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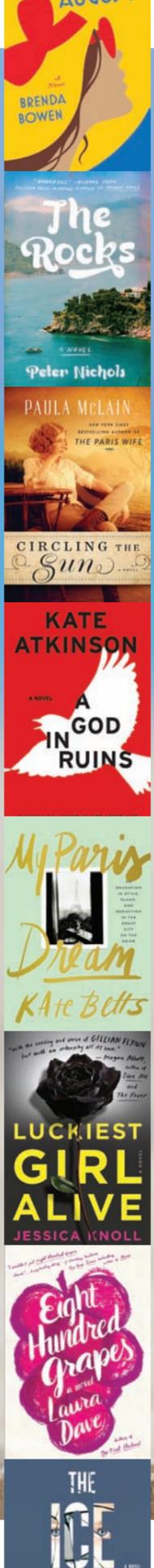
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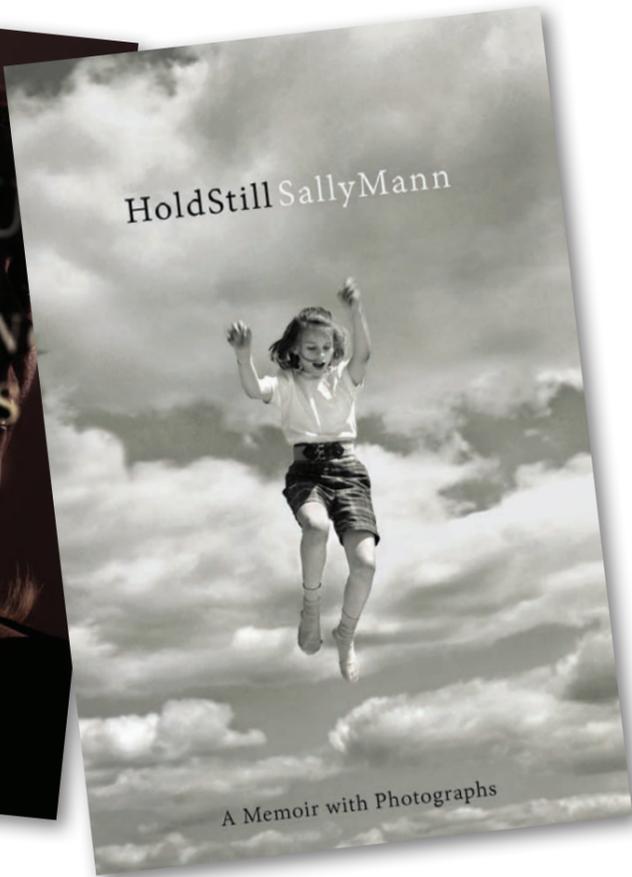
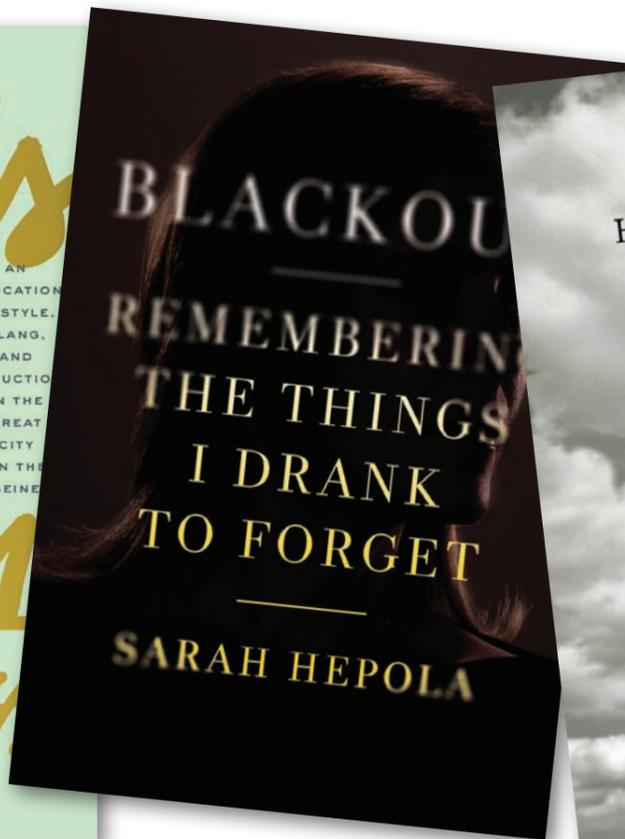
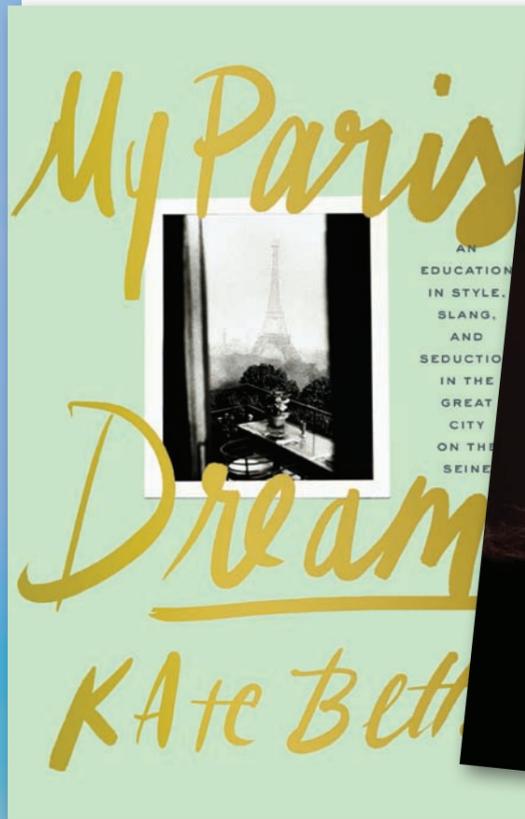
hottest SUMMER BEACH READS

Summer is finally here! Whether you find yourself in East Hampton, Tuscany, Nantucket or even in the quiet of your own backyard, there will always be the need for an entertaining, absorbing book. From murder to memoirs, this is your ultimate summer reading list. Plus: Local authors' favorite picks.

By HOLLY PARMELEE

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BEATRIZ WILLIAMS

“*Villa America* by Liza Klaussmann (\$26) plunges us into the lives of Sara and Gerald Murphy, who hosted all the greats of the Jazz Age in their villa in the south of France. It’s an enthralling read from the

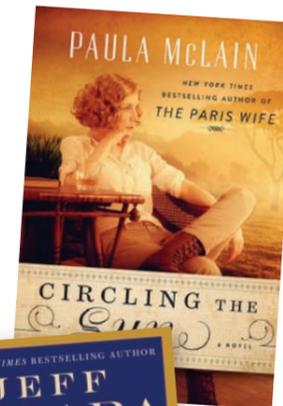


first page—an absolute must for anyone who loves Hemingway and Fitzgerald and all the rest of the Lost Generation. —author of *Tiny Little Thing* (\$27)

Historical FICTION

Circling the Sun: A Novel

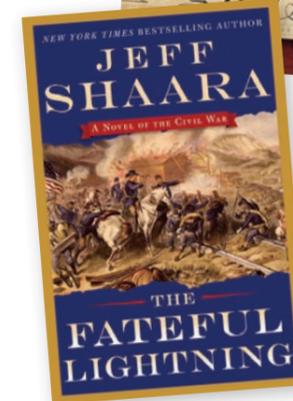
BY PAULA MCLAIN
\$28
Paula McLain, author of the phenomenal bestseller *The Paris Wife*, returns with a riveting historical novel of colonial Africa in the 1920s based on the life of aviator Beryl Markham. Filled with safari trips, royal flirtations, affairs, love triangles and scandal inspired by Markham’s rebellious life, it’s impossible to put it down.



by Pataki’s rich, historical novel about Sisi the Austro-Hungarian empress and enchanting wife of Emperor Franz Joseph, a member of one of history’s most intriguing royal families.

The Fateful Lightning: A Novel of the Civil War

BY JEFF SHAARA
\$28
The long-awaited final installment in the Civil War series that tells the dramatic story of the last bloody eight months of the battle from the perspectives of commanders to foot soldiers. Meticulously researched and beautifully written, this concluding volume will not disappoint.



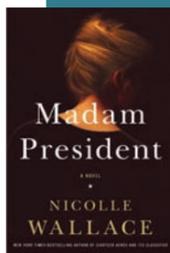
The Accidental Empress: A Novel

BY ALLISON PATAKI
\$27
If you like reading about 19th century royal life, forbidden love and political intrigue then this book is for you. You will be captivated



MIKA BRZEZINSKI

“I’m reading *Madam President: A Novel* by Nicolle Wallace. It’s *Scandal* meets 24. Nicolle’s experience in the media and inside the White House combined with her knowledge of history makes for some truly fantastic plot lines.”



—Co-host of *Morning Joe* and author of *Grow Your Value* (\$26)

Memorable MEMOIRS

My Paris Dream: An Education in Style, Slang and Seduction in the Great City on the Seine

BY KATE BETTS • \$27

Former *Vogue* and *Harper’s Bazaar* editor Kate Betts shares memories about living and working in Paris as a writer covering the fashion beat after graduating college. Filled with fun, dishy stories of the fashion world and hanging with Parisians, this charming memoir is also an ode to a youthful time when Betts was starting to figure out who she was and what she really wanted from life.

Blackout: Remembering the Things I Drank to Forget

BY SARAH HEPOLA • \$26

A brutally honest, brave and surprisingly funny memoir about a woman coming to terms with her alcoholism and the new, sober life she never wanted. Along with her riveting personal story, Hepola examines the physiological effects of drinking, and why some people are prone to alcohol-induced blackouts.

Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs

BY SALLY MANN • \$32

A revealing family portrait in words and pictures from renowned photographer Sally Mann. Probably best known for her controversial naked photographs of her children, this luminous memoir confronts Mann’s life and career before and after those infamous photographs were taken, providing a fascinating insight into an artist’s life.

MIKA: PATRICK JAMES MILLER

Murder & MAYHEM

Bradstreet Gate: A Novel

BY ROBIN KIRMAN • \$26

Just before graduation, a scandalous murder on a privileged college campus occurs, and a charismatic as well as seductive professor is suspected of the much-talked-about crime. Is he guilty or innocent? Youthful friendships and loyalties are tested as three close friends connected with the professor look back on the murder 10 years later.

The Ice Twins: A Novel

BY S.K. TREMAYNE • \$26

A remote Scottish island is the setting for this gothic thriller about the death of an identical twin girl and the effect it has on her shattered family as they realize they are not positive which twin died and which one lived. Filled with secrets and lies, this haunting psychological tale will keep you in suspense until the shocking conclusion.

WILLIAMS: MARILYN ROOS

Luckiest Girl Alive: A Novel

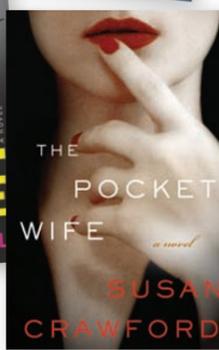
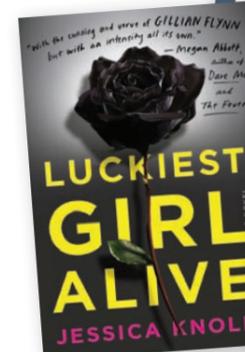
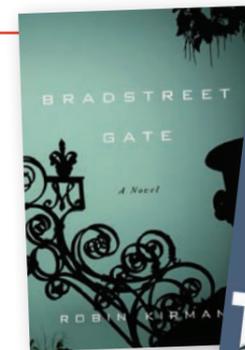
BY JESSICA KNOLL • \$25

After a traumatic event in high school, Ani FaNelli has worked hard to create what she thinks is a perfect life for herself—a glamorous career, sophisticated friends and a gorgeous fiancé. But will she be able to escape her long-buried secrets? (The movie rights have already been bought by Reese Witherspoon.)

The Pocket Wife: A Novel

BY SUSAN CRAWFORD • \$26

Dana Catrell, a woman struggling with bipolar disorder, cannot remember if she murdered her friend while in a blackout state. As Dana’s mind teeters on the edge, someone seems bent on making her feel even crazier and possibly guilty. This psychological thriller and complex mystery will keep you guessing about what is real and what is not until the final page.



Literary FICTION

The Marriage of Opposites: A Novel

BY ALICE HOFFMAN • \$28

Alice Hoffman, the bestselling author of *The Dovekeepers* and *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, returns with a lyrical, magical tale of forbidden love set in St. Thomas in the 1800s. The novel reimagines the life of Rachel, the fascinating and complicated woman who gave birth to the painter Camille Pissarro—the father of Impressionism.

The Bookseller: A Novel

BY CYNTHIA SWANSON • \$26

Reminiscent of the movie *Sliding Doors* in terms of life paths that could have been taken, *The Bookseller* explores the question: “If we could rewrite our own history, would we?” Kitty’s recent dreams take her into an alternate life with slight but crucial changes to the one she is living. In one world she is happily married with a family. In the other she is a single woman with a career. This compelling and original novel does not reveal which life is the reality and which is the dream until the final pages.

A God in Ruins: A Novel

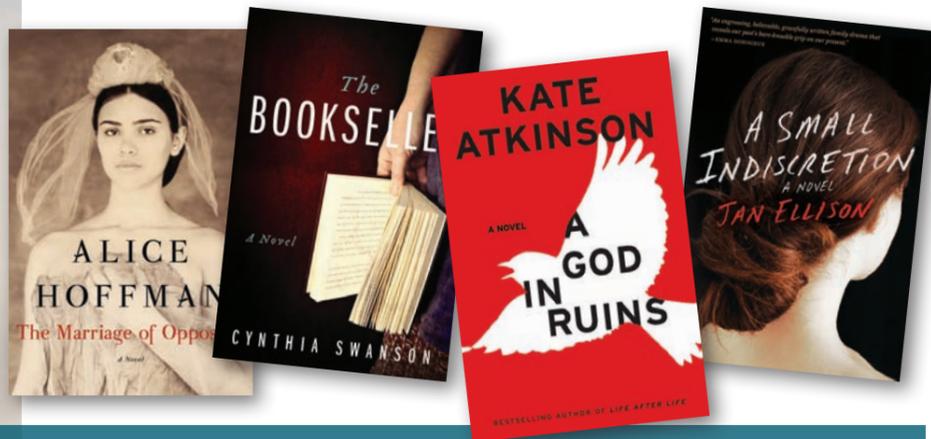
BY KATE ATKINSON • \$28

A sequel of sorts to Kate Atkinson’s No. 1 bestseller *Life After Life*, *A God in Ruins* tells the story of Teddy (brother of Ursula Todd, the protagonist of *Life After Life*) as he navigates childhood, war, aging and family in the 20th century. Expect this title to be nominated for literary prizes next year.

A Small Indiscretion: A Novel

BY JAN ELLISON • \$27

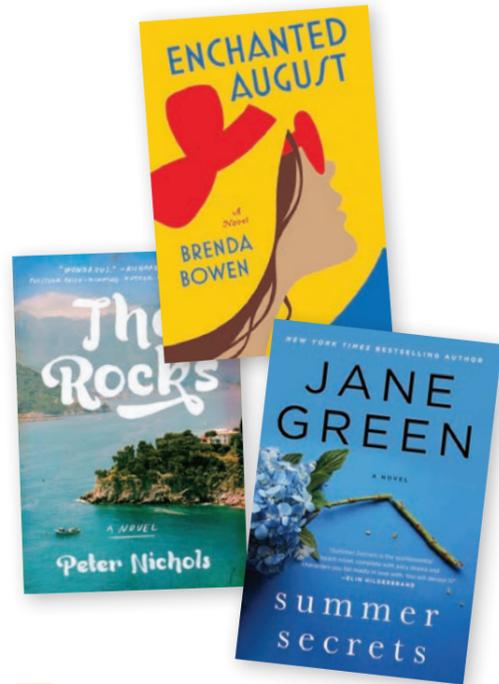
Annie Black’s past comes back to haunt her present when she receives a photo in the mail that could have serious ramifications for her marriage and family. This suspenseful, page-turning literary debut explores how one seemingly inconsequential decision can affect the rest of one’s life.



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- Elm Street Books, 35 Elm St., New Canaan, CT, 203-966-4545
- The Village Bookstore, 10 Washington Ave., Pleasantville, NY, 914-769-8322



Escapist READING

Enchanted August: A Novel

BY BRENDA BOWEN
\$28

Who wouldn’t want to escape for a summer month to a picture-perfect island in Maine? A reimagining of the beloved classic *Enchanted April*, this charming novel gathers a cast of imperfect, not-so-happy characters all with different reasons for craving a month in the country.

The Rocks: A Novel

BY PETER NICHOLS
\$28

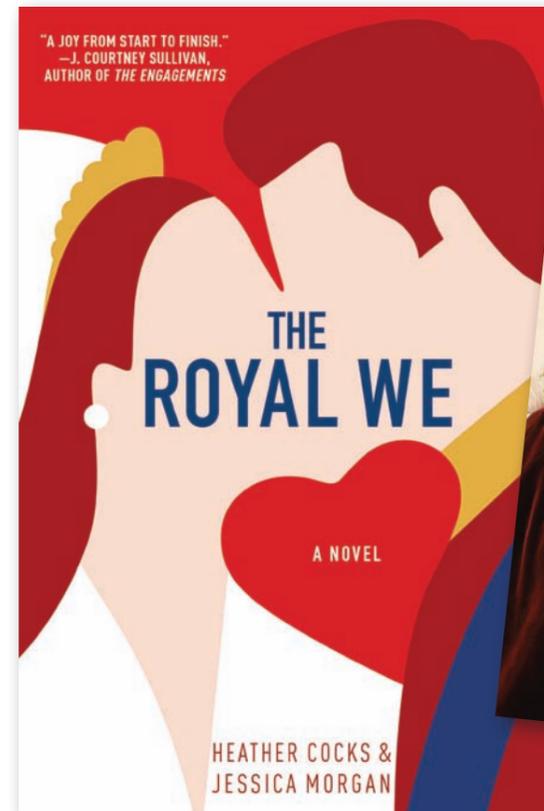
A glamorous Mediterranean seaside resort is the setting for this bittersweet double love story told in reverse chronology from 2005 back to 1948, when newlyweds Gerald and Lulu were

honeymooning on the island. Flashbacks provide answers to the mystery of their ill-fated romance and the 60-year secret that drove them apart.

Summer Secrets: A Novel

BY JANE GREEN
\$27

Jane Green’s latest novel is deeper than the breezy title implies. The well-written and engaging story follows main character Cat through the highs and lows of her life struggling with alcoholism. When Cat discovers a shocking secret from her mother’s life, she returns to the Nantucket of her childhood to find out who she really is, and to finally make amends with her estranged family.



Romantic READS

The Royal We: A Novel

BY HEATHER COCKS AND JESSICA MORGAN • \$26

A breezy, juicy tale of young love based on the real-life courtship of Prince William and Kate—except in this version, Kate is American Bex Porter who spends a semester at Oxford and falls in love with Prince Nicholas. This charming tale is for Anglophiles, royal lovers, and anyone in the mood for a clever, funny love story that reveals the inside scoop on what it’s like to be a royal insider.

Tiny Little Thing: A Novel

BY BEATRIZ WILLIAMS • \$26

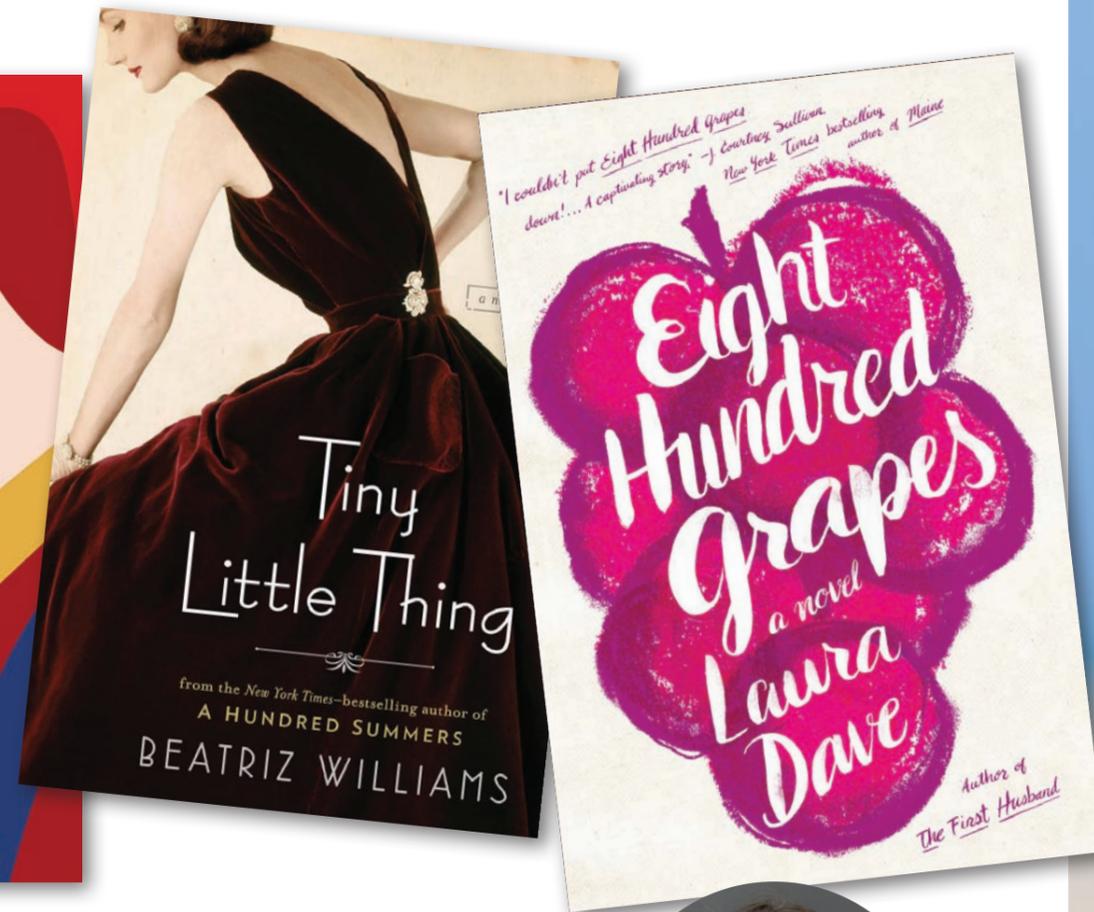
Greenwich, CT author Beatriz Williams never disappoints with her consistently well-written novels about love, intrigue and family dynamics. *Tiny Little Thing* introduces Christina Hardcastle—known as Tiny—and her “perfect” life married to the scion of a wealthy political family. All is not what it seems as the glossy façade begins to crumble during the summer at the family estate in Cape Cod. No question, you will root for Tiny to find true love and happiness.

Eight Hundred Grapes: A Novel

BY LAURA DAVE • \$25

A week before her wedding, Georgia Ford discovers that her fiancé has kept an explosive secret that could destroy her future life with him. She flees to her family’s vineyard in Sonoma’s wine country, only to discover that her fiancé is not the only one who has been keeping secrets. A funny novel about love, marriage, family and the romantic choices we make in life. Uncork a bottle of California wine and enjoy!

GREEN: IAN WARBURG



JANE GREEN,

“I’m reading *I Take You: A Novel* by Eliza Kennedy. It’s wickedly smart, hilariously funny, sexy, clever and stupidly accomplished for a first novel. I have not laughed this hard or this much at a book since *Bridget Jones’s Diary*.”
—author of *Summer Secrets* (\$27)

