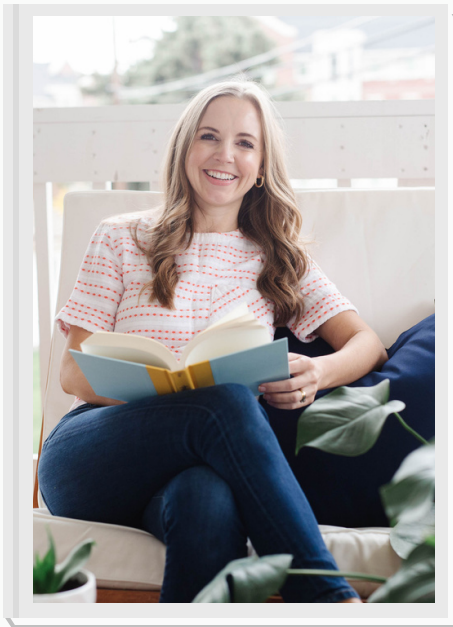


A top-down view of a wooden slatted table. On the table are several books: a large blue one in the foreground, a red one partially visible behind it, a purple one to the left, and a white one with a green cover at the top. A pair of gold-rimmed aviator sunglasses with reflective lenses sits on the white book. To the right, a white plate holds several slices of yellow lemons. Large green leaves are visible in the top right and bottom right corners.

2022 summer reading guide





Hi friends,

I'm so excited for you to have the eighth annual Summer Reading Guide in your hands (er, inbox).

Summer reading is the best kind of reading, whether you're hanging out at home or headed off on an adventure. I still have the best

memories of waking up before the rest of my family and reading in the quiet of our tent on a summer camping trip when I was pre-teen (the book was *Magic for Marigold* by L. M. Montgomery, if you're curious). I hope some of the books in this guide become part of the fabric of your 2022 summer memories.

Like every year, the Summer Reading Guide is divided into categories and each book has the year of publication and the number of pages or the audio runtime. One of the things that sets the Everyday Reading Summer Reading Guide apart is that it always includes lots of older titles as well as brand new releases - I know that most of you, like me, are heavy library users and it's beyond frustrating when every book has a hold line 25 weeks long and you'll actually be reading the Summer Reading Guide picks next January or February.

There are also lots of fun extras in the Summer Reading Guide that I hope you'll enjoy, from extra book picks to tips for using your library or engaging with your kids and books.

I can't wait to see which books you pick up and enjoy - please share and tag me on Instagram (@everydayreading) so I can take a peek!

Happy reading,
Janssen

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chick lit



THE PARTY CRASHER

by Sophie Kinsella

Effie's parents got divorced two years earlier and it's been a rocky road for her since then. Now her dad is selling the beloved house she grew up in and Effie refuses to attend the farewell party her dad's new girlfriend is throwing. Until she remembers a beloved treasure hidden in the house and she's not going to let the house be sold before she retrieves it. The party is the perfect cover for her to break in and find it!

352 pages

Published: 2021



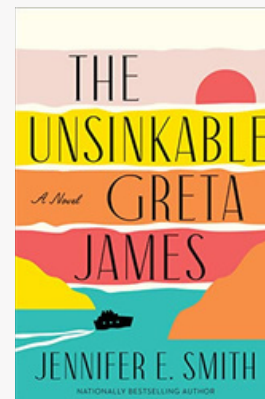
THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY

by Jenny Han

This start to a trilogy (all three of which have been out for years) follows Belly who lives for summers at the beach house with her mom's best friend and her two handsome teenage sons. They've always been more like brothers to her, but this year, Belly isn't a little girl anymore and those boys are starting to notice. This one is coming to Netflix in June, so it's the perfect time to read it now before it hits the screen.

304 pages

Published: 2020



THE UNSINKABLE GRETA JAMES

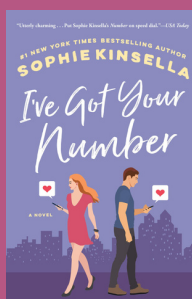
by Jennifer E. Smith

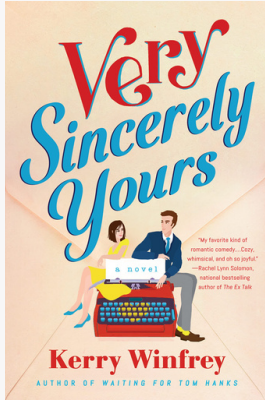
Greta James is a successful indie musician - or at least she was, until her mom died and she publicly fell apart on stage. Now her brother has roped her into going on a cruise with their dad (a cruise that was supposed to be for her parents' 40th anniversary), and she unwillingly goes along since her relationship with her dad has been rocky for years.

320 pages

Published: 2022

If you love the *Party Crasher*, these are my four other favorite Kinsella novels





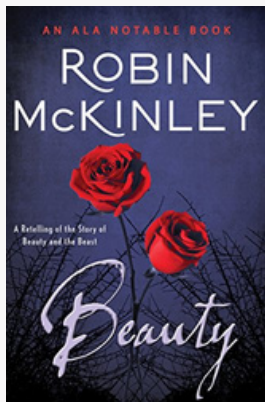
VERY SINCERELY YOURS

by Kerry Winfrey

This one has a "You've Got Mail" vibe where two strangers strike up a correspondence relationship, without realizing they know each other in real life too. Teddy works at a vintage toy store and feels like she has nothing going for her in her life. Everett runs a local children's TV show that Teddy watches religiously.

384 pages

Published: 2021



BEAUTY

by Robin McKinley

This Beauty and the Beast retelling gives you way more backstory for Beauty's family and I really love her sisters and their sweet relationship. It has such great character development and it's just a delight all around.

264 pages

Published: 2014

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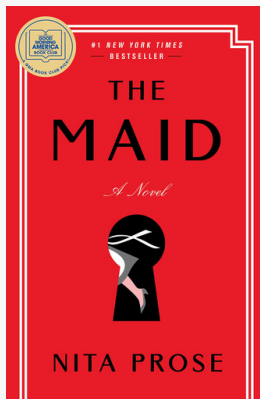


FINLAY DONOVAN IS KILLING IT

by Elle Cosimano

Finlay Donovan is having a rough go of it since her husband left her. She's trying to keep herself and her two small children afloat with her job as a writer, but her next book is overdue and basically non-existent. And then someone mistakes her for a hitwoman & offers her an enormous sum to take care of a troublesome husband. The money would go a loooooong way. . . .but there is no way a suburban mom is going to kill some guy for a paycheck. Right?

377 pages / 10 hours
Published: 2021



THE MAID

by Nita Prose

Molly Gray is a maid in a very upscale hotel - a job she loves because it's orderly and predictable and she doesn't have to interact too much with other people, which is a struggle for her. But that orderly life goes out the window when she goes to clean the room of a wealthy and well-known guest and finds him dead in his bed. And Molly is the primary suspect!

280 pages / 9 hours
Published: 2022

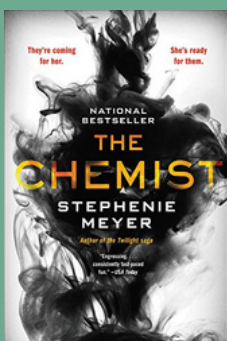


WHAT THE WIND KNOWS

by Amy Harmon

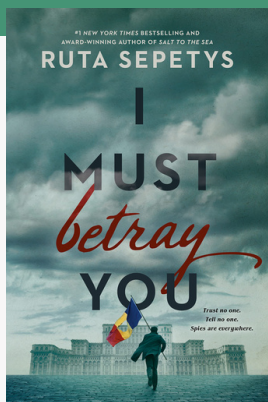
Don't skip the audio version of this time travel novel of an American woman raised by her Irish grandfather who, after his death, returns to Ireland to spread his ashes and finds herself transported back nearly a hundred years, with war about to break out. This book has it all - history, romance, time travel, and an ending you'll love.

416 pages / 12 hours
Published: 2019



Want another story of an accidental assassin?
The Chemist by Stephenie Meyer
is a former Summer Reading Guide pick and terrific on audio - the dialogue is laugh out loud funny!





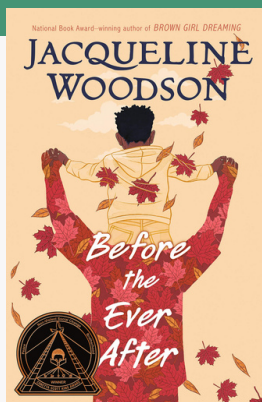
I MUST BETRAY YOU

by Ruta Sepetys

If you don't know anything about Communist Romania in the 1980s, you definitely aren't alone, but this book will suck you right into the story of 17-year-old Cristian who is blackmailed into becoming an informer and has to decide between protecting himself and his family and risking it all to share Romania's story with the world.

336 pages / 7 hours

Published: 2022



BEFORE THE EVER AFTER

by Jacqueline Woodson

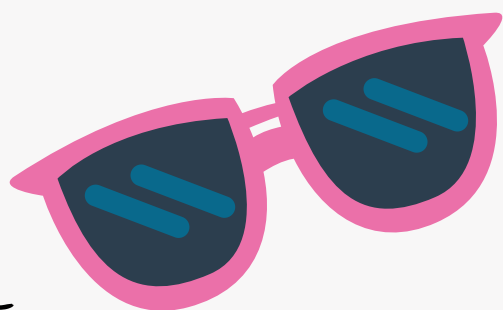
This novel in verse is about ZJ who has grown up with a football star dad, beloved by neighbors and family and millions of fans alike. But now, his dad is suffering the effects of years of head injuries - he's losing many of his memories and struggling with anger that pops up at a moment's notice. ZJ has always loved having a pro football player for a dad, but now it feels like those glory years weren't worth the price their whole family is paying now.

175 pages / 2 hours

Published: 2020



my favorite
apps
for listening to
audiobooks





nonfiction



**FOUR THOUSAND
WEEKS**
by Oliver Burkeman

You've probably never read a time management book quite like this. It is NOT all about tips and tricks for squishing more things into your day, and instead steps back and acknowledges that we all have finite amount of time - no productivity hacks will ever give us more of it. Instead, what we have to do is make choices about how we're going to spend that time and prioritize the things that really matter to us.

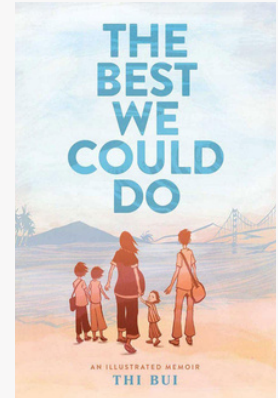
288 pages
Published: 2021



**WE SHOULD ALL BE
MILLIONAIRES**
by Rachel Rodgers

This money and finance book is full of practical tips, not just high level information. Rachel Rodgers, a mother of four, attorney, and self-made millionaire, shares what she's learned on her own path to seven figure status, plus how she's helped hundreds of other women do the same. Funny, useful, and different from any money book I've ever read, I can't stop talking about this one.

304 pages
Published: 2021



THE BEST WE COULD DO
by Thi Bui

Thi Bui's parents fled Vietnam after the South fell in the 1970s and came to America. But it wasn't easy - not for her parents and their children. The book begins as the author gives birth to her own child and looks back at what her parents sacrificed for her and her siblings and what it cost them. This book spans decades - how her parents' lives changed from their vastly different childhood, their early marriage, their struggles as parents, and their experiences growing old in a foreign country.

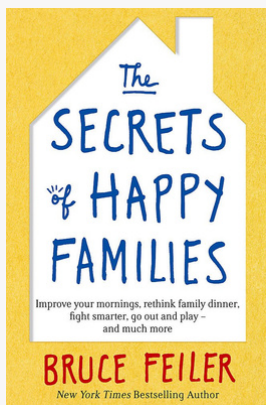
344 pages
Published: 2018



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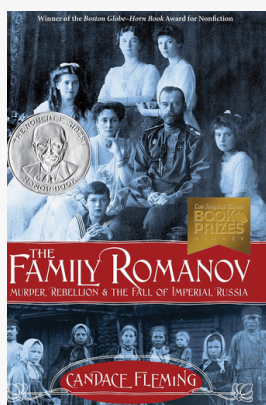
THE SECRETS OF HAPPY FAMILIES

by Bruce Feiler

If you could use a little parenting help as summer gets underway, this one is super readable and packed with actionable ideas, from how to make your days go more smoothly, to how to help your children feel more connected to your family. There are more than 200 ideas in this book, but the author knows that's way too many for any family to implement - take what works for you and leave the rest, guilt free!

320 pages

Published: 2013



THE FAMILY ROMANOV

by Candace Fleming

Candace Fleming is a master at bringing history to life in an interesting and accessible way and this book is no exception. It focuses on the Romanov family (most famous because of their daughter Anastasia) but also gives an excellent look at Imperial Russia and how it fell, opening the way for the Russia we see today.

304 pages

Published: 2014

library tips

- 1 Put books on hold! Whether you have busy little kids with you that makes it hard to visit the adult section, or the books are all checked out, it's great to have the librarians collect them for you and have them ready to grab when you visit!
- 2 If your library doesn't have a book you want to read, request that they buy it! Libraries want to have the books their patrons want, so let them know what books you'd love to see on the shelves. Here's a primer on how to request a book purchase!
<https://everyday-reading.com/request-library-to-buy-book/>
- 3 Consider getting an e-reader (I personally love a Kindle). It makes it so much easier to access your library's e-book collection, and it's 100x better of a reader experience than reading on your phone.





page-turning novels



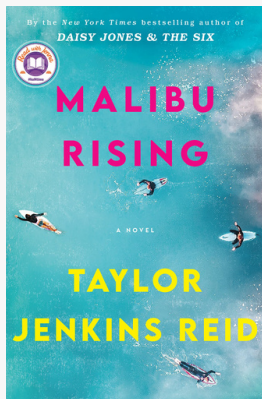
THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME

by Laura Dave

Hannah Hall married Owen Michaels a year ago. Now he's disappeared, leaving only a note with two words, "Protect her." The "her" in the note is Owen's teenager daughter Bailey who does not care for her stepmother at all. But they'll have to work together as the FBI gets involved and it quickly becomes clear that Owen isn't who his wife or his daughter thought he was.

320 pages

Published: 2021



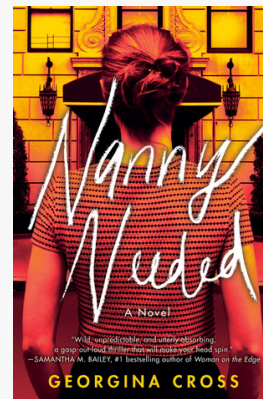
MALIBU RISING

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Every year, the four Riva siblings host an epic end-of-summer party and it draws a massive crowd thanks to their own celebrity status as surfers/supermodels/photographers, plus their dad's notoriety as one of the most legendary singers of all time. But this year, all four of them are nervous about the party for their own reasons. One way or another, it's going to be a night to remember.

384 pages

Published: 2021



NANNY NEEDED

by Georgina Cross

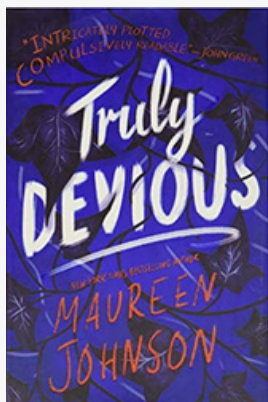
Sarah Larsen is desperate for a new job and when she finds a notice for a nanny position in her building's lobby, it feels like a golden ticket. And when she lands the job with the wealthy NYC family, she's ecstatic enough to overlook the red flags that start popping up almost immediately, like the mother who never leaves the apartment on her own or the mystery of the former nanny.

368 pages

Published: 2021

If you want trigger or content warnings before you start a book, **STORYGRAPH** is a TERRIFIC resource for this - it's free and you can see both author added warnings plus ones added by other readers.

Be warned that the warnings are so comprehensive that they can be a little overwhelming, but I hope this will be a helpful resource if there are topics you'd rather avoid.



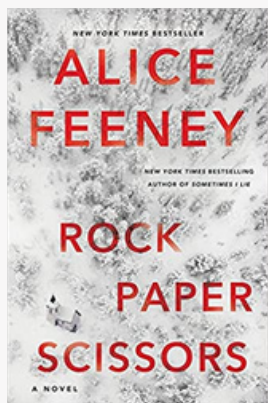
TRULY DEVIOUS

by Maureen Johnson

Stevie Bell is a true-crime lover and the crime that most intrigues her? The kidnapping at private school Ellingham Academy nearly a century earlier. The school was designed for bright young thinkers but shortly after it opened, the founder's wife and daughter were kidnapped and the crime was never solved. Be aware that the first book ends on a total cliffhanger - the three books are basically one story split into thirds.

432 pages

Published: 2018



ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

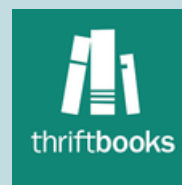
by Alice Feeney

This twisty thriller follows a couple who win a weekend away in Scotland and hope a change of scenery will save their crumbling marriage. But when they arrive at the church-turned-hotel and find it empty, it's clear that there is more to this trip than meets the eye. How did they win this trip, anyway?

297 pages

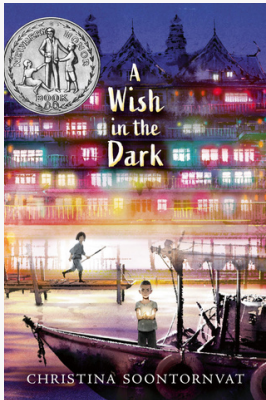
Published: 2021

where to find *books* on a budget





books for the family



A WISH IN THE DARK

by Christina Soontornvat

Pong is the hero of this fantasy novel inspired by Les Mis - he was born in prison and manages to escape, only to realize that life outside the prison is just as challenging, especially for a fugitive being chased down by the prison warden's daughter, Nok. But Nok has her own secrets and as she hunts down Pong, she'll have to decide how to choose between the laws of the land and real justice.

385 pages

Published: 2021



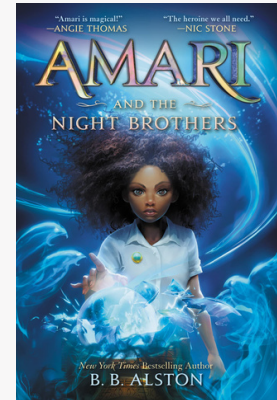
HISTORY SMASHERS: THE TITANIC

by Kate Messner

For the non-fiction lovers, this History Smashers series is an absolute home run. This volume is all about the Titanic - what really happened, what questions are unanswered, and what are complete myths (and how did they gain popularity?). Don't miss the other books in this series, including ones about the Mayflower, Pearl Harbor, the Revolutionary War, and one coming out this month about the Underground Railroad.

224 pages

Published: 2021



AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS

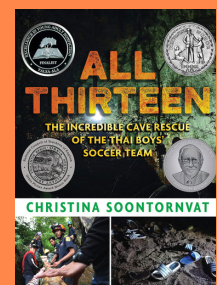
by B.B. Alston

Amari is mourning the disappearance of her beloved older brother, but she isn't willing to give up hope that he's still alive. Then she gets a pre-recorded message from him, telling her that there is a supernatural world she's known nothing about. Amari is willing to do whatever it takes to find out what happened to her brother, even if that means going up against kids who have known about magic all their lives and don't want her joining their ranks.

413 pages

Published: 2021

Two other *cannot miss books*
by Christina Soontornvat that
the whole family will enjoy





3 tips for summer reading with *kids*

- 1 Let your kids do something while you read to them - color, build with LEGOs, painting nails, cutting paper into strips! It can be anything that keeps their hands busy while they listen and the research shows that they'll actually retain more while they listen!
- 2 If you hate to read aloud, let an audiobook do the reading instead while you cuddle with your child or color along with them! There's no rule that you have to be the one actually doing the reading.
- 3 Quit a book that isn't working for you. I usually give it a few chapters because my children always hate a new book in the first chapter, but if it's not gripping you by the third or fourth chapter, set it aside and pick something else! When it's a great book, everyone wants to KEEP reading. If it's lousy, you'll all find any excuse not to read.



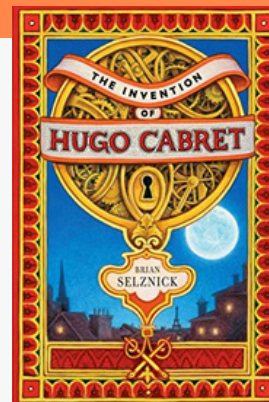
A PLACE TO HANG THE MOON by Kate Albus

When three young children lose their grandmother during WWII, they find themselves orphans with no place to go. Until their grandmother's lawyer suggests that they go to the English countryside with all the children being shipped out of the city for safety.

Their hope is to see if they can find a temporary family to take them in and cross their fingers that it might turn into a permanent situation.

195 pages

Published: 2021

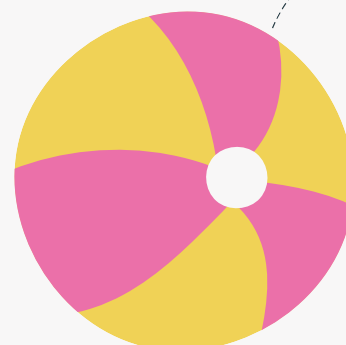


THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET by Brian Selznick

This highly illustrated novel follows Hugo Cabret, a young orphan who lives in a little apartment inside the walls of a Paris train station and attends to all the clocks. In his spare time, he is also working on a secret project, for which he must steal parts from the mechanical toy shop in the train station. Naturally, he's going to get caught by the grumpy toy store owner, but Hugo will find a way to succeed regardless.

533 pages

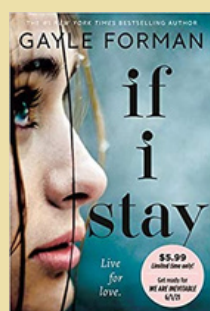
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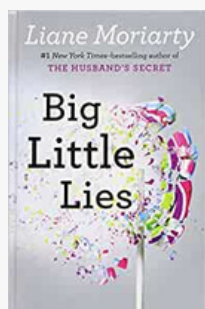
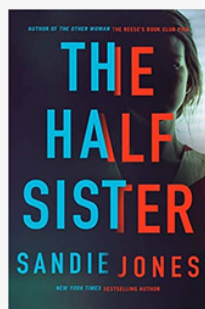
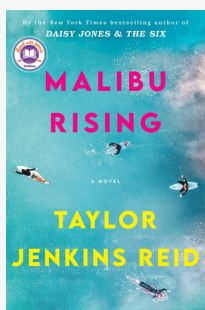
blast from the past

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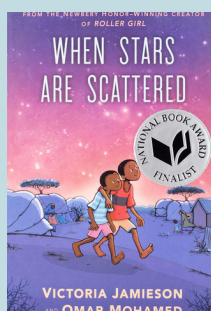
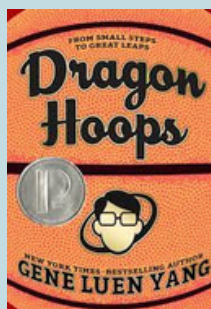
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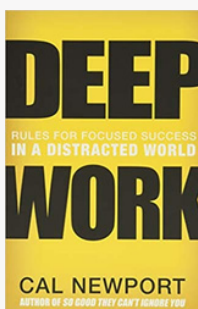
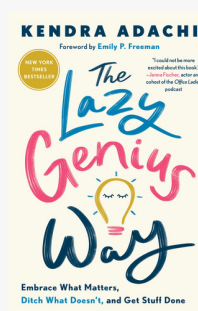
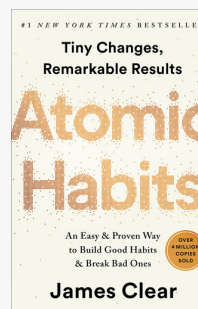
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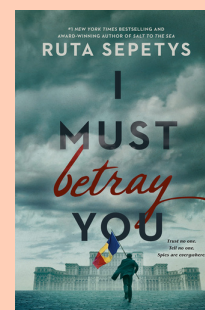
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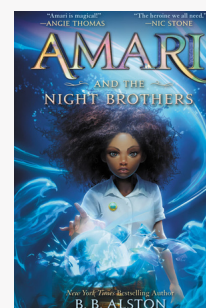
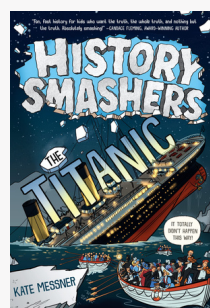
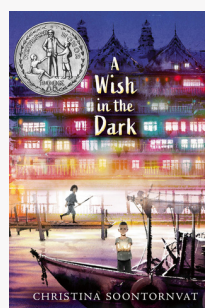
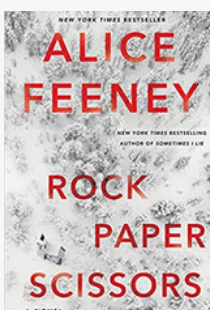
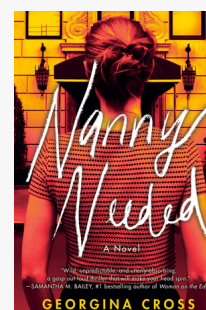
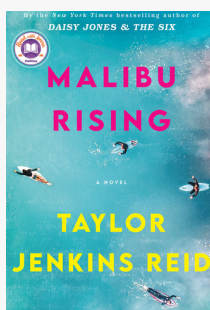
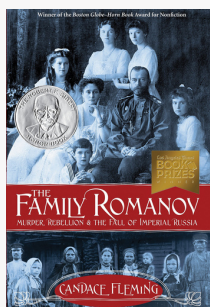
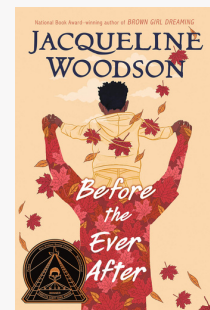
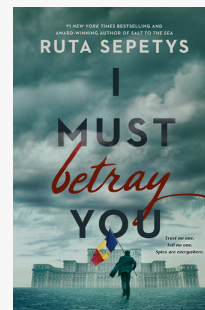
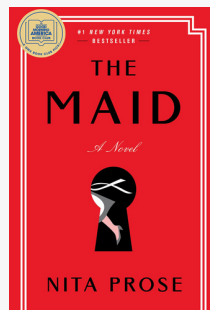
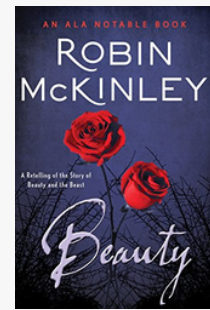
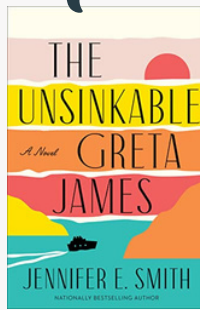
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my *summer* book list



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