

Books Highly Rated by the Adult Summer Reading Club

As Close to Us As Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner -A trio of sisters experience joy and pain as they vacation together. At The Water's Edge by Sara Gruen – A group of rich Americans travel to Scotland in search of the Loch Ness monster. **Before the Fall** by Noah Hawley – A plan crashes and only two survive-was it an accident or something more sinister? **Beyond the Ice Limit** – by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child - A scientist sets out to destroy a dangerous meteorite. The Bitter Season by Tami Hoag - Former Minneapolis police force partners face their first cases after reassignment. **The Black Widow** by Daniel Silva -Art restorer and spy Allon is on the trail of an ISIS terrorist after a bombing in Paris. The Book of Unknown Americans by Christina Henriquez- A Mexican family moves to the U.S. after an accident. **The Book Thief** by Marcus Zusak - With Death as narrator this novel follows a young girl in Nazi Germany. Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman-A fussy woman leaves her husband and finds her life turned upside-down. **Broken for You** by Stephanie Kallos - The lives of two women in self-imposed exile are transformed when they meet. The Discreet Hero by Mario Vargas Llosa - An insurance company owner crosses paths with a blackmail victim in Peru. A Drop in the Ocean by Jenni Ogden - After a career setback, a woman flees to an island on the Great Barrier Reef. Circling The Sun by Paula McLain - A fictional account of the life of aviator Beryl Markham set in Kenya in the 1920's. City of The Lost by Kelley Armstrong - A detective is faced with a murder in a town off the grid in the wilds of Canada. The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patric - An English widower goes on a trip to discover his wife's past. **The Dinner Party** by Brenda Janowitz – A upcoming marriage brings two different families together at a Passover Seder. **Etched in Sand** by Regina Calcaterra - A lawyer recounts her childhood in foster homes and on the streets. **Everyone Brave is Forgiven** by Chris Cleave- Four young Londoners fight their own personal battles as WW II rages. **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng - A tight-knit Chinese-American family unravels after a daughter is murdered. **The Expatriates** by Janice Lee - Three American women living in Hong Kong experience love, loss and uncertain futures. **The Forgotten Garden** by Kate Morton – Abandoned as a child, Nell attempts to discover the truth about her origins. **The Garden of Letters** by Alyson Richman – A musician involved in the resistance in Italy is taken in by a grieving doctor. The Good Husband of Zebra Drive by Alexander McCall Smith- A Botswana sleuth's husband helps with an investigation. *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi - Two half-sisters, unknown to each other live very different lives in 18th century Ghana. The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street by Susan Gilman – A Russian Jewish woman is taken in by an Italian family. I'm Traveling Alone by Samuel Bjørk - Two Norwegian detectives reunite to hunt down a vengeful child killer. The Last Mile by David Baldacci - A former football player with perfect memory joins a special FBI cold case unit. **Leaving Time** by Jodi Picoult – A teen searches for her mother with the help of a psychic and an ex-cop. *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly – A novel based on the women prisoners in the Ravensbruck concentration camp.

Little Mercies by Heather Gudenkauf – A social worker's tragic mistake with her own child leads to an investigation.

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George – A new neighbor and an unopened letter sends a bookseller on a journey. *Magic* by Danielle Steel- Three interconnected couples' lives change when they attend a yearly dinner in Paris. The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman- A novel inspired by the life of Impressionist Camille Pissarro's mother. **Miller's Valley** by Anna Quindlen – A woman faces upheavals in her personal life and a threat to her family's farmland. The Mistletoe Inn by Richard Paul Evans – A divorced woman and her neighbor pretend to be a couple at Christmas. **Most Wanted** - Lisa Scottoline – A woman suspects the sperm donor she used to conceive is a serial killer. **The Muralist** by B.A. Shapiro - A WPA muralist mysteriously disappears while trying to obtain visas for her Jewish family. A Murder in Time by Julie McElwain - A tough female FBI agent finds herself chasing a killer in the 19th century England. A Murder of Crows by Terrence McCauley – A superspy attempts to track down and stop a bioterrorist. **Night** by Elie Wiesel – A account of a Nazi death camp where a young Jewish boy witnesses the death of his family. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah - Two French sisters show remarkable courage in the German occupation during WWII. **Nowhere Girl** by Susan Strecker- A thriller writer investigates the murder of her identical twin who was killed at sixteen. *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf- A widow invites her widower neighbor to sleep over so neither has to be lonely. The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure - In Nazi occupied Paris, an architect is hired to devise hiding spaces for Jews. **The Pecan Man** by Cassie Dandridge Selleck - A widow and her maid spin a web of lies that sends a man to prison. The Pursuit by Janet Evanovich – When a con man secretly working for the FBI is kidnapped his partner tries to find him. The Railwayman's Wife by Ashley Hay- A widow, a poet, and a doctor search for peace after World War II. **Relativity** by Antonia Hayes - A gifted boy tries to discover the truth about his past despite his overprotective mother. The Rent Collector by Camron Wright- A Cambodian mother is desperate to secure a better life for her ailing son. Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys - Four teens escaping their past set sail on a doomed ship during WW II. **Saving Sophie** by Ronald Balson - The retrieval of a kidnapped girl is complicated by a terrorism plot against Israel. Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda - Two families, one Indian and one American, are connected by a child. The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd - Escaping racists, a white girl flees with her black surrogate mother. The Sisters by David Grafton - Account of the three sisters from Boston who made marrying well into a social art form. The Sisters Weiss by Naomi Ragen – A girl from an ultra-Orthodox family sets off to find her estranged aunt. **Tears of Dark Water** by Corban Addison - Somali pirates highjack a sailboat taking an American father and son hostage. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee – A young girl's father defends a black man accused of raping a white woman. The Tommyknockers by Stephen King – An artifact found in a forest changes a small town and the people in it. The Translation of Love by Lynne Kutsukake- Returning to Japan after WWII, a girl searches for her friend's sister. Tumbledown Manor by Helen Brown- A novelist starts a new life as she renovates her family's run down country manor.

The Two Family House Lynda Cohen Loigman – Two women who give birth minutes apart are torn apart by a secret.