

Beach Reads – This is a publisher's term referring to <u>blockbuster books published in summer</u>. The year's most anticipated reads still often come out in late spring. Over time, the "beach reads" term has come to refer to books that are escapes from reality, easy to read, captivating, and accessible to many readers. Many of the beach reads listed below even take place at the beach.

Illary Kay Hello Summer



Mary Kay Andrews | FIC ANDREWS, M.

When the dream job she has pursued all her adult life suddenly disappears, an ambitious journalist returns to her family's small-town newspaper before witnessing a car accident that ends the life of a local war hero.



<u>The Newcomer</u>

Mary Kay Andrews | FIC ANDREWS, M.

After her sister is murdered, Letty Carnahan goes on the run with her 4-year-old niece to Florida's Gulf Coast. She is befriended by a hotel owner, but the owner's cynical son, a police detective, believes she is a danger to them all.



<u>Sunset Beach</u> Mary Kay Andrews | FIC ANDREWS, M.

Reluctantly accepting a job at her estranged father's law firm in the aftermath of her mother's passing, Drue is tangled in a decades-old mystery that threatens everyone she loves.



The Forever Summer Jamie Brenner | FIC BRENNER, J.

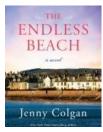
When a single careless mistake costs her the career she so carefully built, strait laced Marin journeys to Cape Cod with a stranger claiming to be her half-sister. Marin meets new family members during this fateful summer of revelations and self-discovery.



<u>It's Been a Pleasure, Noni Blake</u> Clair Christian | FIC CHRISTIAN, C.

What if you made yourself your number one priority? Of all the women and men Noni Blake has pleased in her life, she has rarely pleased herself. After the end of a decade-long relationship, Noni decides it's time to make a change: she's going to prioritize her wants and desires by doing things (and people) that feel good in the moment.





<u>The Endless Beach</u>

Jenny Colgan | FIC COLGAN, J.

Flora is leaving her boring career in London to open a cafe by the sea on the beautiful Scottish island of Mure. She is astonished when Joel, her adorable if difficult former boss, follows her and initiates a promising new romance that is overshadowed by local superstitions.



<u>By Invitation Only</u> Dorothea Benton Frank | FIC FRANK, D.

A young, sophisticated Chicago woman falls in love with the owner of a farm on Johns Island, a lush low country paradise off the coast of South Carolina. She trades the bustle of cosmopolitan city life for the vagaries of a small Southern community.



<u>Queen Bee</u> Dorothea Benton Frank | FIC FRANK, D.

A Sullivan's Island beekeeper navigates her demanding hypochondriac mother and flamboyant rival sister while immersing herself in the lives of two young boys and their widowed father.



Same Beach, Next Year Dorothea Benton Frank | FIC FRANK, D.

After two decades marked by financial catastrophes, family tragedies, and devastating heartbreaks, a pair of former sweethearts rediscover their feelings for each other on one of Charleston's beautiful barrier islands. The pair's jealous spouses pursue an unexpected attraction of their own.



Last Summer at the Golden Hotel Elyssa Friedland | FIC FRIEDLAND, E.

A family reunion in the Catskills brings hilarity and nostalgia when two clans convene for the summer at their beloved getaway, the Golden Hotel. A tempting offer to sell the hotel forces the two families together to make a heart wrenching decision. Can they save their beloved Golden Hotel or is it too late? Secrets emerge, scandals erupt, and everyone—from the traditional grandparents to the millennial grandchildren—wants a say in the hotel's future.





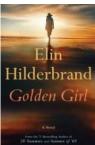
Beach Read Emily Henry | FIC HENRY, E.

An acclaimed literary master with writer's block and a best-selling novelist who has stopped believing in true love agree to a summer-long writing project that challenges them to write well in the other's style.



People We Meet on Vacation Emily Henry | FIC HENRY, E.

With one week to win back the best friend she might just be in love with, a travel writer plans the trip of a lifetime.



<u>Golden Girl</u> Elin Hilderbrand | FIC HILDERBRAND, E.

After entering the afterlife due to a hit-and-run accident, a successful author learns she can observe the earthly lives of her nearly grown children. She is also permitted three "nudges" to alter the outcome of events.

Hilderbrand Summer of '69

Summer of '69 Elin Hilderbrand | FIC HILDERBRAND, E.

As a man flies to the moon and Ted Kennedy sinks a car in Chappaguiddick, four siblings experience the drama, intrigue and upheaval along with the rest of the country during the summer of 1969.



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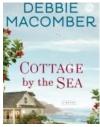
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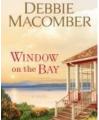
Drama unfolds around Irene Steele and her family after the death of her husband, who had been leading a double life. She gets some help from a mysterious source aradise and a new beginning on the island paradise of St. John after the truth is revealed.





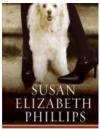
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MACOMBERCottage by the Sea
Debbie Macomber | FIC MACOMBER, D.

Retreating to a Pacific Northwest haven after a tragedy, Annie bonds with a kindhearted local artist, her reclusive landlord, and a troubled teen before an unexpected opportunity challenges her ambitions.



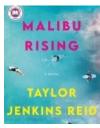
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Encouraged by her best friend to start dating again, a Seattle intensive care nurse and empty-nester unexpectedly catches the attention of her injured mother's stoic surgeon.



<u>It Had to Be You</u> Susan Elizabeth Phillips | FIC PHILLIPS, S.

Inheriting the Chicago Stars football team, trendy New Yorker Phoebe Somerville knocks heads with Coach Dan Calebow. He resents her meddling as much as she despises his sexist jocularity, until they discover an unlikely attraction to each other.



<u>Malibu Rising</u> Taylor Jenkins Reid | FIC REID, T.

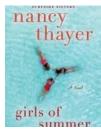
Four famous siblings throw an epic end-of-summer party that gets dangerously out of control. Secrets and trysts with lovers come to light, causing the siblings' lives to change forever.



<u>Family Reunion</u> Nancy Thayer | FIC THAYER, N.

Newly widowed, Eleanor Sunderland's dreams of a family reunion in Nantucket are shattered when her money-driven children suggest she sell the house and move to a retirement home. Eleanor finds a lone ally in her 22-year-old granddaughter, Ari, who moves in with her for the summer.





<u>Girls of Summer</u> Nancy Thayer | FIC THAYER, N.

Skeptical about their mother's Nantucket romance with a younger man, siblings Juliet and Theo navigate their own tangled relationships involving an idealistic environmentalist and a girl fighting the trauma of a school tragedy.



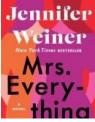
<u>Surfside Sisters</u> Nancy Thayer | FIC THAYER, N.

Returning to her Nantucket childhood home in the wake of personal and professional setbacks, novelist Keely Green is forced to face her estranged best friend, Isabelle. As Keely begins to fall for Isabelle's brother, things become complicated.



Big Summer Jennifer Weiner | FIC WEINER, J.

A woman confronts the dynamics of friendship and forgiveness while visiting Cape Cod to attend an old friend's increasingly disastrous wedding.



<u>Mrs. Everything</u> Jennifer Weiner | FIC WEINER, J.

Two sisters struggle to find their place, to be true to themselves, and to adapt to rapid changes happening throughout the latter half of 20th-century America.



Jennifer <u>That Summer</u> Jennifer Weiner | FIC WEINER, J.

Weiner That Summer While trying to pinpoint the root of her dissatisfaction with her life, Daisy Shoemaker begins receiving misdirected emails meant for another woman and starts living vicariously through this other person until she discovers that their connection is not completely accidental.