

Summer Book Buzz

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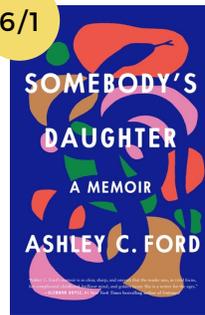
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ONE LAST STOP by Casey McQuiston

Twenty-something cynic August is convinced that true love is only something that happens in the movies. Enter Jane: a mysterious, beautiful stranger on the NYC subway that August can't help but crush on. The trouble is, Jane is not from here; she is stuck in time—the 1970s to be exact. Can August push her many doubts aside to save the girl and her own happily ever after? From the author of *Red, White & Royal Blue*. Rom-com.

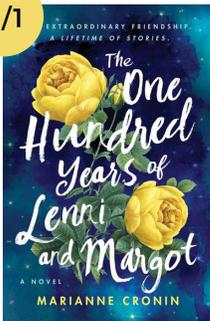
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SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER by Ashley C. Ford

As a kid, Ashley Ford faced down poverty, puberty, and sexual violence. Through the darkest years of her childhood, she was at odds with her mother and left craving love and compassion from an absentee father. One problem: he was incarcerated, and she didn't know why. In this unflinchingly honest account of growing up poor and black in midwestern America, Ford shares her personal struggles and powerful realization that we are not always defined by what we are born into. Memoir.

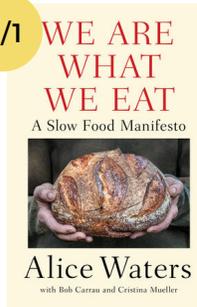
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THE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LENNI AND MARGOT by Marianne Cronin

Seventeen-year-old Lenni Pettersson is dying. While she is in the hospital she meets fellow patient Margot, an 83-year-old purple-pajama-wearing, fruitcake-eating spitfire who isn't ready to give up. Together these unlikely friends devise a plan to create 100 paintings – one for every year of their collective lives – to celebrate their personal stories and what it means to truly have lived. Contemporary Fiction.

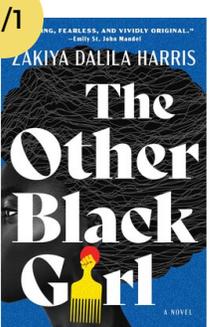
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WE ARE WHAT WE EAT by Alice Waters

Chef and food activist Alice Waters is on a mission to change the way we look at food. A longtime champion of local sustainable agriculture, Waters' "slow food" culture embraces pleasure in ingredients, an awareness of where our food comes from, and building community around what we eat. Nonfiction.

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THE OTHER BLACK GIRL by Zakiya Dalila Harris

Things are looking up for editorial assistant Nella Rogers. Since Wagner Books brought Harlem-born Hazel on board, Nella is no longer the only black employee at the starkly white NYC publishing house. Even better, the women hit it off. But when sinister messages appear on Nella's desk, she begins to suspect that Hazel is more of a master manipulator than friend. Thriller.

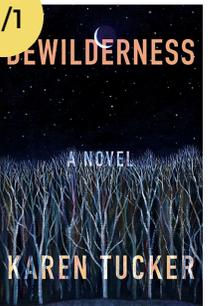
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THE JASMINE THRONE by Tasha Suri

Inspired by the history and epics of India, this first installation in a new trilogy revolves around Malini, a captive princess, and Priya, a maidservant in possession of forbidden magic. These two strong women become unlikely allies on a dark journey to save their empire from the princess's traitor brother. Fantasy.

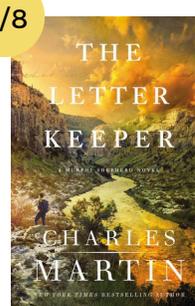
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BEWILDERNESS by Karen Tucker

In rural North Carolina, Irene and Luce are young women with a fierce devotion to each other and dangerous addiction to opioids. Told in a riveting dialogue between the girls' pill-fueled past and their hopes for a better future, their story is at once a beautiful celebration of friendship and the heartbreak of drug abuse. For fans of Julie Buntin's *Marlena*. Literary Fiction.

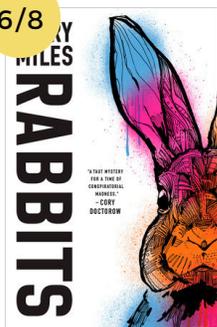
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THE LETTER KEEPER by Caleb Azumah Nelson

Murphy Shepherd is the guy who shoots first and asks questions later. His life's mission: to help those who can't help themselves, especially victims of human trafficking crimes. In this sequel to *The Water Keeper*, Shepherd finds himself questioning all that he thought to be true when his wife, stepdaughter, and two other teenaged girls are stolen. From the author of *The Mountain Between Us* and *When Crickets Cry*. Inspirational.

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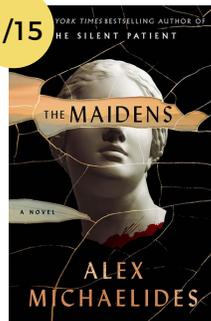


RABBITS

by Terry Miles

Players are dead and the body count is rising in this fast-paced story about an adventure reality game set in the world of the hit Rabbits podcast. There have only been nine winners since the game began in 1959, but no one knows who they are. Enter K—a Rabbits obsessive who has been trying to find a way into the game for years. A rumored winner gives K a chance to play, but something has gone wrong with the game and K needs to fix it before the whole world pays the price. **Science Fiction.**

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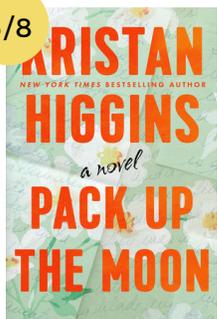


THE MAIDENS

by Alex Michaelides

Edward Fosca is a charismatic and admired professor. Among his admirers are a secret society known as The Maidens. Mariana Andros is a troubled therapist who becomes fixated on The Maidens when a member is found dead. Mariana is convinced that Fosca is to blame for the murder and she becomes obsessed with proving his guilt, no matter the cost. **Thriller.**

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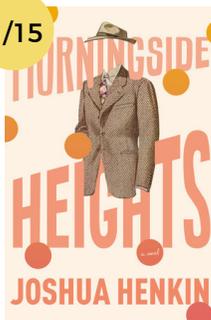


PACK UP THE MOON

by Kristan Higgins

When Lauren is diagnosed with a terminal illness, she writes letters to her beloved Joshua, to be delivered to him each month for a year after her death. Joshua was not prepared for life without Lauren, but as he receives the letters he embarks on a bittersweet journey of anger, denial, and eventually, happiness. Readers will laugh and cry at this heartwarming new title by Kristan Higgins. **Contemporary fiction.**

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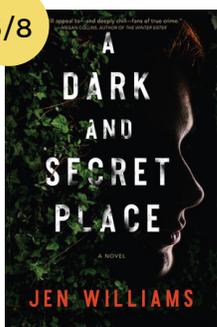


MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

by Joshua Henkin

Renowned scholar Spence Robin is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, and his family struggles to care for him. His wife, Pru, transforms from lover to caretaker and one lonely day, she meets a man, and the possibility of new romance blooms. Spence and Pru are left to grapple with how to persevere when life does not turn out how you planned. **Literary Fiction.**

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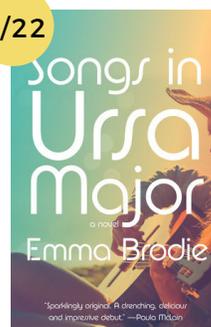


A DARK AND SECRET PLACE

by Jen Williams

After her mother's unexpected suicide, Heather Evans makes an alarming discovery in the family home—stacks and stacks of carefully preserved letters from notorious serial killer Michael Reave, who has been in prison for more than two decades for the brutal slaying of young women. Recently, similar murders have Heather pushing police for answers. For fans of Jane Harper and Rachel Caine. **Psychological suspense.**

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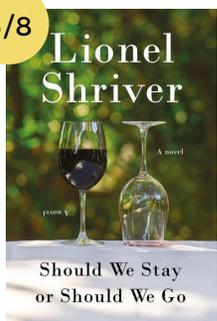


SONGS IN URSA MAJOR

by Emma Brodie

Summer 1969. Aspiring musician Jane Quinn gets a big break when the headliner at a local concert festival is injured in a motorcycle accident. When Jane and her band take the stage the audience goes wild, and a star is born. As she skyrockets to success, Jane soon finds herself immersed in the sometimes-dark 1970s American music scene. For fans of *Daisy Jones and the Six*. **Historical Fiction.**

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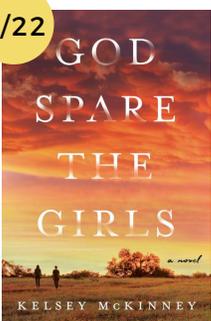


SHOULD WE STAY OR SHOULD WE GO

by Lionel Shriver

Kay and Cyril have seen the pain that comes with aging. Fearing what may lie ahead, in their early fifties they agree to commit suicide together once they have turned eighty. But then they turn eighty and wonder what they might miss out on. Explore twelve possible futures for Kay and Cyril from the hilarious to the somber. **Literary Fiction.**

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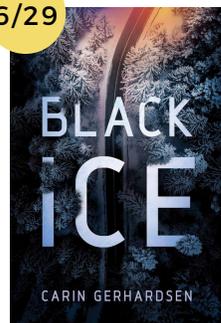


GOD SPARE THE GIRLS

by Kelsey McKinney

From the outside, the Nolan family has it all. Luke Nolan is the handsome, charming head pastor for his North Texas megachurch; his wife and two daughters are the picture of purity and righteousness. But when the sisters discover a life-changing secret about their seemingly perfect father, they must choose between the two things most important to them: faith or family. **Contemporary Fiction.**

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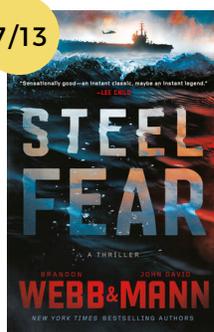


BLACK ICE

by Carin Gerhardsen

One horrific car accident, two crimes. On an abandoned back road in the dead of winter, a group of ill-fated strangers meet by disastrous chance and become entangled in a web of secrets. Only one person knows the truth...and is willing to keep it hidden at any cost. This chilling Nordic noir is a standalone from the author of the bestselling Hammarby crime series. **Thriller.**

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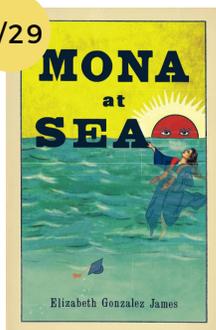


STEEL FEAR

by Brandon Webb & John David Mann

The USS Abraham Lincoln is adrift at sea with one major problem: its crew is disappearing. With morale at an all-time low, could the unexplained deaths be suicide or is there a serial killer on board? The prime suspect is disgraced Navy SEAL Finn, who is being transported stateside for a failed mission in the Persian Gulf. It's a race against time to stop a murderer. **Military thriller.**

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MONA AT SEA

by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

Mona Mireles graduated at the top of her college class and is ready to embark on her perfect life. But thanks to a recession, she is living at home with her parents, jobless and humiliated. Rather than continuing to live as a "sad millennial," Mona is determined to face her uncertain future head-on with grit and wit. **Coming-Of-Age.**

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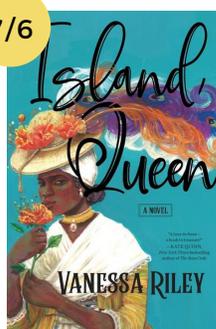


THE FINAL GIRL SUPPORT GROUP

by Grady Hendrix

The author of *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* returns with this new twisty slasher. Lynnette Tarkington is a final girl, the sole survivor of a massacre that happened 22 years ago. She belongs to a support group for those who've also lived through the unthinkable. When one of the women in the group goes missing, Lynnette's worst fears are realized: someone knows about them and is back to finish the job. **Horror.**

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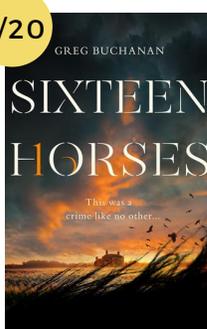


ISLAND QUEEN

by Vanessa Riley

This unforgettable novel is based on the true story of Dorothy "Doll" Kirwan Thomas, a larger-than-life free woman of color who rose from slavery to become one of the wealthiest and most powerful landowners in the colonial West Indies. **Historical Fiction.**

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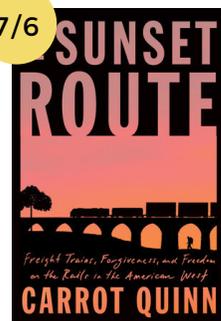


SIXTEEN HORSES

by Greg Buchanan

In the seaside town of Ilmarsh, England, something insidious is lurking. When local detectives make a gruesome discovery, veterinary forensics expert Cooper Allen is called upon to examine the mysterious deaths of 16 horses. Panic and paranoia grip the community's residents as more crimes occur and everyone becomes a suspect. **Mystery.**

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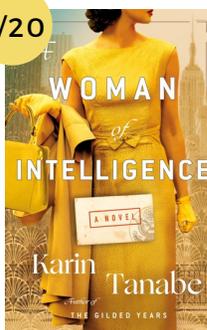


SUNSET ROUTE

by Carrot Quinn

Carrot Quinn grew up in poverty in Alaska, with a mentally ill mother and a childhood rife with tragedy. As a teen, she left home to travel the country via freight train and find her own definition of life outside of the one she has been given. This brutally honest and uplifting memoir is for fans of Tara Westover's *Educated* or *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. **Memoir.**

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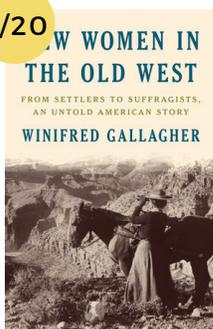


A WOMAN OF INTELLIGENCE

by Karin Tanabe

New York City, 1954. Wealthy socialite Katharina Edgeworth has the perfect life, but in the turbulent climate of post-war America, she wants to do more. When the FBI calls upon her to help catch a high-level Soviet spy she once knew, Katharina jumps at the chance. She soon finds herself embroiled in international undercover missions that threaten her once-idyllic life and everyone in it. For fans of espionage fiction. **Historical fiction.**

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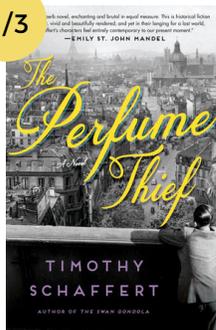


NEW WOMEN IN THE OLD WEST

by Winifred Gallagher

Gallagher opens our eyes to the intrepid yet mostly overlooked female pioneers who settled the American West. From muddy mining camps to dusty prairie settlements, these women worked equally hard alongside the men to scratch out a living in the unforgiving wilderness of the new territory. Through personal diaries and letters, Gallagher uncovers the stories of these trailblazers who would play a crucial early role in the women's civil rights movement. **Nonfiction/History.**

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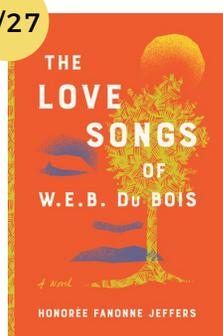


THE PERFUME THIEF

by Timothy Schaffert

A *Gentleman in Moscow* meets "Moulin Rouge" in this stylish, sexy page-turner set in Paris on the eve of World War II. Clementine, who left a jet-setting life of crime to settle down amid the bordellos of Paris, is drawn out of retirement and into one last scam when the Nazis invade and her fellow misfits start to disappear. **Historical fiction.**

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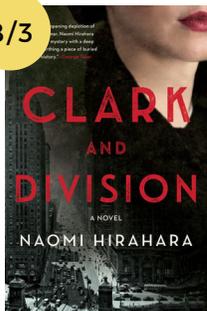


THE LOVE SONGS OF W.E.B. Du BOIS

by Honoree Fannone Jeffers

The 2020 National Book Award–nominated poet makes her fiction debut with this sweeping story of a young black woman poised between two worlds: a life divided between home in a Northern city and family in a sleepy southern town. She tries to find her own identity through the rich, and often shocking, stories of her ancestors. For fans of Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing* or *Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. **Contemporary Fiction.**

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CLARK AND DIVISION

by Naomi Hirahara

Chicago, 1944. Aki Ito, a 20-year-old, is leaving Manzanar, where she and her parents have been detained since the aftermath of Pearl Harbor. When Aki learns that her sister, who had been released months earlier, has died, she begins a hunt to find the truth about her sister's apparent suicide. **Historical mystery.**

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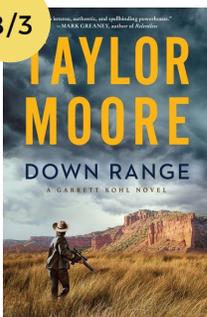


ALL THE LITTLE HOPES

by Leah Weiss

In rural North Carolina during WWII, Lucy and Allie are two young teenagers who, like their idol Nancy Drew, find themselves wrapped up in a mystery when their quiet little town becomes a Nazi POW camp and men begin to disappear. An eclectic mix of colorful characters and Southern atmosphere round out this wonderful read. From the author of *If the Creek Don't Rise*. **Historical Fiction/Coming-of-Age.**

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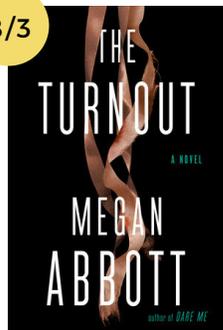


DOWN RANGE

by Taylor Moore

DEA agent Garrett Kohl fights to protect his home on the Texas High Plains when a vicious criminal enterprise comes after his family. Unfortunately for the criminal crew, besides being an elite undercover officer, Kohl is a battle-hardened Green Beret who spent the better part of his career hunting terrorists. For fans of C.J. Box. **Suspense.**

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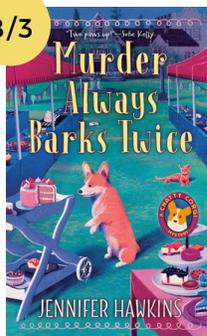


THE TURNOUT

by Megan Abbott

Dara and Marie were dancers trained by their mother, founder of the Durant Dance School. The sisters inherited the school after their parents died in a tragic accident over a decade ago. When a suspicious fire occurs, just at the onset of the school's performance of *The Nutcracker*, an interloper arrives and threatens the delicate balance of everything they've worked for. **Thriller.**

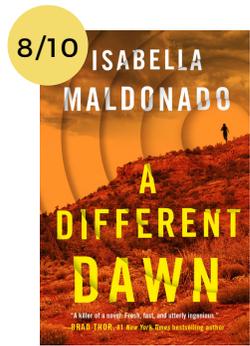
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MURDER ALWAYS BARKS TWICE

by Jennifer Hawkins

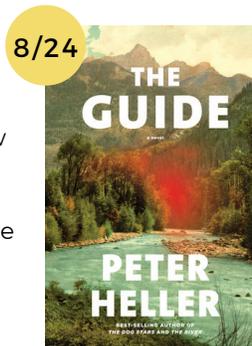
For Emma Reed and her beloved corgi, Oliver, opening a tea room in Cornwall was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Emma is excited to be asked to help cater the local Daphne DuMaurier literary festival, but when the festival organizer is found dead and foul play is suspected, Emma realizes it's up to her and Oliver to uncover the killer. **Cozy mystery.**



A DIFFERENT DAWN

by Isabella Maldonado

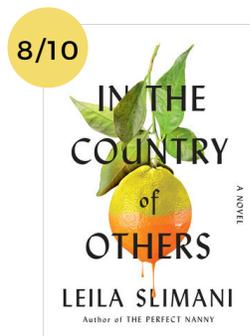
A family is murdered as they sleep. FBI Special Agent Nina Guerrero and her new team must determine if there is a link between this attack and another triple homicide from four years earlier and more than two thousand miles away. In the process, they'll discover a serial killer who has gone undetected for nearly three decades. **Mystery.**



THE GUIDE

by Peter Heller

A heart-racing thriller about a young man who, escaping his own grief, is hired by an elite fishing lodge in Colorado, where amid the natural beauty of sun-drenched streams and forests he uncovers a plot of shocking menace. **Suspense.**



IN THE COUNTRY OF OTHERS

by Leila Slimani

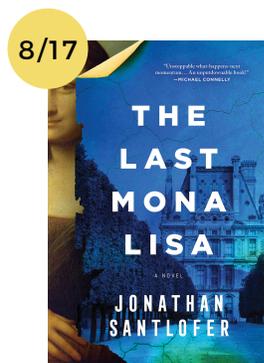
Mathilde, a young Frenchwoman, falls in love with Amine, a Moroccan soldier in the French army during World War II. After the war, the couple settles in Morocco. Left increasingly alone to raise her two children, Mathilde defies the country's chauvinism and repressive social codes by offering medical services to the rural population. For fans of *The Namesake*. **Literary fiction.**



A MILLION THINGS

by Emily Spurr

For as long as ten-year-old Rae can remember, Mum has been disappearing for a while to clear her head, but she always comes back. When Rae wakes to the back door open and no Mum, she does as she's always done and carries on, until her grumpy, lonely neighbor Lettie needs her help. What will happen to them both when her mother's absence is finally noticed? **Coming-of-age.**



THE LAST MONA LISA

by Jonathan Santlofer

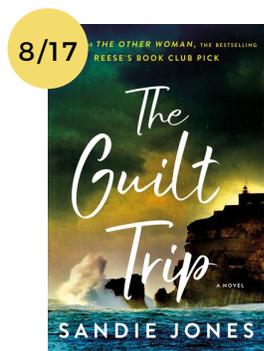
August, 1911. The Mona Lisa is stolen by Vincent Peruggia. Exactly what happens in the two years before its recovery is a mystery. Present day: Luke Perrone digs for the truth about his ancestor: Peruggia. His search attracts an Interpol detective and a curiously helpful woman. Soon, Luke finds himself deep in the dangerous world of art and forgery. **Historical fiction/Suspense.**



A SLOW FIRE BURNING

by Paula Hawkins

When a young man is found murdered in a London houseboat, it triggers questions about three women who knew him. Laura is the troubled one-night-stand last seen in the victim's home. Carla is his grief-stricken aunt, already mourning the recent death. And Miriam is the nosy neighbor clearly keeping secrets. When it comes to revenge, even good people might be capable of terrible deeds. **Suspense.**



THE GUILT TRIP

by Sandie Jones

Jack and Rachel. Noah and Paige. Will and Ali. Five friends who've known each other for years and Ali, Will's fiancée, travel to Portugal for the destination wedding. As secrets are revealed and relationships crumble, everything changes. Five people are left wondering if they really know each other so well after all. For fans of Alice Feeney. **Thriller.**



THE LAST CHANCE LIBRARY

by Freya Sampson

Lonely librarian June Jones is a shy, reclusive thirty-year-old who has never left the English village where she grew up. When her library is threatened with closure, June joins a band of eccentric yet dedicated locals in a campaign to keep the library. To save the place that means so much to her, June must finally make some changes to her life. **Contemporary romance.**



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Cecil County Public Library's SUMMER READING & LEARNING PROGRAM

JUNE 14 - AUGUST 14



AUTHOR VISIT: Nadia Hashimi

Monday,
June 7 at 6:30 PM

Join pediatrician-turned-novelist Nadia Hashimi as she discusses her latest novel, *Sparks Like Stars*.

This program will be held virtually via Zoom. Register for a link to join.



www.cecilcountylibrary.org

ADULT SUMMER READING & LEARNING PROGRAM

June 14 - August 14.
Challenge yourself this summer by completing reading activities!

Find out more information on our website!



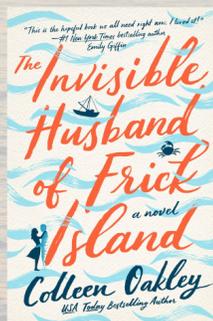
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AUTHOR VISIT: Colleen Oakley

Wednesday,
June 16 at 6:30 PM

Best-selling fiction author Colleen Oakley discusses her new book, *The Invisible Husband of Frick Island*.

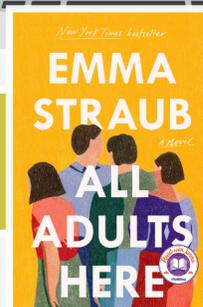
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Online Book Discussion:

All Adults Here
by Emma Straub



TUESDAY, JUNE 22 AT 1 PM

Join us for a discussion of *All Adults Here* by Emma Straub.



ADULTS

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING AND LEARNING PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS

June 14 - August 14

Complete your choice of listed Summer Reading Challenges, and check the boxes to track your reading.

Earn a chance to win a **\$50.00 Barnes & Noble gift card** for each completed challenge.

Submit your raffle entry for each completed challenge at www.cecilcountylibrary.org or by visiting any branch of the Cecil County Public Library.

Visit the library's website or the CCPL Readers Group on Facebook to find recommendations for each of this year's Summer Reading Challenges.



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READING CHALLENGES

To complete each challenge, read or listen to a book on these topics.

1. BOOKS VS. MOVIES/TV

Read or listen to a title which was first a book and has now been made into a movie or series.

2. BOUND AND DETERMINED

Discover the grit and perseverance of people or characters who are forced to go it alone in unique settings or circumstances.

3. IMAGINARY WORLDS

Explore a fantastical world unlike our own.

4. TIME WARP

Prepare for adventure as you travel through space and time.

5. OLYMPIC FEVER

Follow real or imagined athletes on their quest for glory.

6. LAUGH ALONG

Lighten your mood with a funny or quirky read that makes you smile.

7. BOOKS FROM THE DEEP

Set yourself adrift and read a book where the ocean takes center stage.

8. DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Solace, protection, inspiration; read or listen to a book about dogs who sometimes provide it all.