

Fiction News

FICTION WITH BEACH SETTINGS - A SAMPLER

The Identicals and others by Elin Hilderbrand.

Forced to call a truce by a family crisis, estranged identical twins Tabitha and Harper reevaluate their bond and the resentments that drove them apart from their respective homes on Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

The Summer's End and others by Mary Alice Monroe.

Three sisters confront loss and transition after realizing that they will have to sell their beloved Sullivan's Island estate.



Same Beach, Next Year and others by Dorothea Benton Frank.

Reconnecting on one of Charleston's most beautiful barrier islands, a pair of former sweethearts rediscover their feelings for one another while their jealous spouses pursue an unexpected attraction of their own over more than 20 years also marked by financial catastrophes, family tragedies, and heartbreaks.

Cocoa Beach by Beatriz Williams.

In the early days of Prohibition, the newly widowed Virginia Fitzwilliam arrives in the tropical boomtown of Cocoa Beach, Florida, to settle her husband's estate.

Firefly Beach by Luanne Rice.

Hoping to put the tragedy, betrayal, and heartbreak of the past behind them, three sisters--Caroline, Clea, and Skye--gather at Firefly Hill, their childhood home for the summer, but the arrival of a mysterious man threatens to bring them face to face once again with the seeds of their family's destruction.

Secrets in Summer and others by Nancy Thayer.

Spending her days at the library and her nights stargazing and contemplating a new relationship, Darcy is unexpectedly drawn into the summertime dramas of three families.

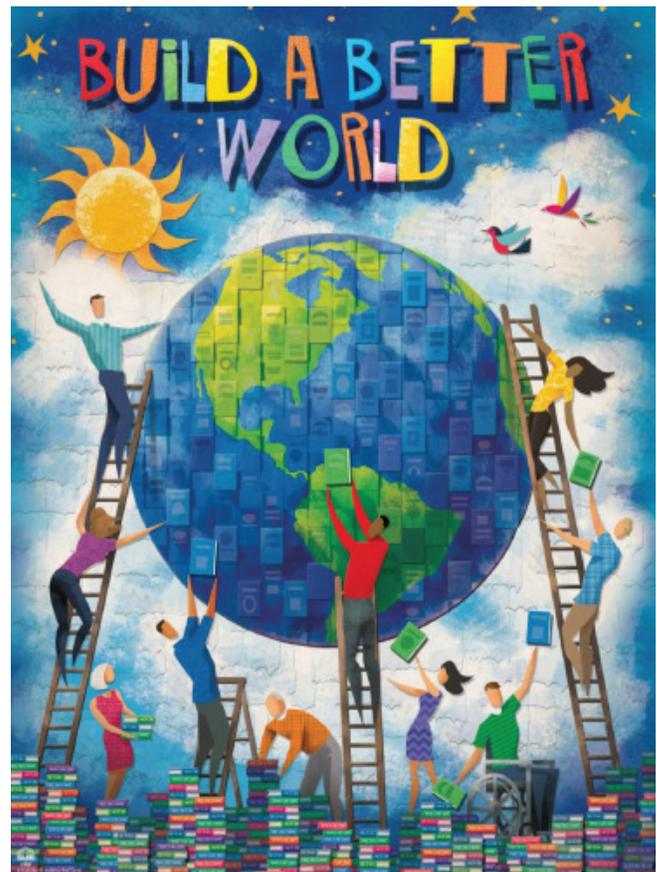
The Forever Summer by Jamie Brenner.

When a single careless mistake costs her her job, straitlaced Marin joins a stranger claiming to be her half-sister in Cape Cod, where she meets family members she never knew she had during a fateful summer of revelations and self-discovery.

Vineyard Chill (and others in the Martha's Vineyard mystery series) by Philip R. Craig.

A retired policeman, J.W. lives a quiet life on the Vineyard with his wife and children. But he can't resist investigating the unusual crimes that occur in this quaint land of prime real estate.

ADULT SUMMER READING



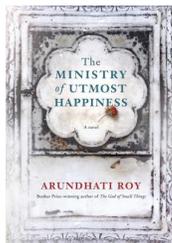
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NEW FICTION

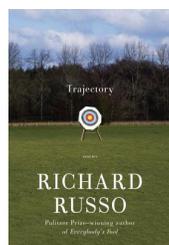
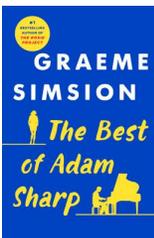
(Annotations from BookLetters)



The Ministry of Utmost Happiness
by Arundhati Roy.

This dazzling, richly moving new novel by the internationally celebrated author of *The God of Small Things* takes us on an intimate journey of many years across the Indian subcontinent--from the cramped neighborhoods of Old Delhi and the roads of the new city to the mountains and valleys of Kashmir and beyond, where war is peace and peace is war.

The Best of Adam Sharp by Graeme Simsion.
A new novel from the author of *The Rosie Project*. Two decades ago, Adam Sharp's piano playing led him into a passionate relationship with Angelina Brown, an intelligent and strong-willed actress. They had a chance at something more--but Adam didn't take it. And then, out of nowhere, from the other side of the world, Angelina gets in touch. What does she want? Does Adam dare to live dangerously?



Trajectory: Stories by Richard Russo.
This new collection of short fiction demonstrates that Richard Russo--winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Empire Falls*--is also a master of this genre.

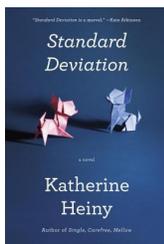
The Sunshine Sisters by Jane Green.
Receiving a sobering health diagnosis, a once-uninvolved mother-turned-Hollywood star calls her estranged adult daughters home in the hopes of ending her life, triggering old rivalries and secret fears that challenge.



Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz.
Susan Ryeland is a London book editor who has just received the latest manuscript from one of her most irascible authors, Alan Conway. But the manuscript's ending appears to be missing and she learns that Conway has committed suicide. As Ryeland learns more about his death, she starts to question whether a murder has occurred and begins to investigate. *Magpie Murders* is a delightful, clever mystery-within-a-mystery.... This is a terrific, modern take on the traditional mystery with ingenious puzzles to solve. -- Andrea Larson for *LibraryReads*.



Standard Deviation by Katherine Heiny.
Follows the marriage between a man and his spontaneous but exhausting second wife, a relationship that is further shaped by their Asperger's patient child and an effort to be friends with the man's very different first wife. This is a hilarious and rueful debut novel.



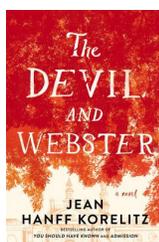
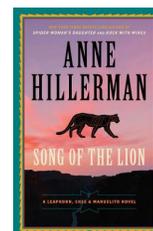
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STAFF PICKS

Elise's Picks

Song of the Lion by Anne Hillerman.

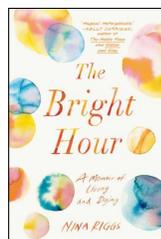
Attending the alumni basketball game at her former high school, Navajo police officer Bernadette Manuelito is the first person on the scene when a bomb explodes destroying a luxury car and seriously injuring a young bystander. Assigned to the preliminary investigation, Bernie discovers that the car belongs to a prominent lawyer who is mediating a conference about a controversial plan to build a resort on tribal land at the Grand Canyon. With demonstrators descending on the conference and her husband, Sgt. Jim Chee, playing bodyguard for the uncooperative mediator, Bernie decides to seek the sage advice of her former mentor, retired Lt. Joe Leaphorn. Sharing her late father's deep respect for the Navajo culture, and his talent for storytelling, Anne Hillerman continues and builds on his award-winning Southwestern mystery series.



The Devil and Webster by Jean Hanff Korelitz.
The beleaguered president of a progressive college is the reluctant heroine of Korelitz's thought-provoking new novel. Herself a former student activist, and the pioneering first female president of Webster College, Naomi Roth is baffled when the leaders of a campus protest, including her idealistic daughter, refuse to meet with her to discuss their grievances. Stunned to discover that she has become "the establishment," Naomi struggles to diffuse the escalating crisis, without compromising her principles, alienating her Board, and most importantly losing the respect of her daughter. Smart, empathetic, and timely, this semi-satirical but never sarcastic story is a wonderful successor to Korelitz's previous best-selling novel about college life, *Admission*.

Dorothy's Picks

Rise & Shine Benedict Stone by Phaedra Patrick.
Benedict Stone is in his forties and in a rut. His beloved wife has moved out, and his jewelry-making business is barely scraping by in the small English village where he resides. Then, out of the blue, his 16-year-old niece, the daughter of his long-estranged brother, arrives on his doorstep. Gemma is both an enigma and a force of nature, who becomes determined to jumpstart Benedict's business and to save his marriage. This is a book about the bonds of families and new beginnings, and Benedict Stone is its endearing heart and soul.



The Bright Hour: A Memoir of Living and Dying
by Nina Riggs.

Written in real time, this is a memoir of one woman's battle to affirm life as she battles with breast cancer. Nina Riggs is 37 and happily married with two young sons when she is diagnosed. She shares her journey as she goes from an uncertain to dire prognosis while at the same time her beloved mother loses her own battle with cancer.

In her ongoing battle to live each day "unattached to outcome," Riggs, a poet by trade, takes solace in nature and in the writings of Montaigne and of her great-great-grandfather Ralph Waldo Emerson. Reading and savoring Riggs' own eloquent words and insights is the only way to understand what a truly special book this is.