

A Random List of YA and Adult Books for Your Summer Reading Pleasure!

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Adult Books

Cisneros, Sandra

Caramelo

Caramelo is a romantic tale of homelands, sometimes real, sometimes imagined. Vivid, funny, intimate, historical, it is a brilliant work destined to become a classic. A major new novel by the celebrated author of *The House on Mango Street*.

Crichton, Michael

Prey: A Novel

Crichton is the master of the sci-tech thriller, and nowhere is that more evident than in his latest page-turner. It is a scary, wild ride that is, without a doubt, his best in years. Like *Jurassic Park* (1990), *Prey* is a cautionary tale of the dangerous roads that carelessly used technology can take us down.

Hillenbrand, Laura

Seabiscuit: An American Legend

Seabiscuit is the story of a remarkable racehorse, his owner, trainer and jockey. Ms. Hillenbrand has done an outstanding job of drawing together the stories of these unique characters to create a timeless tale. Though no longer a household name, *Seabiscuit* enjoyed great celebrity during the 1930s and 1940s, drawing record crowds to his races around the country.

McCullough, David

John Adams

This is history on a grand scale--a book about politics, war, and social issues, but also about human nature, love, religious faith, virtue, ambition, friendship and betrayal. Above all, *John Adams* is an enthralling, often surprising, story of one of the most important and fascinating Americans who ever lived.

Patchett, Ann

Bel Canto

In an unnamed South American country, a world-renowned soprano sings at a birthday party in honor of a visiting Japanese industrial titan. During this party, a ragtag band of 18 terrorists hoping to capture the president, takes 58 international hostages. Joined by no common language except music, the hostages and their captors forge unexpected bonds.

Russo, Richard

Empire Falls

A tale of blue-collar life in a depressed New England mill town. It would be impossible to summarize Russo's multiple plot lines; suffice it to say that he touches on love and marriage, lust and loss, and small-town economics.

Local Authors

Billheimer, John

Drybone Hollow: An Owen Allison Mystery

This is the latest Owen Allison investigative tale. These mysteries are set in West Virginia, where the author grew up. Want to start with the first book? Its title is *Contrary Blues*.

Farmer, Nancy

House of the Scorpion

2003 National Book Award winner. In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the U.S.

Jimenez, Francisco

The Circuit (and its sequel) Breaking through

The Circuit was the choice for the Silicon Valley Reads. It is the story of the author's childhood in the world of immigrant farmworkers.

Roberts, Lori

Murder in a Nice Neighborhood

Again, mysteries, but this time set in Palo Alto.

Williams, Tad

Sea of Silver Light (Final volume in the Otherland series)

Otherland, a private, multi-dimensional universe built over two generations by the greatest minds of the 21st century, had been one of the world's best kept secrets, created and controlled by an organization made up of the world's most powerful and ruthless individuals. Tad is not only a local author, he is a Jordan alumni!

Read a Classic...

Burnett, Frances

The Secret Garden

Dickens, Charles

Great Expectations

Farley, Walter

The Black Stallion

Steinbeck, John

The Red Pony, The Pearl or Of Mice and Men

YA Books

Baker, Clive

Abarat

Candy Quackenbush, of Chickentown, Minnesota, journeys to the Arabat, and has a curious revelation. She has been here before and she must save this mysterious place from the evil forces that threaten it. The illustrations are amazing!!

Bauer, Joan

Rules of the Road

Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of a chain of successful shoe stores from Chicago to Texas to confront the son who is trying to force her to retire. Along the way Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.

Cormier, Robert

Frenchtown Summer

One of the last books Robert Cormier wrote. Instead of an "on the edge" tale that this author usually gives us, this is a pleasant read, a memoir of his childhood.

Creech, Sharon

Ruby Holler

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Fleischman, Paul

Seek

Rob becomes obsessed with searching the airwaves for his long-gone father, a radio announcer.

Nicholson, William

Winds on Fire (Trilogy)

The Wind Singer, first in the trilogy, tells the story of Kestrel Hath who rebels against the stifling rules of Amaranth society and is forced to flee. She, along with her twin brother and a classmate, follow an ancient map in quest of the legendary silver voice of the wind singer.

Voight, Cynthia

Elske

Thirteen-year-old Elske escapes rape and certain death at the hands of the leaders of her barbaric society and later becomes handmaiden to a rebellious noblewoman whose rightful throne together they reclaim.