Summer 2010

Coming in July:

The Island by Elin Hilderbrand
Four women—a mother, her two adult daughters, and her sister—head to the family beach cottage hoping to escape their recent troubles. July 6

Fly Away Home by Jennifer Weiner
After her husband’s extramarital affair makes headlines, a woman and her two grown daughters with issues of their own find refuge in one another. July 13

Talking to Girls About Duran Duran by Rob Sheffield
Coming-of-age memoir about a young man’s quest to understand girls, growing up in the Regan era, and relating through 80s pop music. A prequel to Love Is a Mixed Tape. July 15

Troublemaker by Janet & Alex Evanovich
Alexandra Barnaby and Sam Hooker (Metro Girl, Motor Mouth) team up once again in Janet Evanovich’s first graphic novel. (Art by Joelle Jones.) July 20

Star Island by Carl Haassen
An actress secretly stands in for a troubled pop star and finds herself stalked on South Beach by a crazed paparazzo and befriended by a hermit who was once governor of Florida. July 27

Coming in August:

The Murder Room by Michael Capuzzo
The true life efforts of the Vidocq Society—an elite trio of gifted investigators—to solve such notorious cold cases as those of JonBenet Ramsey, the Butcher of Cleveland, and Jack the Ripper. August 10

You Lost Me There by Rosecrans Baldwin
An Alzheimer’s researcher living on Mount Desert Island in Maine discovers that his late wife’s recall of their long marriage was very different from his. August 12

Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
The much anticipated finale to Collins’s action-packed dystopian YA-crossover Hunger Games series. August 24

Lost Empire by Clive Cussler with Grant Blackwood
Treasure hunters Sam and Remi Fargo find the remains of a long-lost Confederate ship off the coast of Tanzania—but a dangerous adversary wants the treasure too! August 31

Enrich your summer with these Classic Reads:

The Greengage Summer by Rumer Godden
Danger, mystery, and romance arise when five British siblings visiting the French countryside are left unsupervised because of their mother’s sudden illness. FIC GODD

Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene
Comic suspense novel in which a vacuum cleaner salesman in Havana is tapped to be MI6’s new secret agent and begins to make up his reports in lieu of any real developments. FIC GREE

The Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys
A revisionist prequel to Jane Eyre, in which Creole heiress Antoinette “Bertha” Mason grows up in Jamaica, marries Mr. Rochester, and goes mad. Or does she? FIC RHYS

Where Angels Fear to Tread by E.M. Forster
A summer jaunt to Tuscany brings romance, marriage, and ruin in quick succession for an English widow on a Grand Tour of the continent. FIC FORS

Up at the Villa by W. Somerset Maugham
A young widow summering at an Italian villa is caught between three men in this fast-paced novella with a slightly noirish quality. FIC MAUG

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway
A group of British and American expatriates drift from France to Spain in the 1920s against a backdrop of bullfighting, drinking, and debauchery. FIC HEMI

To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Introspective novel about time and loss, revolving around the Ramsay family’s visits to Scotland’s Isle of Skye between 1910 and 1920. FIC WOOL

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Ten people are lured to a private island by invitations from a mysterious host, and terror mounts when guests die one by one. MYS CHRI

The Summer Book by Tove Jansson
Scandinavian favorite about a summer of discovery shared by a girl and her grandmother on an island in the Gulf of Finland, praised for its simple, fresh style and deceptively quiet tone. FIC JANS

Watch for these hot new releases perfect for your summer reading pleasure!
An Island Away by Daniel Putkowski
A struggling Colombian mom, an American expat, and a castaway who washes up on shore after his tugboat sinks in a storm discover the dangerous side of Aruba.  FIC PUTK

The Summer I Dared by Barbara Delinsky
Three survivors of a fatal boating accident off the coast of Maine struggle with their brush with death, their feelings of guilt, and their changed perspectives on their lives.  FIC DELI/LT DELI

Love is a Four-Letter Word by Various
Revealing, true tales of “breakups, bad relationships, and broken hearts,” told with varying degrees of humor, regret, insightfulness, and nostalgia.  306.7 LOVE

Life of Pi by Yan Martel
After his ship sinks, a teenager with encyclopedic intelligence is marooned on a life boat with a menagerie of animals, most notably a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.  FIC MAR

Pirate Hunter by Tom Morrisey
The stories of 18th century pirates and modern day treasure hunters converge in this adventure novel from Christy Award-winning author Tom Morrisey.  FIC MORT

Manhunting by Jennifer Crusie
After yet another failed engagement, a successful businesswoman hatches a plan to snare the man of her dreams at a resort, but a series of accidents and anything-but-ideal Jake Templeton get in her way.  LT CRUS/LT CRUS/CD BOOK CRUS

Once the Shore by Paul Yoon
Eight languorous, interlinked short stories set on a South Korean island explore family, lost love, silence, and the effects of war.  FIC YOON

The Ruins by Scott Smith
A group of twenty-somethings vacationing in Cancun find terror in the Mexican jungle after one of their members fails to return from a day trip to the Mayan ruins.  FIC SMIT/LT SMIT

Beach Trip by Cathy Holton
Four old college friends now in their forties gather at a North Carolina beach house to reconnect, reminisce, and finally reveal some of the secrets from their shared pasts.  FIC HOLT

Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton
A British privateer and his crew of ruffians sail from colonial Jamaica on a mission to steal a Spanish galleon and its cargo of gold.  FIC CRICH/LT CRICH/CD BOOK CRICH/CD MP3 BOOK CRICH

Island Beneath the Sea by Isabel Allende
Adventure, romance, violence, and Allende’s trademark mysticism (in the guise of voodoo here) punctuate this historical tale about a slave woman in 1700s Haiti.  FIC ALLE

No-Man’s Lands by Scott Huler
Details the author’s own journey around the Mediterranean as he attempts to recreate Odysseus’s voyage from Troy to Ithaca, as recorded in “The Odyssey.”  883 HULE

Contents Under Pressure by Edna Buchanan
A Miami crime reporter investigates the mysterious death of a former pro footballer killed in a high-speed police chase in this first installment of the Brit Montero mysteries.  MYS BUCH

The Summer of You by Kate Noble
While rusticating with her father and misbehaving brother in the Lake District, a Regency miss decides to liven up her summer by befriending a neighbor rumored to be a highwayman.  FIC NOBL

Hothouse Flower and the Nine Plants of Desire by Margot Berwin
A divorcée unexpectedly finds herself in the jungles of Mexico in this novel of magic, plants, and discovery.  FIC BERW/LT BERW/CD BOOK BERW

In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick
The story of the 1820 wreck of the whaleship Essex—the inspiration for Melville’s “Moby-Dick”—and the crew’s 90-day attempt to survive the sea’s hazards on three tiny lifeboats.  910 PHIL

Gone-Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
Cousins discover the magic of summer when they find an abandoned summer resort on the shores of a swampy lake.  Continued in Return to Gone-Away. Ages 8 and up.  J ENRI

Chiggers by Hope Larson
Graphic novel wherein a girl at summer camp is torn between a new friendship and her old friends. Ages 10 and up.  741.5 LARS

Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson
Three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds are thrown together to pick peaches in a Georgia orchard.  FIC ANDE

Surface Tension by Brent Runyon
Traces the changes of a teenage boy through four summers, from the age of thirteen to sixteen.  J RUNY

The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
Belly’s family always shares a summer beach house with her mother’s best friend and her two sons, but the summer Belly turns 16 everything changes.  Continued in It’s Not Summer Without You. Ages 12 and up.  J HAN

Abel’s Island by William Steig
Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds himself stranded on an uninhabited island and must find a way back home. Ages 8 and up.  J STEI

Bloody Jack by L.A. Meyer
An impetuous orphaned street thief dresses as a boy and joins a British warship in search of pirates. Seafaring adventures ensue! Ages 12 and up.  J MEYE/CD J BOOK MEYE

Pretty Face by Mary Hogan
When an overweight teenager from Santa Monica spends the summer in Italy, she finds a new way of thinking about food, life, and herself. Ages 14 and up.  J HOGA

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