

# ***Great Beach Reading Book List***

Summer is here and the reading is good, so grab a towel and a great book and head to the nearest lounge chair for some sun and a great read.

**Catherine Anderson**

**Summer Breeze**

Forced into seclusion after a brutal attack takes the lives of her family, Rachel Hollister must open the doors of her home to her guardian Joseph Paxton, who, after one encounter with this spirited beauty, realizes that it is not protection that she needs, but love.

**Julie Carobini**

**Chocolate Beach**

Bri Stone enjoys life as a laid-back beach girl with a distinguished attorney husband, a teenage son who surfs, and a thrilling job as a coastal bus tour host, but when she discovers that her husband has grown tired of her laidback ways, Bri decides to reinvent herself--and their home--to win him back, uncovering the truth about her family, her marriage, and herself.

**Jennifer Colt**

**The Vampire of Venice Beach**

Hired to escort their friend Darby Applewhite, a.k.a. Ephemera, Queen of the Undead, in her hearse through the annual Venice Goth parade, crime-fighting identical twins Kerry and Terry McAfee are stunned when their client turns up dead in the middle of the festivities.

**Claire Cook**

**Life's a Beach**

Dreaming of becoming an artist while living above her parents' garage, forty-one-year-old Ginger pursues a relationship with a commitment-phobic man and babysits her sister's kids while overseeing her eccentric family's descent into dysfunctional chaos.

**W. Dale Cramer**

**Summer of Light**

After a bizarre accident, construction worker Mick Brannigan is forced into the role of stay-at-home dad while his wife Layne returns to a law firm. Layne is not confident that her husband is up to the task of training and caring for their children, but Mick dives in to manage the house, the children, and a menagerie of animals, including a goat and a diabolically intelligent dog.

**Ian McEwan**

**On Chesil Beach**

On their wedding day, a young couple--Florence, daughter of an Oxford academic and a successful businessman, and Edward, an earnest history student with little experience of women--looks forward to the future while worrying about their upcoming wedding night.

**Emily Mitchell**

**The Last Summer of the World**

Arriving in France at the height of World War I to provide photography services to the American army, Edward Steichen remembers the time he spent there with his wife and daughters and is shattered when he is accused of infidelity, a situation that forces him to evaluate the past.

**Paulina Porizkova**

**A Model Summer**

A tale based on the author's experience as a supermodel follows the story of fifteen-year-old Jirina, a Swedish misfit who undergoes a remarkable transformation that launches her modeling career in Paris, where she is subjected to an entirely different variety of criticism, challenges, temptations, and heartbreak.

**Lisa Samson**

**Quaker Summer**

Heather Curridge is coming unhinged and people are starting to notice. What's wrong with a woman who has everything--a mansion on a lake, a loving son, a heart-surgeon husband, and soapstone countertops--yet still feels miserable inside? When Heather spends the summer with two ancient Quaker sisters and a crusty nun in a downtown homeless shelter, she suddenly finds herself at a crossroads.

**Helen Schulman**

**A Day at the Beach**

In a novel that takes place over the course of an eventful twenty-four hours, the troubled marriage of famed choreographer Gerhard Falktopf and his dancer wife Suzannah is profoundly affected by the events of September 11th.

**Miriam Toews**

**Summer of My Amazing Luck**

Lucy Von Alstyne sends fictitious letters to her friend Alicia, pretending to be the father of Alicia's twins, and the two welfare mothers and their five children set off on a journey to find him, facing along the way the complications of living in poverty and raising fatherless children.

**Susan Wiggs**

**Summer at Willow Lake**

When her grandparents request one last summer together with the whole family at an old resort camp in the Catskills, Olivia Bellamy hires contractor Connor Davis to fix up the camp, but gets more than she bargained for when the renovations unearth shocking secrets and searing passion.

**Hilma Wolitzer**

**Summer Reading**

The lives of three very different women--Lissy Snyder, an insecure newlywed and unwilling stepmother; her nosey housecleaner, Michelle; and Angela Graves, the head of a local book group--intersect over the course of a summer in the Hamptons.