

# Books of Summer

## Books to get you started

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### Suggested titles to get you started

**Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie  
**Barefoot Child: Stories of a Migrant Child** by Elva Trevino Hart  
**Bean Trees** by Barbara Kingsolver  
**Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life** by Dana Reinhardt  
**Caucasia** by Danzy Senna  
**Chinese Cinderella** by Adeline Yen Mah  
**Come and Go Back** by Joan Abelove  
**Counting Coup** by Larry Colton  
**Crazy Loco** by David Rice  
**Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** by Mark Haddon  
**Daniel Half-Human and the Good Nazi** by David Chotjewitz  
**Demon in the Freezer** by Richard Preston  
**Elephant Run** by Roland Smith  
**Dreamquake** by Elizabeth Knox  
**Elsewhere** by Gabrielle Zevin  
**Face Relations: 11 Stories about Seeing Beyond Color, ed.** by Marilyn Singer  
**Fast Food Nation: What the All-American Meal is Doing to the World** by Eric Schlosser  
**Finding Our Way** by Rene Saldana  
**Forgotten Fire** by Adam Bagdasarian  
**Freak Show** by James St. James  
**Girl with a Pearl Earring** by Tracy Chevalier  
**Last Breath: the Limits of Adventure** by Peter Stark  
**Life as We Know It** by Susan Beth Pfeffer  
**Notebooks from the Inside** by Mark Salzman  
**Nothing but the Truth (and a Few White Lies)** by Justina Chen Headley  
**November Blues** by Sharon Draper  
**145th Street: Short Stories** by Walter Dean Myers  
**One Whole and Perfect Day,** by Judith Clarke  
**Plain Janes** by Cecil Castellucci  
**Private Peaceful** by Michael Morpurgo  
**Privilege of Youth: a Teenager's Story** by Dave Pelzer  
**Rain of Gold** by Victor Villasenor  
**Red Glass** by Laura Resau  
**Repossessed** by A.M.Jenkins  
**Stiff: the Curious Lives of Cadavers** by Mary Roach  
**White Darkness** by Geraldine McCaughrean  
**Who Am I Without Him?** by Sharon Flake

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<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr05/yr05rel78.asp>

