Friends</i>	Shalvis, Jill	Loved It! Easy quick read.
<i>Spare</i>	Prince Harry	He made the right decision-I'm team Harry!
<i>There's No Such Thing As An Easy Job</i>	Tsumura, Kikuko	Witty and fun to read.
<i>The Lions of Fifth Avenue</i>	Davis, Fiona	A woman works in the rare books section of the NYPL in the 90's. Her mother and family lived in NY in the early 1900's. Books go missing that cause changes and secrets in both times.

<i>The Nature of Fragile Things</i>	Meissner, Susan	A powerful story that has so many emotions and twists and turns in it!
<i>It Ends With Us</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Heartbreaking to see domestic violence from the victims view point.
<i>Hotel Nantucket</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Great beach read! Loved the characters.
<i>What Makes the Dead</i>	Kingfisher, T.	Excellent! Chilling!
<i>Ander & Santi Were Here</i>	Villa, Garza Jonny	Great book about finding community and navigating teen relationships.
<i>The InSTITUTE</i>	King, Stephen	Great read! Didn't want to put it down!
<i>The Hotel Nantucket</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	A good summer read!
<i>It's Better This Way</i>	Macomber, Debbie	After a marriage breakup a woman has a new beginning.
<i>Too Late</i>	Hoover, Colleen	A different storyline than her typical books-a little dark but as always Hoover kept my attention. Excellent!
<i>Long Time No See</i>	Isaacs, Susan	Laugh out loud funny! And a great mystery!
<i>The Vanishing Type</i>	Queen, Ellery	Enjoyed how all the clues tied together at the end.
<i>Play Dirty</i>	Brown, Sandra	My favorite Sandra Brown so far!
<i>Rising Strong</i>	Brown, Brene	I loved how she treats difficult topics like pain.
<i>My Oxford Year</i>	Whelan, Julia	Very good book-love her for narrating too!

<i>Chances Are</i>	Russo, Richard	Very good character development.
<i>Romancing Mr. Bridgerton</i>	Quinn, Julia	Might have been my favorite of the <i>Bridgerton</i> series! Looking forward to how Netflix does the adaptation!
<i>Bluebeard</i>	Vonnegut, Kurt	Interesting story with relatable quotes about life.
<i>Pineapple Street</i>	Jackson, Jenny	Enjoying it!
<i>Magic, Lies and Deadly Pies</i>	Popp, Misha	Pies for good and not so good. Different—I think I like it?
<i>The Saturday Evening Girls Club</i>	Healy, Jane	Each of the 4 friends featured in the book evolve into independent women freeing them from traditional paths. This is Jane Healy's first book—good character development, but her second book was amazing
<i>Harry Potter Book 2</i>	Rowling, JK	So fun to read with my daughter for the first time!
<i>The Thursday Murder Club</i>	Osman, Richard	Laugh out loud for a certain age group!
<i>If We're Being Honest</i>	Shook, Cat	Interesting characters and a great portrayal of a real-life family.
<i>Hester</i>	Lico, Laurie	Great reading—backstory in novel form of how the "Scarlet Letter" came about! Hawthorne's inspiration!
<i>Cold Earth</i>	Cleeves, Ann	Mystery takes place in the Shetland Islands. Basis for a TV series.
<i>A Family Affair</i>	Carr, Robyn	Not bad.
<i>The Mapmaker's Apprentice</i>	Archer, CJ	Magical book, mystery; nice light read!

<i>The Unhoneymooners</i>	Lauren, Christina	Great, quick summer read.
<i>The Silent Woman</i>	Kent, Minka	Suspense book with a few twists—kept me guessing!
<i>Window on the Bay</i>	Debbie Macomber	Story of family, friends and finding new love and experiences.
<i>Better Living Through Birding</i>	Cooper, Christian	I absolutely love birding, and reading this book brought it all home. I absolutely need to get out more even if it's in Worcester. The book starts by pointing out that there are very few black birders. The author starts with his birding in Central Park.
<i>Catherine the Great</i>	Massie, Robert K.	Very detailed biography on Catherine's life. The inclusion of letters and her writings made it very interesting.
<i>Cloud Cuckoo Land</i>	Doerr, Anthony	Beautiful sweeping narrative about the power of books!
<i>The Boyfriend Candidate</i>	Winstead, Ashley	
<i>Good Dog, Bad Cop</i>	Rosenfelt, David	If you love dogs, mysteries and a witty voice, you'll love this book - and all of Rosenfelt's books!
<i>The Perfect Marriage</i>	Rose, Jeneva	This book had lots of mystery that kept my attention but the ending felt rushed and messy.
<i>The Island House</i>	Thayer, Nancy	
<i>Everything I Know I Learned from Baseball</i>	Theibert, Philip	
<i>Stonehenge</i>	Guidebook	Very interesting history of how Stonehenge came to be. Hard to imagine how old it is!
<i>The Cat's Meow</i>	Logos, Jonathan	A bit too detailed for me but some sections were very good.

<i>Beneath the Bending Skies</i>	Kirkpatrick, Jane	Great historical fiction. I became part of “Maggie’s family” as she traveled through life.
<i>Murder She Wrote</i>	Fletcher, Jessica	Loved it!
<i>The Things We Never Got Over</i>	Score, Lucy	Good book!
<i>Heart Bones</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Great beach read!
<i>Foundation Trilogy</i>	Asimov, Isaac	Loved it! Easy read and compelling story throughout.
<i>Plain: Memoir of Mennonite Girlhood</i>	Hostetter, Mary Alice	Fascinating look into a culture we don’t see often.
<i>Beach Read</i>	Henry, Emily	Great light, easy read!
<i>Silver Summer</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Another great beach read!
<i>The Wishing Game</i>	Shaffer, Meg	If you love puzzles and trust in the power of hope, you’ll love this book!
<i>A Discovery of Witches</i>	Harkness, Deborah	Slow, what was an interesting premise was drawn out and boring. Had to force myself to finish this one.
<i>The House Across the Lake</i>	Sager, Riley	Such detail and suspense-it gave me chills!
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Garmus, Bonnie	Great book-what a story!
<i>Confess</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Great summer reading!
<i>The Violin Conspiracy</i>	Slocumb, Brendan	Good book!
<i>Rock, Paper, Scissors</i>	Feeney, Alice	Good book!

<i>One Times Square: A Century of Change at the Crossroad of the World</i>	McKendry, Joe	I love learning about the history of famous places! This book took me on a journey-I wonder what it will look like in the next 50-100 years!
<i>The Three Body Problem</i>	Cixin, Liu	Lots of physics
<i>Sting</i>	Brown, Sandra	Big fan of this author-all her novels have a unique plot!
<i>Things You Save in a Fire</i>	Center, Katherine	Nice, easy read about courage, tenderness and love.
<i>The Rising Sea</i>	Cussler, Clive	Good, very reminiscent of his writing.
<i>The Lifeguard</i>		Characters were well developed but ended quickly and left a lot to the imagination.
<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	Towles, Amor	Mesmerizing story with exciting ending. Extraordinary writing—A +
<i>Summer at the Garden Cafe</i>	Hayes-McCoy, Felicity	Book 2 in the series about a divorced woman who moves back to Ireland to be the local librarian.
<i>Heart Bones</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Fast read—makes you think about how, at our core, we are similar.
<i>Dumplin’</i>	Murphy, Julie	Inspiring and fun, can’t wait to read the sequel!
<i>Aftershock & Others</i>	Wilson, F. Paul	
<i>Maybe Someday</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Loved it!
<i>Summer of ‘69</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Good beach read!
<i>Hang the Moon</i>	Walls, Jeannette	Interesting story by the author of Glass Castle
<i>Murder at the Breakers</i>	Maxwell, Alyssa	Fun, cozy Newport mystery!

<i>The Lost English Girl</i>	Kelly, Julia	Historical fiction during WWII about enduring love for a child through the danger of war.
<i>Hey Hun: Sales, Sisterhood, Supremacy and the Other Lies Behind Multilevel Marketing</i>	Paulson, Emily Lynn	A very interesting look inside the world of MLMs and how they affect the lives of people who join them.
<i>Untamed</i>	Doyle, Glennon	A book about finding yourself—just what I needed!
<i>Caraval</i>	Garber, Stephanie	A YA equivalent to <i>The Night Circus</i> . Beautiful imagery.
<i>Confessions of the Fox</i>	Rosenberg, Jordy	Archives and imagined trans lives in 18th century London.
<i>Crisis</i>	Francis, Felix	Excellent! Ugly subject but couldn't put it down.
<i>The Winter Sister</i>	Collins, Megan	Suspenseful page turner!
<i>Neon Gods</i>	Roberts, Katee	Just OK; writing is good but plot is a little wonky.
<i>Zenobia July</i>	Bunker, Lisa	This book is a coming of age story and more so of a trans girl named Zenobia July. She relocates and while previously an introvert she discovers a new community she feels connected to.
<i>The People We Meet on Vacation</i>	Henry, Emily	Great book. I loved the story between Alex and Poppy.
<i>A Newlywed's Guide to Fortune and Murder</i>	Freeman, Diane	Enjoyable series (1900 London)
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Garmus, Bonnie	The first half was so sad but by the end I was hooked! I loved her!
<i>Sliver of Darkness</i>	Tudor, CJ	Loved the short stories. Great read! I love this author as she writes thrilling and mysterious tales.

<i>The Storyteller</i>	Grohl, Dave	This book tells about all the bands Dave Grohl has been in over his career.
<i>What Lies in the Woods</i>	Marshall, Kate Alice	Great book! I can usually guess the ending, but this one stumped me!
<i>A Lovely Girl</i>	Larkin, Deborah Holt	A terrible crime, but somehow the author brought levity into this true crime story.
<i>Artificial Condition</i>	Wells, Martha	Murderbot meets a sentient ship and needs to overcome its prejudice of bots to work as a team to uncover its past and save its clients. Perfect hammock read!
<i>The Last Flight</i>	Clark, Julie	A suspense novel about two women who switch lives and the trail of lies that lead them to their switch. Very good!
<i>The Identical</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	A great summer read about sisterhood!
<i>If We Were Villains</i>	Rio, M. L.	Excellent book! Took you through many ups and downs with huge twists.
<i>The Lonely Hearts Book Club</i>	Gilmore, Lucy	I loved this book-it was a delight! Libraries, books and connecting with neighbors.
<i>The Hotel Nantucket</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Great book!
<i>A Very Typical Family</i>	Godfrey, Sierra	Not my favorite plot but interesting characters.
<i>The Crown of Gilded Bones</i>	Armentrout, Jennifer	My favorite in this series. So much character development and good setup for the next book.
<i>The Blood of Olympus</i>	Riordan, Rick	I hadn't read a Riordan book in a few years. I had forgotten how entertaining and action-packed they are!

<i>The Sweetness of Water</i>	Harris, Nathan	A great story-very well written! It's a story about two freed slaves and their friendship with a farmer and his family.
<i>Dictionary of Lost Words</i>	Williams, Pip	This novel is about a young woman who assists in the production of a first dictionary.
<i>Among the Missing</i>	Lamacchia, Barbara	Local author wrote a story about a family dealing with their MIA son from the Vietnam War.
<i>A Curious Incident</i>	Delany, Vicki	Enjoyable series-last chapter the best!!
<i>Three Hours in Paris</i>	Black, Cara	Story about an American markswoman in Paris during WWII during the Nazi occupation.
<i>Ike and Kay</i>	MacManus, James	True story of love and war during WWII. Excellent historical details.
<i>The Paris Architect</i>	Balfoure, Charles	Excellent historical fiction about occupied Paris and very courageous people.
<i>Murder at Porte De Versailles</i>	Black, Cara	Excellent crime fiction based in France.
<i>The Lost Traveler</i>	Connolly, Sheila	Enjoyable story set in Ireland. A granddaughter coming to Ireland to honor her grandmother's wishes. Surprises ahead!
<i>The Good Sister</i>	Hepworth, Sally	Complicated story of two sisters and mental health challenges.
<i>Vanishing Hour</i>	Griffin, Laura	Fast paced story about dog search and rescue teams.

<i>Camino Winds</i>	Grisham, John	Quick fun read-usual legal issues with great characters and a look inside the “rare book” black market.
<i>The Sanitorium</i>	Pearse, Sara	Excellent thriller that I couldn't put down!
<i>Walk the Blue Line</i>	Patterson, James	An inside look at the reality of being a police officer in America.
<i>The Weeds</i>	Smith, Katy Simpson	Unique and interesting read! The story of two women's lives-centuries apart -who both cataloged the plants growing in the Roman Colosseum.
<i>Smoke Gets in your Eyes</i>	Doughty, Caitlin	Refreshing takes on end of life care.
<i>Black Cake</i>	Wilkerson, Charmaine	Excellent book!
<i>Will I Ever Be Free Of You</i>	McBride, Karyl	Great step by step guide through the divorce process.
<i>Bone Crier's Moon</i>	Purdie, Kathryn	Entertaining but not stellar. Dragged on too long.
<i>The Cavendon Women</i>	Bradford, Barbara Taylor	Great book about the 1920's. A Tale about family dynamics to help preserve a legacy in England.
<i>All We Ever Wanted</i>	Giffin, Emily	Story draws in like a reality TV show.
<i>Shady Hollow</i>	Black, Juneau	A fun cozy mystery!
<i>Only the Beautiful</i>	Meissner, Susan	A young mother's struggle to keep her baby. Story of love, secrets and determination.
<i>The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell</i>	Dugoni, Robert	Boy born with red eyes(ocular albinism). Persevering through bullies and coming to terms with his condition with the support of family.

<i>Owned</i>	Winters, Willow and Landish, Lauren	Super spicy romance with a happy ending!
<i>Hooked</i>	McIntire, Emily	Fun spicy plot!
<i>Beartown</i>	Bachman, Fredrick	Loved this book! Great characters and a hockey story that wasn't about hockey at all. Can't wait to read the next book in the series.
<i>In Five Years</i>	Serle, Rebecca	Great book that brought me to tears!
<i>Out of the Clear Blue Sky</i>	Higgins, Kristin	A great summer read
<i>Rich Dad, Poor Dad</i>	Kiyosaki, Robert	Great book to get started on my financial literary journey!
<i>The Velveteen Daughter</i>	Huber, Laurel Davis	It was so interesting to learn about the life of Margery Bianco and her family who wrote the Velveteen Rabbit, one of my favorite books!
<i>Cold, Cold Bones</i>	Reichs, Kathy	I enjoyed this latest Temperence Brennan book, especially her interactions with her daughter.
<i>Beach Read</i>	Henry, Emily	I loved <i>Beach Read</i> —the romance was so cute and I loved the author's switching genres to write—so unique!
<i>Thrivers</i>	Borba, Michele	Interesting take on parenting.
<i>Without Merit</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Odd but page turner!
<i>Perestrollsa in Paris</i>	Smiley, Jane	A horse, a dog, a young boy-Paris-assorted animals-cranky ducks. God , I loved this book!!
<i>The Book of Hope</i>	Goodall, Jane	In an extensive interview Jane shares her thoughts about the future of our earth and what actions we must take to make a difference.

<i>Home Front</i>	Hannah, Kristen	So....Good!!
<i>Forever, Interrupted</i>	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	Sad premise but told in 2 time frames.
<i>Wish You Were Here</i>	Picoult, Jodi	It was interesting reading about something we've just experienced-Covid 19 and the quarantine. It was fascinating how she switched the whole story half way through. Great book-highly recommended!
<i>One Italian Summer</i>	Serler, Rebecca	Very interesting concept-I was expecting something different but really surprised me in the end!
<i>Life's Too Short</i>	Jimenez, Abby	5 Stars! I loved the message. Excellent character development. Couldn't put it down.
<i>It Goes So Fast</i>	Kelly, Mary Louise	Really good!
<i>As Bright As Heaven</i>	Meissner, Susan	Story set in Philadelphia beginning of 1918, the Great War, the Spanish flu, love and hope.
<i>The Escape Room</i>	Goldin, Megan	It was okay. I would have liked to see more thriller components to the storyline.
<i>Regretting You</i>	Hoover, Colleen	I loved it!
<i>Sam</i>	Goodman, Allegra	Very creative writing style. I really enjoyed it-quick read.
<i>Get a Grip</i>	Wicuman	Taught great business growth skills to grow in small but steady increments. Highly recommended for anyone starting a new business.
<i>Window on the Bay</i>	Macomber, Debbie	Best friends from college are always planning a trip and something always gets in the way. Both are divorced and trying to find the perfect someone.
<i>The Soul of an Octopus</i>	Montgomery, Sy	Interesting story!

<i>Zero Days</i>	Ware, Ruth	Great read!!!
<i>The Lioness of Boston</i>	Franklin, Emily	It was a beautiful piece of historical fiction!
<i>On the Rooftop</i>	Sexton, Margaret	A single mother with 3 daughters has grand plans and dreams.
<i>When Breath Becomes Air</i>	Kalanithi, Paul	Both profoundly beautiful and completely gut wrenching. I highly recommend it!
<i>Secrets in Summer</i>	Thayer, Nancy	Great summer reading!
<i>The Storyteller</i>	Grohl, Dave	I truly enjoyed this book. Dave is a true storyteller. It felt like we were having a conversation with much laughter along the way.
<i>Rickey: The Life and Legend of an American Original</i>	Bryant, Howard	Good book!
<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>	Woolf, Virginia	I shouldn't have waited so long to read this classic.
<i>Ugly Love</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Quick summer read. Fun love story!
<i>An Unwanted Guest</i>	Lapena, Shari	Great read! Very suspenseful!
<i>Wild Kay</i>	Kay, Laura	Warm-heated queer romance-great beach read.
<i>The Housemaid</i>	McFadden, Frieda	Can't wait to read the sequel.
<i>Come Home to Me</i>	Novak, Brenda	Great beach read!
<i>One True Loves</i>	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	It was a wonderful thought provoking story about what happens when a woman is faced with deciding which of her true loves she should spend the rest of her life with. Great read!

<i>Love and Lemons Simple Feel Good Food</i>	Donofrio, Jeanine	The newest plant-based cookbook by Love and Lemons-doesn't disappoint. I especially liked the section based on ingredients!
<i>Educated</i>	Westover, Tara	Excellent read!
<i>Commonwealth</i>	Patchett, Ann	Great character development. Really like the mix of flashbacks and present day narration.
<i>The Fourth Enemy</i>	Perry, Anne	Good-complex subject-Ponzi scheme. Accused reminded me of Donald.
<i>Practice Makes Perfect</i>	Adams , Sarah	Bodyguard meets the girl next door! Fake dating!
<i>The Hurricane Sisters</i>	Frank, Dorothea Benton	Light read-not too riveting!
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Garmus, Bonnie	Loved it! One of the best books ever!
<i>Forget Me Not</i>	Soto, Julie	Enemies to lovers romance.
<i>The Silent Patient</i>	Michaelides, Alex	Couldn't put it down. Great twist!
<i>Of Love and Ruin</i>	McLain, Paula	Great tale about Marhta Gellhorn's war correspondent procession and her marriage to Ernest Hemingway.
<i>Ozark Dogs</i>	Cranor, Eli	A fast paced , gritty novel of life in a small southern town. A page turner with several twists.
<i>Girls of Flight City</i>	Heath, Lorraine	Based on true events this historical WWII fiction book has you turning the pages! British "lads" arrive in Texas to learn to fly from U.S. pilots. Great characters! A must for anyone who enjoys WWII fiction!!

<i>The Covenant of Water</i>	Verghese	This is a hefty 700-page book. I would recommend it if you have the stamina.
<i>Happy Place</i>	Henry, Emily	Love the realness in the relationship between Wyn and Harriet. 4 out of 5 stars
<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>	Rowling, J K	Always a good read-first time reading with my daughter.
<i>Hello Stranger</i>	Center, Katherine	Catherine Center is one of my favorite authors, so I had to read her latest book!
<i>The Identicals</i>	Hilderbrand	Favorite author of all time. Another great read!
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Garmus, Bonnie	Great story about a strong woman in the 50's and 60's who wouldn't accept things as they were.
<i>The Orphan Train</i>	Kline, Christina Baker	Good read! Interesting historical fiction.
<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	Doerr, Anthony	Couldn't recommend strongly enough! 5 Stars
<i>The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop</i>	Flagg, Fannie	Fannie Flagg always brings her character to life. The story makes you want to visit Whistle Stop!
<i>The Paris Detective</i>	Patterson, James	Excellent book! Loved the story and the characters.
<i>Robert B. Parker's Little White Lies</i>	Atkins, Ace	Didn't care for this story-gunrunning, conman-crooked southern church. Can't win 'em all.
<i>The Happiness in Between</i>	Greene, Grace	A story about moving forward, family and love that only a dog can give to heal.
<i>Our Last Days in Barcelona</i>	Cleeton, Chanel	Excellent book! I learned alot about Cuba and the revolution. The importance of sacrifice, love and family.

<i>Such a Fun Age</i>	Reid, Kiley	Interesting character study-enjoyable plot!
<i>We Are All the Same in the Dark</i>	Heaberlin, Julia	Loved it! Nice to read a thriller where you aren't sure you have predicted the ending a third of the way through.
<i>After I Do</i>	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	Loved it! I love all her books.
<i>Sunrise on Half Moon Bay</i>	Carr, Robin	A story of sisters and forgiveness. Finding strength and overcoming difficulties in daily life.
<i>Local Gone Missing</i>	Barton, Fiona	Tension and conflict in a small town. Fiona Barton is great at bringing characters to life.
<i>Sixty Days and Counting</i>	Robinson, Kim Stanley	Third book in trilogy following a group of DC-based scientists working to mitigate the effects of sudden and catastrophic climate change.
<i>Searching for Atticus</i>	Harvey, Janice	A middle school girl growing up in the 1960's in Worcester loses her father. She searches for one like Atticus Finch in <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> . It brought back bitter-sweet memories of how it was to be a "nerdy, bookish" middle schooler.
<i>River Sing Me Home</i>	Shearer, Eleanor	A riveting story of slavery and freedom in the Caribbean.
<i>The Curie Society</i>	Einhorn, Heather	Incredible graphic novel. Can't wait for book #2.
<i>Lost & Found in Paris</i>	Dolan, Lian	Continuing my summer of easy reading-this book was a little romance with mystery!
<i>One Night Two Souls Went Walking</i>	Cooney, Ellen	Delightful read! A little slow at first but then really kept my interest.
<i>There's No Such Thing as an Easy Job</i>	Tsumura, Kikuko	Just started it, but love the writing!

<i>The Beekeeper of Aleppo</i>	Lefteri, Christy	Refugees from Syria making their way to Europe to escape violence.
<i>1000 Books to Read Before You Die</i>	Mustich, James	Great compilation of good books!
<i>The Shop on Royal Street</i>	White, Karen	Karen White knows how to tell a story and keep the reader engaged until the end. Ghosts, love and new beginnings. 5 STARS
<i>Sophie Fio's Lonely Hearts Club</i>	Lim, Roselle	Fabulous characters-funny!
<i>The Perfect Couple</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Murder mystery that I couldn't put down! 5 STARS
<i>Circe</i>	Miller, Madeline	Excellent read! Fascinating book about Greek mythology.
<i>Me Before You</i>	Moyes, Jojo	Really anticipated the end which fell a little flat for me-but a great read!
<i>The Shadow Cabinet</i>	Dawson, June	British witches save the world. Fun fantasy!
<i>The Body in the Garden</i>	Schellman, Katherine	Enjoyable-manners in Victorian times were ridiculous!
<i>If We Were Villains</i>	Rio, M. L.	This was a classic "who-done-it". I liked the ending but it has a bit too much Shakespeare for my taste but I would still recommend the book.
<i>The Last Party</i>	Mackintosh, Clare	Too long-dragged on.
<i>The Enchanted April</i>	Von Arnim, Elizabeth	A trip to Italy!
<i>Paradise Peak</i>	Dailey, Janet	An ex-con released from prison goes to Paradise Peak seeking forgiveness from the mother of the daughter he killed while drunk and on drugs.

<i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i>	Richardson, kim Michele	Great book!
<i>The Dinner List</i>	Serle, Rebecca	A delightful, heartfelt, imaginative story about love, friendship and fate all taking place at a dinner of specially chosen people.
<i>A Court of Thorns and Roses</i>	Maas, Sarah	Loved it! Can't wait to read the next one!
<i>Drowning</i>	Newman, T. J.	Action packed!
<i>The Breadwinner</i>	Ellis, Deborah	Wonderful historical fiction novel about a young girl's survival in war torn Afghanistan.
<i>Cold Earth</i>	Cleeves, Ann	There were many plot twists which I liked but I didn't enjoy this book.
<i>Troy</i>	Fry, Stephen	Incredible way to learn about the Trojan War.
<i>Fly Away</i>	Hannah, Kristin	Great read!
<i>Unraveling: What I Learned about Life</i>	Orenstein, Peggy	Lovely reflection on life and modern challenges.
<i>Friend (shipped)</i>	Scott, Savannah	Extremely predictable herero rom-com with male and female perspectives.
<i>The Anarchy</i>	Dalrymple, William	Interesting history of the violence of the British East India Company.
<i>Demon Copperhead</i>	Kingsolver, Barbara	Intense coming of age story of a young man battling against the odds.
<i>Beach Read</i>	Henry, Emily	Light hearted, easy to read love story.
<i>Reminders of Him</i>	Hoover, Colleen	Quick read!

<i>The Matchmaker</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	A great summer read!
<i>The Little Wartime Library</i>	Thompson, Kate	Wonderful book! An incredible group of people created an amazing library.
<i>Barefoot</i>	Hilderbrand, Elin	Entertaining mindless beach read! Perfect for summer.
<i>Born a Crime</i>	Noah, Trevor	Great book! Highly recommend it!
<i>Kristin Lauransdatter</i>	Undset, Sigrid	Historical novel set in Norway.
<i>Finding Me: A Memoir</i>	Davis, Viola	A true rags to riches story told with humility and compassion. Viola is a true warrior of life!
<i>Last Girl Ghosted</i>	Unger, Lisa	Loved this book! I couldn't stop turning the pages of the great mystery book.
<i>You Could Make This Place Beautiful</i>	Smith, Maggie	Going through a divorce and this book spoke to me.
<i>We Were Never Here</i>	Bartz, Andrea	When an unreliable narrator meets a controlling best friend, you get this exciting thriller!
<i>All Good People Here</i>	Flowers, Ashley	4 STARS
<i>The Endless Beach</i>	Colgan, Jenny	A good beach read except the beach is on an island in Northern Scotland. Happiness, sadness and love.
<i>Keep Moving</i>	Smith, Maggie	Great motivational book! Keep moving!