

# BEACH READS

## SWAN SONG

ELIN HILDERBRAND

When the Richardsons buy a \$22-million summer home, the community wonders where their money came from. They throw lavish parties, flirt with locals, flaunt their wealth and raise impossible hopes in everyone they meet. When their house burns to the ground and their most essential employee goes missing, the entire island is up in arms.

## A NORTHERN LIGHT IN PROVENCE

ELIZABETH BIRKELUND

Ilse Erlund is a translator living in Greenland. Isolated and restless, she convinces her publisher to pay for a trip to France to translate verses of charismatic poet Geoffrey Labaye. Ilse falls under the spell of the Provençal way of life, and the poet. But this is disrupted by the arrival of the poet's son, Frey.

## THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

MICHELLE GABLE

It's 1961, and Margo Hightower's engagement is off and she's broke, but she's been hired as assistant to a high-society photographer. But when they land in Palm Beach, the lines between work and play begin to blur, and Margo finds herself entangled in a complicated web of secrets that could bring it all crashing down.

## SUMMERS AT THE SAINT

MARY KAY ANDREWS

Everyone calls hotel St. Cecelia "the Saint," but Traci Eddings, who works at the hotel, but lives on the wrong side of the river, is an "Ain't." Despite her circumstances, one fateful summer she married the boss's son. Now, she finds herself the widowed owner of the hotel, determined to see it return to its glory days.

## A NOVEL SUMMER

JAMIE BRENNER

Author Shelby Archer found inspiration on Cape Cod. But when she returns to celebrate her bestseller, she finds friends and neighbors who feel betrayed. Shelby tries to focus on her next novel and help her friend's bookstore. But as her deadline nears, she is forced to choose between success and a second chance at love and belonging.

## TOURIST SEASON

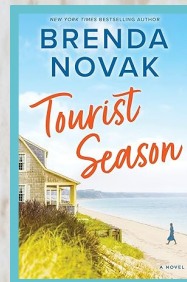
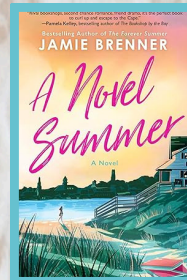
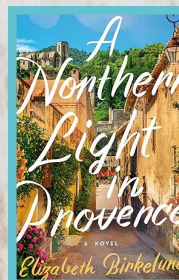
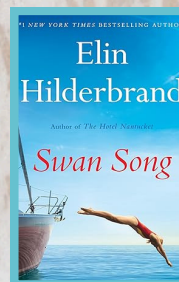
BRENDA NOVAK

Ismay Chalmers is ready to relax with her fiancé at his family's beachfront cottage. But before Remy joins her, a hurricane bears down. Alone in the large house, Ismay makes a disturbing discovery in Remy's childhood closet. She's not sure what to make of it, but is relieved when the property's caretaker, Bo, checks in on her.

## FOR THE LOVE OF SUMMER

SUSAN MALLERY

Erica's teen daughter, Summer disdains Erica's career, and grows close to her stepmom, Allison. Meanwhile Summer's father is arrested, leaving Allison pregnant with a toddler and no money. When Summer ferrets out the truth she rushes to the last person Allison would ask—her husband's battle-ax ex, Erica.

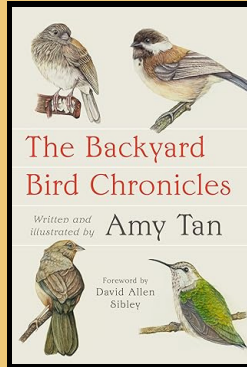


WHAT TO READ

**The Backyard Bird Chronicles**

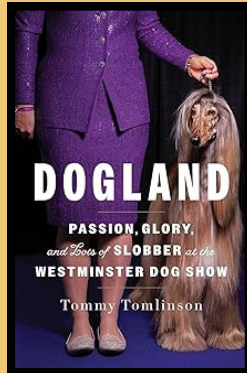
Amy Tan

Tracking the natural beauty and wonders that surround us, Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*, maps the passage of time through daily entries, thoughtful questions, and her beautiful original sketches.



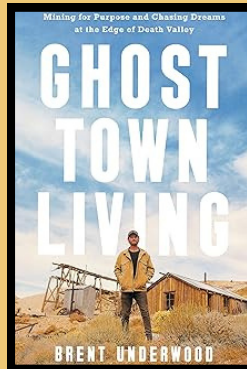
**Dogland: Passion, Glory, and Lots of Slobber at the Westminster Dog Show**  
Tommy Tomlinson

Tommy Tomlinson goes cross country and behind the scenes at over 100 competitions. Along the way he is sniffed by dogs of nearly every size, shape, and breed. Follow champion Samoyed show dog Striker, his handler and his devoted entourage as he competes in the 2022 Westminster Dog Show.



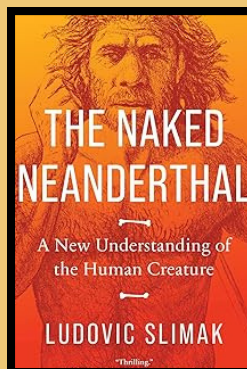
**Ghost Town Living**  
Brent Underwood

A long-abandoned silver mine for sale sounded like an adventure too great to pass up, but it turned into much more—a calling, a community of millions, and hard-earned lessons about chasing impractical dreams.



**The Naked Neanderthal**  
Ludovic Slimak

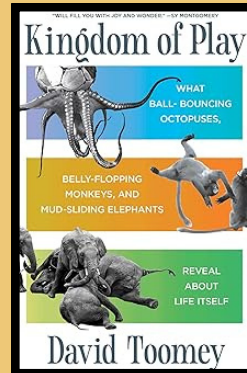
Traditionally, we saw Neanderthals as inferior to Homo Sapiens. More recently, they are seen as relatives: similar, but not quite equal. Now, Slimak shows us that they are something altogether different. Neanderthals had their own history, rituals, customs, and their own very different intelligence.



**NONFICTION**

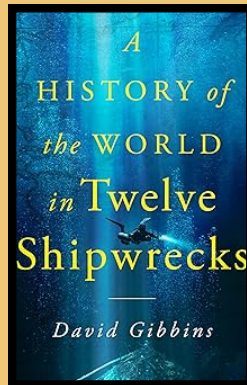
**Kingdom of Play** David Toomey

Critically acclaimed science writer David Toomey takes us on a fast-paced and entertaining tour of playful animals and the scientists who study them. From meerkats in the Kalahari Desert to brown bears in Alaska, researchers design experiments to find out: How does play develop the brain? Are bird songs the beginning of avian culture? Is fairness in dog play the foundation of canine ethics? And does play direct and possibly accelerate evolution?



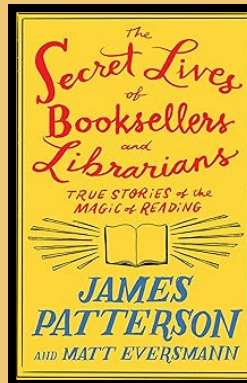
**A History of the World in Twelve Shipwrecks**  
David Gibbins

Archaeologists have made historic discoveries excavating sunken ships, their protective cocoon preserving evidence of past civilizations. Now, maritime archaeologist Gibbins ties together the stories of some of the most significant shipwrecks to form a single overarching narrative of world history.



**The Secret Lives of Booksellers & Librarians**  
James Patterson

To be a bookseller or librarian... you have to play detective, be a treasure hunter, a matchmaker, an advocate, a visionary. Meet the smart and talented people who live between the pages—and who can't wait to help you find your next favorite book.



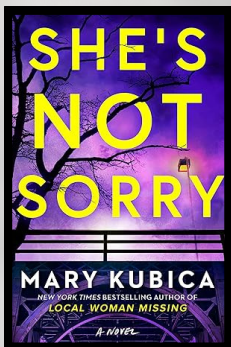


# Mysteries & Suspense



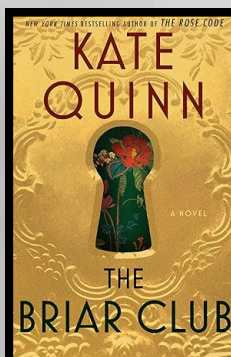
## One Perfect Couple - Ruth Ware

Lyla is in a rut. Her post-doctoral research has fizzled out, and things with her boyfriend, Nico, an aspiring actor, aren't great. When Nico gets the opportunity to join a new reality TV show, competing against other couples for cash, she decides to try out with him. But not long after they arrive on the deserted island, an overnight storm cuts them off from the mainland, and the group must band together for survival.



## She's Not Sorry - Mary Kubica

Meghan Michaels is a single mom and a full-time nurse. One day, a patient named Caitlin arrives in a coma, having jumped from a bridge. But then a witness comes forward with shocking details about the fall. Meghan has always tried to stay detached, but this time, she gets too close. And only when it's too late, does she realize that she and her daughter could be the next victims.



## The Briar Club - Kate Quinn

Washington, DC, 1950. Secrets hide behind the white picket fences at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse. But when lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic, she draws her oddball collection of secretive neighbors into unlikely friendship. Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea are a healing balm on all their lives, but Grace hides a terrible secret of her own.

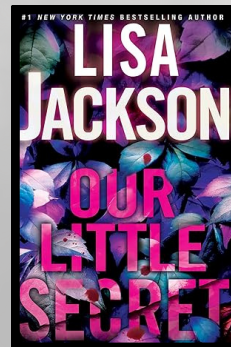
## The Midnight Feast - Lucy Foley

Welcome to the opening of The Manor, an ultra-luxury resort, designed to provide an escape for its privileged guests, built on top of old secrets in an ancient wood. The founder, the husband, the mystery guest, the kitchen help, all have secrets. All have an agenda. All have a past. But not everyone will have a future...



## Our Little Secret - Lisa Jackson

Brooke Harmon is ready to end her affair. Gideon Ross is sexy and charming, but he's not worth throwing it all away. Gideon doesn't understand. He and Brooke are meant to be together. Finally, he backs off, but not before making her a promise: he'll never let her go. A year later, Gideon has vanished. Everything should be fine. But Brooke is still afraid. Because Gideon is a man who keeps his promises...

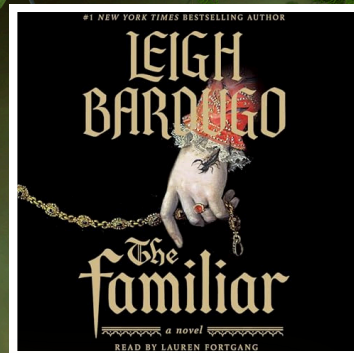
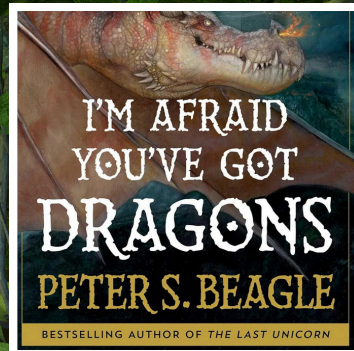
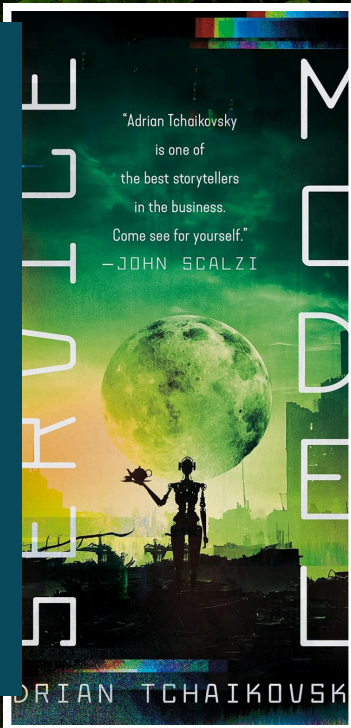


## Granite Harbor - Peter Nichols

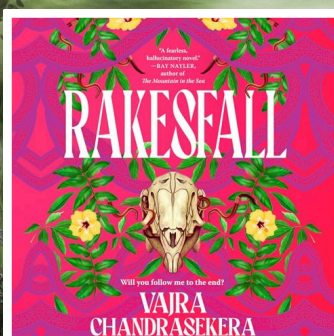
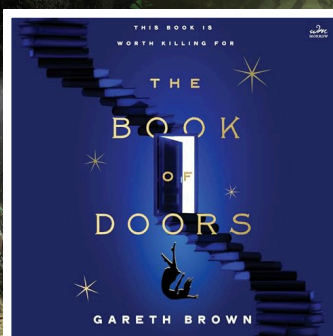
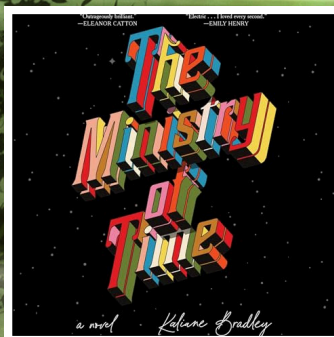
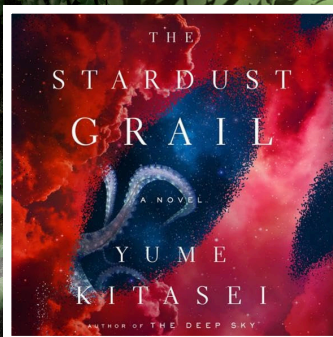
In scenic Granite Harbor, life has been quiet for decades. Then a teen is found murdered in the town's archaeological site. Alex Brangwen, single father and failed novelist, is the town's sole detective. Isabel, a single mother finds herself in the middle of the case. Her son, Ethan, and Alex's daughter, Sophie, were best friends with the victim. When a second teenager is found murdered, Alex and Isabel race to find the killer in their midst, amongst the town's secrets.







# FANTASY & SCI-FI



## I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons - Peter S. Beagle

Dragons are common in backwater Bellemontagne, from mouse-like vermin up to castle-smashers. Gaius Aurelius Constantine Heliogabalus Thrax (call him Robert) has inherited his dad's job as a dragon catcher, a career he detests, partly because he likes dragons, mainly because his dream has always been to become a prince's valet.

## The Familiar - Leigh Bardugo

In a shabby house in Madrid, Luzia Cotado uses scraps of magic to get through her toil. When her scheming mistress discovers the servant's talent, she demands Luzia use her gifts to improve the family's social position. But then Antonio Pérez, the disgraced secretary to Spain's king, notices Luzia, and she finds herself involved in politics.

## Service Model - Adrian Tchaikovsky

Humanity is a dying breed, utterly reliant on artificial labor and service. When a domesticated robot downloads a nasty little idea, they murder their owner, and run away. They enter a world they never knew existed, where the hierarchy of humans at the top is disintegrating.

## The Stardust Grail - Yume Kitasei

For ten years, Maya Hoshimoto returned stolen artifacts to alien civilizations—until a disastrous job forced her into hiding. Then an old friend comes to her with a job she can't refuse: find a powerful object that could save an alien species from extinction. Except no one has seen it in living memory, and they aren't the only ones hunting for it.

## The Ministry of Time - Kaliane Bradley

In the near future, a civil servant is offered a huge salary to help establish whether time travel is feasible. She will be a "bridge": living with, assisting, and monitoring expat "1847," Commander Graham Gore. He died on a doomed 1845 Arctic expedition, so he's disoriented to be living with an unmarried woman who shows her calves. But he adjusts quickly; he is, after all, an explorer by trade.

## The Book of Doors - Gareth Brown

Cassie Andrews works in a NYC bookshop and lives an ordinary life. Until one of her favorite customers—a lonely, charming old man—dies in front of her. Cassie has nothing to remember him by but the last book he was reading. But this is no ordinary book. Inscribed with enigmatic words and mysterious drawings, it promises Cassie that any door is every door. You just need to know how to open them.

## Rakesfall - Vajra Chandrasekera

Annelid and Leveret met as children during the Sri Lankan civil war. And in a demon-haunted wood, another act of violence linked them and propelled them on a journey through the ages. No world can hold them, no life can bind them, and they'll never leave each other behind.





## YOUR FAVORITE AUTHORS

### THE SUMMER PACT EMILY GIFFIN

Four college freshmen from different worlds: Lainey, a dramatic CA party girl; Tyson, a brilliant aspiring lawyer from D.C.; Summer, an ambitious athlete from the Midwest; and Hannah, a mild-mannered southerner. When a desperate act leads to tragic consequences, they make a pact to always be there for one another. Ten years later, they are each facing a crossroads, and agree to embark on a shared journey of self-discovery, forgiveness, and acceptance.

### YOU LIKE IT DARKER STEPHEN KING

"You like it darker? Fine, so do I," writes Stephen King in the afterword to this magnificent new collection of twelve stories that delve into the darker part of life—both metaphorical and literal. These stories, about fate, mortality, luck, and the folds in reality where anything can happen, are as rich and riveting as his novels. You like it darker? You got it.

### LIES AND WEDDINGS KEVIN KWAN

*from the author of Crazy Rich Asians.* Rufus Leung Gresham, future Earl of Greshambury and son of a former Hong Kong supermodel has a problem: behind all the magazine covers and Instagram stories, manors and yachts, lies a mountain of debt. The only solution, put forth by Rufus's scheming mother, is for Rufus to seduce a woman with money at his sister's luxury resort wedding.

### HUSBANDS & LOVERS BEATRIZ WILLIAMS

New England, 2022. Single mother Mallory Dunne is searching for a donor kidney to save her son, poisoned by a mushroom at summer camp. But Mallory has secrets that might stand in her way. Cairo, 1951. War-refugee Hannah Ainsworth has forged a new life, including marriage to a wealthy British diplomat. But a fateful encounter leads to a passionate affair. As revolution simmers, pregnant Hannah finds herself in a game of intrigue between two men...that will echo through generations.

