

Some Recommendations from Our Adult Summer Reading Club

Fiction

Angelina's Bachelors by Brian O'Reilly - Managing sudden joblessness by cooking sumptuous feasts that she shares with her neighbors, a recent widow is offered a job as cook for a retiree and his elderly sister.

Betrayal by Danielle Steel - Shattered by her boyfriend's infidelity, a movie director also discovers that one of her associates has been stealing from her and joins with a dashing FBI agent to identify her hidden enemy.

The Darlings by Cristina Alger - Working on the legal team for his billionaire father-in-law's hedge fund, a man must determine where his loyalties ultimately lie when a huge scandal threatens the family business.

Faithful Place by Tana French – A detective finds himself back in the dark tangle of relationships he left behind 22 years ago when a suitcase belonging to his first love shows up.

Canada by Richard Ford - A 15-year-old's world collapses when his parents are jailed for a bank robbery and he and his twin sister must flee across the border to an obscure town in Canada.

The Darkest Road by Tami Hoag - In the1980s, a FBI agent taps into the powers of science-based forensic techniques to stop a killer who is terrorizing Oak Knoll, California. (Deeper than the Dead novels #3)

The Ghost of Hannah Mendes by Naomi Ragen – A ghost of a 16th century ancestor prompts a dying woman to send her granddaughters on a quest to find her missing medieval manuscript.

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn - When a woman goes missing her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage, while her husband, a suspect, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

The Innocent by David Baldacci – A freelance hit man working for the government rescues a teenage girl whose parents' disappearance may be linked to a vast, high-level cover-up.

Matrimony by Joshua Henkin - In 1987, an encounter between the scion of a New York City old money family and a beautiful Jewish aspiring writer ignites a love affair spurred on by family tragedy that spans 20 years.

Minding Frankie by Maeve Binchy - A recovering alcoholic turns to a loving network of family and friends for help after agreeing to care for the baby that a terminally ill former girlfriend claims is his.

Moral Disorder by Margaret Atwood - Interconnected tales that span the life of a skeptical, stoic, book-loving woman named Nell.

The Murderer's Daughter by Randy Susan Meyers - Thirty years after the murder of their mother by their father, two sisters find their lives on the brink of collapse as their father is about to be paroled.

The Newlyweds by Nell Freudenberger - The tale of a 24-year-old Bangladeshi woman, who becomes the email-order bride of a 34-year-old electrical engineer in Rochester, N.Y.

On Folly Beach by Karen White – A young widow, mired in grief, begins to move on when she comes across hidden love notes in a box of books the relics of clandestine love affair from the 1940s.

Other Waters by Eleni N. Gage – A psychiatric intern in New York returns to India to get to the bottom of her father's claim that a curse has been placed on their family as the result of a property dispute.

Pages for You by Sylvia Brownrigg - A seventeen-year-old develops a lusty obsession for a female graduate student teacher, but as the two become closer, she learns more about her teacher than she ever wanted to.

Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver - A wildlife biologist is caught off guard by a hunter, while a bookish city wife faces a difficult identity choice and elderly neighbors find attraction amidst a feud.

Sacre Bleu: A Comedy d'art by Christopher Moore – A baker-turned-painter and Toulouse-Lautrec vow to discover the truth behind the untimely death of their friend van Gogh, which leads them on a surreal odyssey.

The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian - Parallel stories of a woman who falls in love with a soldier during the Armenian Genocide and a modern-day New Yorker rediscovering her Armenian past.

The Secret Between Us by Barbara Delinsky - An otherwise responsible mother lies to police to protect her daughter after a car accident that causes the death of a local teacher.

Secret Confessions of the Applewood PTA by Ellen Meister - Three women who form the publicity committee of a PTA launch a campaign to bring George Clooney to their Long Island backyard.

Serpent's Kiss by Melissa de la Cruz – A family of witches must deal with a series of events which culminates in an explosive Thanksgiving family reunion that results in magical mayhem. (Witches of East End novels #2)

Shadow of Night by Deborah E. Harkness - A reluctant witch and a vampire geneticist journey back to 1590 England, intent on finding a magic teacher and locating an enchanted manuscript. (All Souls Trilogy #2)

The Street Sweeper by Elliot Perlman - a Polish Jew tells of his ordeal in a Nazi death camp to a black American ex-con while evidence of black American soldiers liberating a concentration camp is unearthed.

Where Dreams Begin by Lisa Kleypas - A beautiful and passionate young woman risks her reputation when she decides to follow rake Zachary Bronson into a scandalous but satisfying partnership.

The Uninvited Guests by Sadie Jones – When the birthday celebration of an Edwardian young woman is interrupted by the arrival of survivors from a train wreck the evening undergoes a strange transformation.

When God was a Rabbit by Sarah Winman - Traces the bond of love and secrets between a woman and her brother, a relationship marked by a secretive friend and historical events from more than three decades.

A Woman of Consequence by Anna Dean – In Regency England, an amateur sleuth sets out to disprove the notion that a visiting young lady suffered a fall because of sighting a ghost. (Dido Kent Mysteries #3)

Non-Fiction

Mr. and Mrs. Madison's War by Hugh Howard – An acclaimed historian presents a gripping account of the War of 1812 as James and Dolley Madison experienced it.

Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson & Susy Flory - The story of a four-legged superhero named Roselle, who led her blind owner out of the ruins of the World Trade Center.

What Einstein Told His Cook by Robert Woke – This award-winning Washington Post food columnist provides reliable and witty explanations for common food questions, while debunking misconceptions

The Widow Clicquot by Tilar J. Mazzeo - Brings to life the fascinating woman behind the champagne, who after her husband's death, defied convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business.

Wild by Cheryl Strayed - the story of an eleven-hundred-mile solo hike that broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe and built her back up again.

Zoobiquity by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz & Kathryn Bowers - Presents an understanding of what animals can teach us about the human body and mind.