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Adult Summer Reading 2026

Unearthing A Story

The Bone Thief by Vanessa Lillie- A Bureau of Indian Affairs archaeologist investigates the theft of remains and the disappearance of a native girl.

Daughter of Egypt by Marie Bennedict- The story of two ambitious women - the daughter of an archeologist and Hatshepsut, Egypt's lost pharaoh.

The Geomagician by Jennifer Mandula- A Victorian fossil hunter discovers a baby pterodactyl and vows to protect him, with the help of her former fiancé.

Ruins by Lily Brooks-Dalton- An archeologist balancing an unfulfilling career and a bad marriage, pursues her true passion: unearthing a lost empire.

Unearthing Secrets

Best Offer Wins by Marisa Kashino - A competitive housing market. A desperate buyer on the edge. How far would you go for the house of your dreams?

It's Not Her by Mary Kubica – A woman's family vacation is disrupted when her brother and his wife are killed and one of their children goes missing.

Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth- A cantankerous 81-year-old woman with a shady past finds her quiet life interrupted when a neighbor ends up dead.

This Story Might Save Your Life by Tiffany Crum - When a popular podcaster and her husband go missing, her fellow host become a suspect.

Unearthing Family Drama

The Burning Side by Sarah Damoff- After a fire, a couple and their children move in with her parents and family secrets and thorny histories emerge.

Far-Flung Life by M.L. Stedman, - In 1950s Australia, a family is shattered by a tragedy and the aftermath of it reverberates for decades.

Go Gentle by Maria Semple After meeting a stranger, a woman's carefully curated life of the mind is upended by intrigue and her buried past.

Good People by Patmeena Sabit- Zorah could do no wrong. Zorah brought shame upon her family. What's the truth? Depends on who you ask.

Unearthing the American Revolution

A Founding Mother by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie - A fictional portrayal of Abigail Adams—wife of one president and mother to another.

No Small Thing by Harold Coyle - Early America through the eyes of militiamen, veterans, women, loyalists, and more--all swept into the storm of war.

A Perfect Coincidence by Jim Rasenberger – A look at the complex relationship between Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

This Land Is Your Land by Beverly Gage - Ride along with a Pulitzer Prize winner as she takes a tour of American History and the places it happened.

Unearthing New Worlds

Agnes Aubert's Mystical Cat Shelter by Heather Fawcett - A woman who runs a cat rescue in 1920s Montréal turns to a magician to help save it.

Daughter of Crows by Mark Lawrence – The survivor of a brutal academy must come out of retirement when her quiet village is wiped out.

Operation Bounce House by Matt Dinniman – A man must fight for his planet when gamers from Earth attempt to remotely annihilate it.

Voyagers by Meg Charlton - A space signal that might be first contact causes upheaval and reunites childhood friends with an unusual shared memory.

Unearthing Summer Reads

The Island Club by Nicola Harrison- 1956: on idyllic Balboa Island, the lives of three women begin to unravel in shockingly different ways.

Meet Me in Italy by Brenda Novak – An author's struggle to finish her next book is interrupted when she finds out she has a tween half-sister in Italy.

That's What Friends Are For by Wade Rouse - The Golden Gays, 4 men who share a house in Palm Springs, must deal with an unexpected visit.

Wake-Up Calls by Mariah Stewart - A woman goes to Maine after she inherits a rustic campground and finds the place filled with family secrets.



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Unearthing the True Stories

Dogs, Boys, and Other Things I've Cried About by Isabel Klee – A twentysomething woman finds a passion for rescuing dogs and looks for love in NYC.

The Land and Its People by David Sedaris- Essays about what it means to be a traveler, a brother, and a lifelong friend by a much-loved humorist.

London Falling by Patrick Radden Keefe – A family devastated by the death of their young son find out that he got involved in London's criminal underworld.

A World Appears by Michael Pollan – Both a survey of consciousness—what it is, who has it, and why—and a meditation on the essence of humanity.

Unearthing Love

The Antiquarian's Object of Desire by India Holton - Two history professors who are best friends are forced to fake hate to protect their reputations.

Into the Blue by Emma Brodie- An actress and the scion of an acting dynasty work on the same show seven years after he disappeared from her life.

The Last Letters of Sally and Walter by Cammie McGovern – Two seniors start something new in their retirement home over games of Scrabble.

Love by the Book by Jessica George – A writer and teacher, both lonely, bump into each other in a bookstore and a life changing friendship ensues.

Unearthing the Unexpected

Beasts of the Sea by Iida Turpeinen - Tale about a fateful encounter between man and nature spanning three centuries and linked by a long-extinct creature.

Enormous Wings by Laurie Frankel - A seventy-seven-year-old woman moves into a retirement home where she finds love and becomes pregnant.

Japanese Gothic by Kylie Lee Baker - Two people living centuries apart in Japan discover a door between their worlds. One of them is a ghost.

Wolf Worm by T. Kingfisher - After her father's death, a scientific illustrator in 1899 is offered a job in an isolated manor where something is wrong.

Unearthing the Past

The Library of Flowers by L.C. Chu – The Hua family has made enchanted perfumes for generations, but Lucy Hua was born without the gift.

Single Girls by John Searles – A fictionalized account of the iconic Helen Gurley Brown's early years at the helm of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

Skylark by Paula McClain- A woman's quest for artistic freedom in 1664 intertwines with a doctor's mission during the 1940's German occupation.

Yesteryear by Rachel Rueckert - A wife and mother who sells her fantasy pioneer lifestyle to her many followers suddenly wakes in the year 1855.

Unearthing the Clues

A Bad, Bad Place by Frances Crawford – In 1979 a young working-class girl from a tight-knit community in Glasgow happens upon the body of a woman.

The Dentist by Tim Sullivan – A detective with autism is the only one who suspects murder when a homeless man is found dead in Bristol, England.

The Most Mysterious Bookshop in Paris by Mark Pryor - A retired security chief just wants to open a bookshop, but finds himself investigating blackmail.

The Murder at World's End by Ross Montgomery - On a remote island in 1910, an unlikely duo hunts a killer in a manor sealed against the end of the world.

Unearthing the Magic of Books

The Bookbinder's Secret by A. D. Bell – In 1901, a bookbinder hunts for the truth when she finds a confession hidden in the binding of a burned book.

The Book Witch by Meg Shaffer- As a book witch, Rainy can enter works of fiction. When her granddad goes missing, she breaks the rules to find him.

The Lost Book of Elizabeth Barton by Jennifer N. Brown - A professor who finds a lost manuscript must investigate a murder with ties to the past.

This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me by Ilona Andrews – Transported to the world of fantasy series, a woman tries to save the kingdom and the characters there.