

## The Athenaeum's Summer Reading List

A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick FIC GOOLRI

Absolute Power by David Baldacci - This book is a great read, a real page turner. A murder mystery in reverse set in Washington, DC involving the FBI, the city police department and the White House. AUD BALDA, DVD ABS

Atmospheric Disturbances by Rivka Galchen FIC GALCHE

Barefoot by Elin Hilderbrand - The perfect beach read as a lot of it takes place on the beach. Two sisters and their friend head to Nantucket for the summer and each is battling their own burden- cancer, job loss and marital problems. But they all go through a transformation and the book ends up being a lot deeper than you expect. FIC HILDERB

Dark Tort by Diane Mott Davidson. If you like mysteries and cooking – this is the series for you. Goldy, a caterer, can't help herself getting involved in solving crimes in her town in Colorado. There are 12 books in the series, each one contains tasty recipes. MYS DAVIDSON

Gray Whale Inn Mysteries by Karen MacInerney - Texan Natalie Barnes risks everything to purchase the quaint, picture perfect Gray Whale Inn, on Maine's Cranberry Island. If all she had to worry about was preparing great breakfasts and booking guests, she'd be all set. Unfortunately, or fortunately for us, she keeps discovering murders. Books in the series include Murder on the Rocks, Dead and Berried, and Murder Most Maine. MYS MACIN

In Her Shoes by Jennifer Weiner - The perfect book about sisters and forging your own path in life. After one of the sister's betrays the other, they both set off on their own to change their lives, but reunite in the end, showing that the bond between sisters can't be broken. While this was made into a relatively good movie, the book is much better! FIC WEINER

Laura Rider's Masterpiece by Jane Hamilton FIC HAMILT

Listening to Stone by Dan Snow – Reflections on stone wall building and the tools of the craft. Includes beautiful photographs. 799 SNOW

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear – Set in England before, during and after World War I, this series combines political intrigue, romance, and, of course, a mystery to be solved. This series about the life and work of the main character is sure to get you hooked. Books in the series include: Maisie Dobbs, Birds of a Feather, Pardonable Lies, Messenger of Truth, An Incomplete Revenge, and Among the Mad. MYS DOBBS

Moonshell Beach by Nancy Thayer - Two friends, separated by many years, find each other again one summer and face struggles again. FIC THAYER

My Stroke of Insight: a brain scientist's personal journey by Jill Bolte Taylor 362.196 TAYLOR

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout - Beautifully written, this story brings poignant experiences to the reader through one focal character. Whether it is Olive herself, a family member, a neighbor or just someone who brushes past or through her life, we are witness to the intimate connections they all share. This winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction is a must read. FIC STROUT

Paul Newman, a life by Shawn Levy – A biography of the actor. 791.4302 LEVY

Resilience: reflection on the burdens and gifts of facing life's adventure by Elizabeth Edwards. 973.931 EDWARDS

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The Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani. A young woman in 17<sup>th</sup> century Persia finds her way as a brilliant designer of carpets in a time when men dominated this craft. FIC AMIRRE

The Gardner Heist by Ulrich Boser – An investigation into one of the greatest art thefts that is still unsolved. 364.16 BOSER

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson - The remarkable, bold, mysterious and surprising beginning of a mystery trilogy set in Sweden. The second book in the series, The Girl Who Played with Fire comes out in August. FIC LARSSON

The Scarecrow by Michael Connelly. Jack McEvoy, crime reporter for the Los Angeles Times is back on the trail of another killer. Great descriptions of how a newsroom works. MYS CONNE

The Secret Lives of Fortunate Wives by Sarah Strohmeyer - This book is very much a soap opera but is so funny you won't be able to put it down! FIC STOHM

The Secret of Lost Things by Sheridan Hay - This is a wonderful book for those who love stories about books, eccentric characters, and self discovery within the heart of New York City. As an extra bonus, take all this and add a literary mystery and you have a great summer read. FIC HAY

The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet by Reif Larson FIC LARSEN

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski - This first novel by Wroblewski is magnificent. The life story of Edgar Sawtelle and his dogs is written beautifully, Shakespearean in style, and grabs the reader from the first paragraph. A book that is hard to put down. FIC WROBLE

Unpacking the Boxes by Donald Hall - Mr. Hall's latest book is a memoir about living at his grandparents' farm in New Hampshire. He spent many happy years living there with his wife, the poet, Jane Kenyon. This is the story of the boxes stored away for many years from their life together and what was saved from his grandparents' and his parents' lives. It is a comforting story and one we can all relate to. 811 HALL