

# Summer 2008

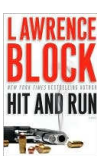
## Coming in June:



**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

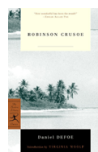
by Sandra Brown  
Corruption, betrayal, and revenge are the themes of Brown’s latest offering. *August 12*

\*Dates are publishers’ release dates; there may be a delay before items are available for library checkout.

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

*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**



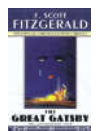
**Frenchman's Creek** by Daphne DuMaurier  
An atypical romance wherein an impulsive married lady takes up with a French pirate. Yes, really! *Jamaica Inn* is another good DuMaurier to toss in the beach bag. **FIC DUMA**



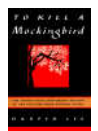
**Summer** by Edith Wharton  
Trapped in her existence in a decaying New England town, an 18-year-old ignores the advice of her guardian and embarks on a torrid and ill-fated affair with a young architect. **FIC WHAR**



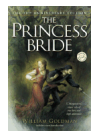
**I Capture the Castle** by Dodie Smith  
The enchanting tale of a 17-year-old who lives with her oddball, poverty-stricken family in a moldering English castle and what happens when their American landlord arrives. **FIC SMIT**



**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 back-country. **FIC RAWL**

# Summer Beach Reads



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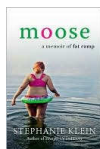


# Knock Yourself Out With More Great Summer Beach Reads!

## **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. **B KLEI**



## **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! **FIC HILD**



## **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. **MYS MORR**



## **Body Surfing** by Anita Shreve

A beach book with substance, *Body Surfing* spans three summers that a woman spends at a summer beach house. **FIC SHRE / LT SHRE**

## **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. **972.904 TALT**



## **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. **796.357 KAHN**



## **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. **FIC STYR**



## **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. **FIC COOK / CAS A COOK**



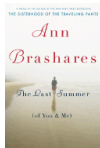
## **Learning to Kill** by Ed McBain

This collection of short stories is an ideal beach book for detective fiction and suspense thriller aficionados. **LT MYSTERY MCBA / CD BOOK MCBA**

## **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. **FIC BRAS**



## **This Heart of Mine** by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

A classic SEP romance. After Molly Summer-ville 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. **FIC PHIL / LT PHIL / CAS A PHIL**

## **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. **FIC BUFF / LT BUFF**



## **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. **FIC PATT / LT PATT**

## **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. **FIC BARN**



## Need more suggestions?

Check out the Today Show’s Top Ten Summer Reads at <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/24763839>

