

Our Readers Recommend...

Books recommended by the participants in the 2007 Adult Summer Reading Club

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title and reader comments (when available)</u>
Elizabeth Adler	<i>Invitation to Provence</i> – “A gifted writer.”
Ginny Aiken	<i>Light of My Heart</i>
Bruce Alexander	<i>Murder in Grub Street</i> – “1700s London, a very different ‘hero,’ colorful people, absorbing story line.”
Lance Armstrong	<i>It’s Not About the Bike</i> – “Very good.”
Russell Ash	<i>The Top 10 of Everything</i>
Nancy Atherton	<i>Aunt Dimity and the Deep Blue Sea</i> – “Catches and holds your attention; twists and turns surprise you.”
Paul Auster	<i>Travels in the Scriptorium</i>
Richard Bachman	<i>Blaze</i> – “A quick read with a main character that you should hate, but love.”
Donald Bain	<i>Brandy and Bullets: A Murder She Wrote Mystery</i> – “Fantastic.”
David Baldacci	<i>The Christmas Train</i> – “Plot twists left you to scratch your head and ask yourself ‘How come I didn’t see that?’”
David Baldacci	<i>Wish You Well</i> – “A great story about a family sticking together.”
Jefferson Bass	<i>Flesh and Bone</i> – “This book kept me guessing up until the end of the book. I like the forensics in the book.”
Sally Beauman	<i>Rebecca’s Tale</i> – “Sequel to DuMaurier’s <i>Rebecca</i> .”
Gregory Benford	<i>The Martian Race</i> – “Great hard science and very topical for today’s issues.”
Ann Benson	<i>The Plague Tales</i>
William Bernhardt	<i>Capitol Threat</i>
Maeve Binchy	<i>Echoes</i> – “This was the very first book by Maeve Binchy that I read – since then I’ve read every one she wrote.”
Maeve Binchy	<i>Quentins</i>
Maeve Binchy	<i>Whitethorn Woods</i>
Larry Bond	<i>The Enemy Within</i>
C.J. Box	<i>In Plain Sight</i>

Ann Brashares	<i>The Last Summer (of You and Me)</i>
Sandra Brown	<i>Chill Factor</i> – “Not predictable; its plot had a twist!”
Sandra Brown	<i>Ricochet</i>
Deena Burnett	<i>Living Life Beyond Ourselves: Fighting Back: Defining Moments in the Life of an American Hero, Tom Burnett</i> – “A story about 9/11.”
Rhonda Byrne	<i>The Secret</i> – “Excellent book – great insights, inspirational.”
Meg Cabot	<i>Queen of Babble</i>
Meg Cabot	<i>Queen of Babble in the Big City</i>
Stella Cameron	<i>A Marked Man</i>
Philip Caputo	<i>The Voyage</i> – “Very good read!”
Peter Ames Carlin	<i>Catch a Wave: The Rise, Fall and Redemption of the Beach Boys’ Brian Wilson</i>
Jennifer Chiaverini	<i>Circle of Quilters</i> – “Traditions of quilt makers.”
Lee Child	<i>Bad Luck and Trouble</i>
Lee Child	<i>Running Blind</i>
Mark Childress	<i>One Mississippi</i>
Judy Christenberry	<i>Honeymoon Hunt</i>
Jill Churchill	<i>Who’s Sorry Now?</i> – “A cozy mystery showing sound historical research into the Depression.”
Mary Higgins Clark	<i>I Heard That Song Before</i>
Mary Higgins Clark	<i>Kitchen Privileges</i> – “Author’s memoir.”
Mary Higgins Clark	<i>Santa Cruise</i>
Harlan Coben	<i>Gone for Good</i>
Harlan Coben	<i>The Woods</i> – “Held my interest from beginning to end.”
Michael Connelly	<i>The Overlook</i>
Beverly Connor	<i>Dead Guilty</i> – “The mystery went on until the last page.”
Beverly Connor	<i>Dressed to Die</i>
Robin Cook	<i>Abduction</i> – “This book is a chilling medical horror.”
Robin Cook	<i>Coma</i>
Robin Cook	<i>Critical</i>
Robin Cook	<i>Toxin</i> – “After I read this book, I didn’t want to be anywhere near a hospital.”
Elizabeth Corbett	<i>Out at the Soldier’s Home</i> – “A story of a girl who lived on ‘our’ VA grounds at the turn of the century. Mentions Forest Home Cemetery and other local haunts.”
Catherine Coulter	<i>Double Take</i>
Robert Crais	<i>Hostage</i>

Robert Crais	<i>The Watcher</i>
Michael Crichton	<i>Next</i>
Janet Daily	<i>Something More</i>
Diane Mott Davidson	<i>Dying for Chocolate</i>
Jeffery Deaver	<i>Devil's Teardrop</i>
Barbara Delinsky	<i>Family Tree</i> – “Interesting and unexpected twists and turns in the story.”
Barbara Delinsky	<i>The Summer I Dared</i>
Barbara Delinsky	<i>Together Alone</i>
Nelson DeMille	<i>The General's Daughter</i> – “Excellent!”
Jude Deveraux	<i>Wild Orchids</i>
Tim Dorsey	<i>Hurricane Punch</i> – “Hilarious.”
Larry Doyle	<i>I Love You Beth Cooper</i> – “Funny.”
Andre Dubus	<i>House of Sand and Fog</i>
Aaron Elkins	<i>Skeleton Dance</i>
Leif Enger	<i>Peace Like River</i>
M.J. Engh	<i>In the Name of Heaven: 3,000 Years of Religious Persecution</i>
Christine Feehan	<i>Dark Demon</i> – “Fantasy and romance mixed together.”
Liz Fielding	<i>Reunited: Marriage in a Million</i>
Fannie Flagg	<i>Can't Wait to Get to Heaven</i>
Fannie Flagg	<i>Welcome to the World, Baby Girl!</i>
Charles Frazier	<i>13th Moon</i> -- “Very different, kept me interested.”
Brian Freeman	<i>Stripped</i>
Sonya Friedman	<i>On a Clear Day You Can See Yourself</i>
Chris Gardner	<i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i>
Webb Garrison	<i>Civil War Curiosities</i>
Julie Garwood	<i>Shadow Dance</i> – “Has a lot of interesting twists and turns in the story.”
H.L. Gates	<i>The Auction of Souls</i> – “This book tells us about a part of history that no one wants us to hear or know about.”
W. Michael Gear	<i>Dark Inheritance</i>
Bob Greene	<i>Once Upon a Town</i> – “Little-known World War II story, very interesting.”
John Grisham	<i>The Painted House</i> – “A very different novel – not his regular style. It was wonderful to read.”
John Grisham	<i>Skipping Christmas</i> – “The neighbors in this book remind me of my neighborhood, where everyone must decorate for the holidays.”

Josh Grogan	<i>Marley and Me</i> -- "If you love dogs!" "Very good! Funny; touching."
Sara Gruen	<i>Water for Elephants</i> – "Delightful, engaging."
Jessie Gruman	<i>Aftershock: What to Do When the Doctor Gives You, or Someone You Love, a Devastating Diagnosis</i>
Pete Hamill	<i>North River</i>
Kristin Hannah	<i>Angel Falls</i>
Kristin Hannah	<i>Summer Island</i>
Bob Harris	<i>Prisoner of Trebekistan</i> – "A funny read about life and jeopardy."
Joe Hill	<i>Heart Shaped Box</i> – "If you like the works of Stephen King, you will enjoy <i>Heart Shaped Box</i> ."
Tami Hoag	<i>The Alibi Man</i>
Hazel Holt	<i>Mrs. Malory and a Death in the Family</i> – "Especially good – about her granddaughter."
Khaled Hosseini	<i>The Kite Runner</i>
Khaled Hosseini	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>
Linda Howard	<i>Drop Dead Gorgeous</i>
Linda Howard	<i>A Game of Chance</i>
Linda Howard	<i>Mackenzie's Mountain</i>
Roland Huntford	<i>The Last Place on Earth</i> – "A compelling story of Amundsen's & Scott's attempts to reach the south pole."
J.A. Jance	<i>Web of Evil</i>
Iris Johansen	<i>Stalemate</i>
Maureen Johnson	<i>13 Little Blue Envelopes</i>
Garrison Keillor	<i>Leaving Home</i>
Faye Kellerman	<i>The Garden of Eden and Other Criminal Delights</i>
Judith Kelman	<i>The First Stone</i>
Sue Monk Kidd	<i>The Mermaid Chair</i>
Stephen King	<i>Cell</i> – "This book makes me happy that I don't own a cell phone."
Stephen King	<i>The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon</i>
Barbara Kingsolver	<i>Animal, Vegetable Miracle</i> – "An interesting account of how her family either grew or locally bought all their food for a year. After you get past the first 3 chapters (mostly info), it's pretty good."
Barbara Kingsolver	<i>The Bean Trees</i>
Dean Koontz	<i>The Good Guy</i>

Dean Koontz	<i>One Door Away From Heaven</i> – “Love the style and has some inspiring messages.”
Dean Koontz	<i>The Voice of the Night</i>
Nicole Krauss	<i>History of Love</i>
Mark Kriegel	<i>Pistol: The Life of Pete Maravich</i>
Ruth Kriehn	<i>The Fisherfolk of Jones Island</i>
Woodrow Kroll	<i>Taking Back the Good Book</i>
William K. Krueger	<i>Thunder Bay</i> – “Hard to put down.”
Louis L’Amour	<i>Conagher</i>
Louis L’Amour	<i>The Warrior’s Path</i>
Lynda LaPlante	<i>The Red Dahlia</i> – “A really good slasher.”
Stephen Lawhead	<i>Hood</i>
Donna Leon	<i>Suffer the Little Children</i>
Elmore Leonard	<i>Mr. Paradise</i> – “This book kept me reading until the last page. This author has a weird sense of humor. He makes his characters believable.”
Laura Levine	<i>Death by Pantyhose</i>
Shari Lieberman	<i>Glycemic Index Food Guide</i>
Laura Lippman	<i>What the Dead Know</i> – “The author feeds the reader facts slowly and builds interest and the foundation of the story/plot. It’s hard to put the book down.”
Max Lucado	<i>Everybody Deserves a Chance</i>
Max Lucado	<i>For These Tough Times</i> – “A very inspirational book.”
Debbie Macomber	<i>Someday Soon</i>
Mickey Mantle	<i>All My Octobers</i> – “Great history of world series baseball.”
Merrill Markoe	<i>Walking in Circles Before Lying Down</i>
A.J. Matthews	<i>Unbroken</i>
Alexander McCall Smith	<i>The Good Husband of Zebra Drive</i>
Ian McEwan	<i>On Chesil Beach</i> – “Very good.”
Robert P. McGovern	<i>All American</i> – “The real truth about the war on terrorism.”
Mike McGrath	<i>Mike McGrath’s Book of Compost</i> – “Good ideas homeowners can use.”
Ron McLarty	<i>Traveler</i> – “Very good – excellent characters.”
Emma McLaughlin	<i>Dedication</i>
Emma McLaughlin	<i>The Nanny Diaries</i> – “I literally read this in one day – could not put it down.”
Patrick F. McManus	<i>Avalanche</i> – “Humorous.”
Judith McNaught	<i>Double Standards</i> – “Most exciting, every minute!”

Judith McNaught	<i>Someone to Watch Over Me</i>
Laura McNeal	<i>Crooked</i>
Joyce Meyer	<i>The Penny</i>
Fern Michaels	<i>Late Bloomer</i>
Kasey Michaels	<i>Beware of Virtuous Women</i>
Kasey Michaels	<i>The Dangerous Debutante</i>
Kasey Michaels	<i>A Gentleman by Any Other Name</i>
Howard Mittlemark	<i>Age of Consent</i> – “A good horror book.”
Bob Morris	<i>Bermuda Schwartz</i> – “Fun read/good character with some nice plot twists.”
Gilbert Morris	<i>The Widow’s Choice</i>
Kate Mosse	<i>Labyrinth</i>
Barrack Obama	<i>The Audacity of Hope</i> – “An interesting insight into politicians.”
John O’Hurley	<i>It’s O.K. to Miss the Bed on the First Jump</i> – “Cute and funny.”
Jerrold Packard	<i>Victoria’s Daughters</i>
Diana Palmer	<i>Lawman</i>
Joan H. Parker	<i>Three Weeks in Spring</i> – “True story about Mrs. Parker’s breast cancer and her survival.”
Robert B. Parker	<i>High Profile</i>
T. Jefferson Parker	<i>The Fallen</i> – “Humor mixed in with suspense and murder.”
James Patterson	<i>Cross</i>
James Patterson	<i>4th of July</i>
James Patterson	<i>Maximum Ride series</i>
James Patterson	<i>The Quickie</i>
James Patterson	<i>The 6th Target</i>
James Patterson	<i>Step on a Crack</i>
Jodi Picoult	<i>Nineteen Minutes</i> – “Such a great author.”
Jodi Picoult	<i>The Tenth Circle</i>
Christopher Pike	<i>Falling</i>
Rosamunde Pilcher	<i>Coming Home</i>
David Poyer	<i>Black Storm</i>
Terry Pratchett	<i>Thud</i> – “I like this author’s humor and style of writing.”
Philip Pullman	<i>Dark Materials trilogy</i>
Amanda Quick	<i>Second Sight</i>
Cathryn Jakobson Ramin	<i>Carved in Sand</i> – “Recommended for middle aged persons who feel threatened by memory loss.”

Christopher Reeve	<i>Still Me</i>
Kathy Reichs	<i>Fatal Voyage</i>
Rick Reilly	<i>Hate Mail From Cheerleaders</i> – “Short articles, some were very touching.”
David Richards	<i>River of the Brokenhearted</i>
Francine Rivers	<i>The Last Sin Eater</i>
Mary Roach	<i>Stiff</i> – “This book made me want to donate my organs when I die. I enjoyed this book.” “This book changed my mind about being an organ donor. I will also never see Rice Krispies the same again.”
J.D. Robb	<i>Conspiracy in Death</i>
Nora Roberts	<i>High Noon</i>
Nora Roberts	<i>Night Smoke</i> – “Her mysteries are spellbinding – hard to put her stories down.”
Nora Roberts	<i>Skin Deep</i>
Nora Roberts	<i>Without a Trace</i>
Philip Roth	<i>Deception</i> – “A story of an affair, but told in no way I’ve ever read before; very good!”
J.K. Rowling	<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone</i>
J.K. Rowling	<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i> – “Well done.”
Ann Rule	<i>Too Late to Say Goodbye</i> – “If you like true crime novels, Ann Rule is one of the best.”
Salman Rushdie	<i>The Ground Beneath Her Feet</i>
Maxwell Ryan	<i>Apartment Therapy</i>
Dana Sachs	<i>If You Lived Here</i>
Steven Saylor	<i>Roma</i> – “Fascinating.”
Jeremy Scahill	<i>Blackwater: The Rise of the World’s Most Powerful Mercenary Army</i>
Lisa See	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i> – “Very good.”
Anita Shreve	<i>Body Surfing</i>
Anita Shreve	<i>Light on Snow</i>
James Siegel	<i>Derailed</i>
Daniel Silva	<i>A Death in Venice</i>
Dan Simmons	<i>The Terror</i>
Paulina Simons	<i>The Bronze Horseman</i>
Paulina Simons	<i>Lily</i>
Paulina Simons	<i>Tully</i>
Betty Smith	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> – “It was such a treat to re-read this after so many years.”
Lauraine Snelling	<i>A Promise for Ellie</i>

Nicholas Sparks	<i>Dear John</i> – “The best!”
Nicholas Sparks	<i>The Guardian</i>
Nicholas Sparks	<i>True Believer</i> – “Fast read of a human relations story.”
Nicholas Sparks	<i>A Walk to Remember</i>
Nicholas Sparks	<i>The Wedding</i>
Erica Spindler	<i>Copy Cat</i>
Danielle Steel	<i>Bungalow 8</i>
Danielle Steel	<i>Sisters</i> – “I like this author’s style of writing: romance, then in the middle of the book drama, and a happy ending.”
John Steinbeck	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>
Caroline Stickland	<i>The Darkening Leaf</i>
Jim Stovall	<i>The Ultimate Gift</i> – “Truly inspiring book.”
Sean Swarner	<i>Keep Climbing</i>
Amy Tan	<i>Saving Fish from Drowning</i>
Steve Thayer	<i>The Wheat Fields</i> – “I really loved it.”
Thrity Umrigar	<i>The Space Between Us</i>
Jessica Valenti	<i>Full Frontal Feminism</i> – “Important for young women to read.”
Jeannette Walls	<i>The Glass Castle</i> – “Sad and uplifting.”
Franz Werfel	<i>The Forty Days of Musa Dagh</i> – “Historical interest we don’t ever hear about.”
Katherine Whiteside	<i>The Way We Garden Now</i> – “Good ideas homeowners can use.”
Elie Wiesel	<i>Night</i> – “Very good.”
Rebecca Winters	<i>The Lazaridis Marriage</i>
Lee Woodruff	<i>In an Instant</i> – “A very good, touching book.”
Stuart Woods	<i>Short Straw</i>

Favorite authors – our readers recommend *all* of the books by these writers!

<u>Author</u>	<u>Reader comments (when available)</u>
M.C. Beaton	
Maeve Binchy	
Stephanie Bond	“Funny.”
Lilan Jackson Braun	“The books are easy to read. Good plot and humor.”
Emily Brightwell	“Fun whodunits.”
Edna Buchanan	
Liz Carlyle	
Laura Childs	Tea Shop mysteries “Light, fun summer reading.”
Harlan Coben	
Robin Cook	
Alisa Craig	“Fun whodunits.”
Jennifer Crusie	“Mystery – comedy – romance.”
Christina Dodd	
Carole Nelson Douglas	Midnight Louie mysteries
Janet Evanovich	“All the Janet Evanovich books are terrific!” “The Stephanie Plum novels are a fun, quick read.” “Comedy and mystery.”
Richard Evans	
Joseph Girzone	
W.E.B. Griffin	
Laurell K. Hamilton	“A series for vampire/horror lovers.”
Jack Higgins	“Good author and easy to read.”
James Hilton	“Always good.”
J.A. Jance	
Jan Karon	“Delightful presentation – can’t put the books down once you start reading them.” “Great series / nice way to relax.”
Steven King	“This author is the horror master. Every book he writes is excellent.”
Dean Koontz	
Louis L’Amour	
Elmore Leonard	
Debbie Macomber	
Alan Morris	

Gilbert Morris	
Michael Palmer	“Medical mysteries.”
Robert B. Parker	“Love the Spenser novels!”
T. Jefferson Parker	
James Patterson	“If you like a good investigative thriller.”
Rosamunde Pilcher	
Belva Plain	
Kathy Reichs	“For forensics and anthropology”
Nora Roberts	
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter series “Amazing – I get so caught up in them, and the finale was excellent!”
John Sandford	“Always a page turner!”
Nicholas Sparks	
Mariah Stewart	“Any of her detective novels.”
Stuart Woods	