Coming in June:

**The Dirty Secrets Club** by Meg Gardiner
Gardiner is already being touted by Stephen King as “the next suspense superstar.” This book starts off a new series featuring San Francisco–based forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett. **June 12**

**Queen of Babble Gets Hitched** by Meg Cabot
In the third installment of the series, compulsively talkative Lizzie Nichols is finally getting married. Or is she? Luke, her dream man, has proposed, but what about those pesky new feelings Lizzie has for Luke’s best friend Chaz? **June 24**

**Hit and Run** by Lawrence Block
Hit man John Paul Keller is back. In this latest book, he is contemplating retirement when he is accused of a hit he didn’t do and must clear his name—with the real killer on his tail all the way! **June 24**

Coming in July:

**The Beach House** by Jane Green
When dwindling finances force sixty-five-year-old Nan to take in summer boarders her carefree existence meets with upheaval. **June 17**

Coming in August:

**The Gaudi Key**
by Estaban Martin & Andreu Carranza
Described as *The Name of the Rose* meets *The Da Vinci Code*, this book is a faced-paced thriller set in Barcelona. **August 5**

**Smoke Screen** by Sandra Brown
Corruption, betrayal, and revenge are the themes of Brown’s latest offering. **August 12**

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**Watch for these hot new releases perfect for your summer reading pleasure!**

**Summer Beach Reads**

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**Summertime… Time to open that classic novel you’ve been meaning to read!**

**Classic reads to enrich your summer include:**

- **Robinson Crusoe** by Daniel Defoe
  Because pirates and a shipwreck on a Caribbean island inhabited by cannibals simply screams summer beach book, right? **FIC DEFO / J DEFO**

- **Frenchman’s Creek** by Daphne DuMaurier
  An atypical romance wherein an impulsive married lady takes up with a French pirate. Yes, really! *Jamaica Inn* is another good DuMaurier to toss in the beach bag. **FIC DUMA**

- **I Capture the Castle** by Dodie Smith
  The enchanting tale of a 17-year-old who lives with her oddball, poverty-stricken family in a moldering English castle and what happens when their American landlord arrives. **FIC SMIT**

- **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald
  Thwarted love, greed, and revenge in a wealthy seaside community. If you’ve already read it, you might try *Gatsby’s Girl* by Caroline Preston. **FIC FITZ**

- **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee
  The classic coming-of-age story of Scout Finch begins during the summer she is eight. **FIC LEE / LT LEE**

- **The Princess Bride** by William Goldman
  True love, fantasy, and high adventure… What more could you ask for? **FIC GOLD / CAS A GOLD**

- **The African Queen** by C.S. Forester
  A determined and very proper English spinster and a shiftless engineer battle the wilds of Africa, the German army, and each other. **FIC FORE**

- **Cross Creek** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
  Humorous and spirited memoir of Rawlings’s (author of *The Yearling*) life in the Florida backcountry. **FIC RAWL**

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**JUNE 2008**
Knock Yourself Out With More Great Summer Beach Reads!

**Moose: A Memoir of Fat Camp** by Stephanie Klein
This newest “it” memoir is a comical and heartfelt look at the trials of adolescence and the author’s memories of a summer spent at fat camp.  

**Body Surfing** by Anita Shreve
A beach book with substance, *Body Surfing* spans three summers that a woman spends at a summer beach house.  

**Empire of Blue Water** by Stephan Talty
This story of the notorious Captain Henry Morgan and the real pirates of the Caribbean will be a welcome summer read for history buffs. For the rest of you, the hefty doses of violence, passion, and intrigue might make you a convert.  

**Learning to Kill** by Ed McBain
This collection of short stories is an ideal beach book for detective fiction and suspense thriller aficionados.  

**The Last Summer (of You and Me)** by Ann Brashares
A 2007 summer hit, Brashares’s first adult novel has it all: an interesting setting (New York’s Fire Island), a love triangle, a bit of heartache, and lots of tension.  

**Beach Road** by James Patterson
Patterson is always a reliable bet if you are looking for an uncomplicated mystery or suspense novel. Short chapters, a fast-paced plot, and a beach setting make this one a perfect summer read.  

**The Blue Bistro** by Elin Hilderbrand
In this popular summer favorite, a woman escapes to Nantucket for the summer to recover from a failed love affair. When she lands a job at The Blue Bistro, the island’s hottest restaurant, the summer really starts to heat up!  

**The Boys of Summer** by Roger Kahn
If baseball is your summer passion, Roger Kahn’s acclaimed story of the glory days with the Brooklyn Dodgers is always a good bet.  

**All the Finest Girls** by Alexandra Styron
If you want something a bit more “literary” for your beach bag, try this one from the daughter of William Styron (*Sophie’s Choice*, *The Confessions of Nat Turner*). A woman must reevaluate her life, her childhood memories, and her impressions of others when she travels to a Caribbean island to attend the funeral of the woman who raised her. Offers a wonderfully realistic portrait of Caribbean life away from the tourist areas.  

**This Heart of Mine** by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
A classic SEP romance. After Molly Summersville gives in to one of her rare (usually disastrous!) impulses, she finds herself stuck at a run-down resort with footballer Kevin Tucker for the summer. Phillips tackles some seriously touchy ethical and emotional issues in this one, but her deft humor and strong characterizations make for a fun and engaging read.  

**Days of Summer** by Jill Barnett
The lives of two families become intertwined after a tragic accident in this soapy family drama. As three decades pass, the families continuously butt heads, culminating in a battle between two brothers as they vie for the love of the same woman.  

**Bahamarama** by Robert Morris
A twisty, fast-paced mystery about a former Miami Dolphins linebacker who wants to reunite in the Bahamas with his ex following his release from prison. Instead, he finds himself mixed up in a murder and a kidnapping, facing the bad guys who’s frame-up resulted in his two-year prison term, and teaming up with a Bahamian police superintendent—all as a hurricane threatens the islands.  

**Life’s a Beach** by Claire Cook
This 2007 summer hit from the author of *Must Love Dogs* is the quirky coming-of-age story of 41-year-old Ginger Walsh. With a wild cast of supporting characters—Ginger’s hippie parents, a sister panicking over her upcoming 50th, a shark-crazy movie crew (with an extremely cute gaffer), and a troublemaking cat—this book promises to be a light and funny read. Cook has another likely summer hit (*Summer Blowout*) due out for the 2008 season.  

**Tales From Margaritaville** and **A Salty Piece of Land** by Jimmy Buffett
*Tales From Margaritaville* is a short story collection that chronicles cowboy Tully Mars’s journey from Heartache, Wyoming to Graceland and traces with semi-autobiographical stories Buffett’s own sailing and musical odysseys. In *A Salty Piece of Land*, you can rejoin Tully Mars and go island hopping through the Caribbean.  

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