

# Reading Recommendations - Summer 2020

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## Indian Summer – Marcia Willett



Available on BorrowBox – eAudiobook  
Genre: Family, Mystery

For Kit, the quiet Devon village she visits every year is the perfect retreat. But this summer, she arrives with a heart in turmoil: years have passed since Kit last saw Jake, but now he has written asking to meet again.

For Mungo, the village is simply home and the ideal getaway for friends, like Kit, even if he aches at the old memories they bring – and the secrets they stir in him.

As the summer unfolds, hidden truths are uncovered that will shatter the sleepy community. But those involved soon realise that the only way to move forward might be to confront the past ...

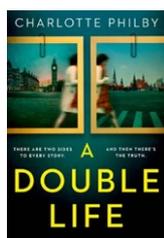
## Y Sŵ - Tudur Owen



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Genre: Humorous Fiction

Let an Irishman named Brendan Fitzgibbon bring a truckload of exotic animals to your farm. Add a terrible wet summer and crazy English, as well as your parents' fragile relationships, and you've got a worthwhile story for the News of the World.

## A Double Life – Charlotte Philby



Available on BorrowBox – eBook  
Genre: Spy, Thriller

Gabriela, a senior negotiator in the FCO's counter-terrorism unit, runs a small and powerful team based in Whitehall. She is tenacious, hard-working and the family breadwinner. Her husband Tom – a freelance architect – looks after their two small children. When Gabriela returns from a seven-month stint in Moscow, something doesn't seem right.

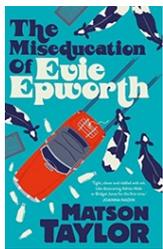
Isobel is a journalist working for the local paper in Camden. Walking home from a party one night, she witnesses a horrific attack. But someone has seen her, and is making themselves known in increasingly frightening ways. As Isobel starts to investigate, she uncovers a dark network of human trafficking and exploitation. While Gabriela's life begins to unravel, Isobel gets closer to the story. With one desperate to uncover the truth, and the other determined to hide it, the two women's lives converge.



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## **The Miseducation of Evie Epworth – Matson Taylor**



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Genre: General Fiction, Humour

July, 1962. Sixteen year-old Evie Epworth stands on the cusp of womanhood. But what kind of a woman will she become?

The fastest milk bottle-delivery girl in East Yorkshire, Evie is tall as a tree and hot as the desert sand. She dreams of an independent life lived under the bright lights of London (or Leeds). The two posters of Adam Faith on her bedroom wall ('brooding Adam' and 'sophisticated Adam') offer wise counsel about a future beyond rural East Yorkshire. Her role models are Charlotte Bronte, Shirley MacLaine and the Queen. But, before she can decide on a career, she must first deal with the malign presence of her future step-mother, the manipulative and money-grubbing Christine.

If Evie can rescue her bereaved father, Arthur, from Christine's pink and over-perfumed clutches, and save the farmhouse from being sold off then maybe she can move on with her own life and finally work out exactly who it is she is meant to be.

## **Katie's Cornish Kitchen – Rosie Chambers**



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Genre: General Fiction, Romance

After the heartbreak of being jilted by her fiancé, Katie Campbell has been mending her broken heart in Bali. She has local restaurant owner and new friend Agatha to thank for providing a listening ear in her moment of need. When Katie confides she's worried about going back to what's left of her life in London, Agatha has just the opportunity for Katie – to manage her old café in the beautiful, picturesque village of Perrinby in Cornwall.

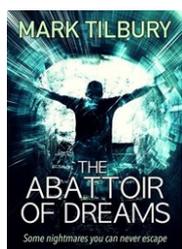
Although reopening the café and making it profitable won't be easy, Katie is determined to make the most of her fresh start. She quickly makes new friends in florist Jay, waitress Talia and handsome neighbour Oscar, and focuses on making the café a welcoming place for the community – from hosting floristry workshops to pizza-making nights and even the local knit-and-natter group. But, with the café under threat from the local property developers circulating just as she's starting to grow closer to Oscar and finally feeling at home, can Katie find the recipe to make her Cornish Kitchen a success?



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## **The Abattoir of Dreams – Mark Tilbury**



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Genre: Psychological Thriller

Michael Tate has not had an easy life. With his father in prison, and his mother dead, Michael was sent to Woodside Children's Home. Now an adult, Michael wakes up in hospital from a coma suffering from amnesia and paralysis. Confused and terrified, he is charged with the fatal stabbing of his girlfriend, Becky. He also learns he attempted to end his own life.

Detective Inspector John Carver is determined that Michael is sent to prison. With no way of defending himself, Michael is left in his hospital bed awaiting transfer to remand. But then strange things begin to happen and his childhood comes back to haunt him. Can Michael ever escape the past? Will he ever discover the truth about Becky's murder? And why is DI Carver so eager to make him suffer?

## **The Orphan's Gift – Renita D'Silva**

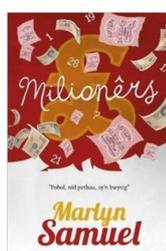


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Genre: Historical, Romance

1910, India. Young and curious Alice grows up in her family's sprawling compound with parents as remote as England, the cold country she has never seen. It is Raju, son of a servant, with whom she shares her secrets, but when they get too close, Alice's father drags them apart, sending Raju far away and banishing Alice to England ...

1944. Intelligent and kind Janaki is raised in an orphanage in India. The nuns love to tell the story: Janaki's arrival stopped the independence riots outside the gates, as the men on both sides gazed at the starry-eyed little girl left in a beautiful hand-knitted cardigan. Janaki longs for her real mother, the woman who was forced to abandon her ...

## **Milionêrs – Marlyn Samuel**



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Genre: General Fiction

When a busy wife, mother and grandmother earns £ 9.1 million, her problems seem to be over. But, very soon, Wendi discovers that, despite the fact that her bank account is extremely healthy, life is not necessarily perfect.

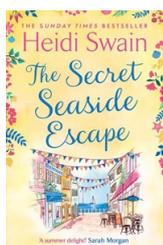
We'll laugh and cry with Wendi as she comes to terms with life after the excitement of the big event - a life filled with new experiences including an exotic new holiday, a huge house, powerful cars, a night at the Ritz and a news presenter with whip in his hand!



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## **The Secret Seaside Escape – Heidi Swain**



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Genre: General Fiction

Tess Tyler needs a break. Weighed down by her high-pressure job and her demanding father, she's left little time to take care of herself. But after a shocking discovery sends her spiralling, she flees to Wynmouth, the seaside town she fell in love with as a child, to escape it all.

With its sandy beaches, stunning rock pools and welcoming community, Tess feels like she can finally breathe again. And as she grows ever closer to local barman Sam, she dares to dream that she might never return to her real life. But when a familiar face returns to town, Tess realises that there are secrets in Wynmouth too, and that her own past may be about to catch up with her...

## **The Terminal List – Jack Carr**

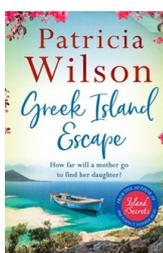


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Genre: Action Thriller, Military, Political

On his last combat deployment, Lieutenant Commander James Reece's entire team was killed in a catastrophic ambush. But when those dearest to him are murdered on the day of his homecoming, Reece discovers that this was not an act of war by a foreign enemy but a conspiracy that runs to the highest levels of government.

Now, with no family and free from the military's command structure, Reece applies the lessons that he's learned in over a decade of constant warfare toward avenging the deaths of his family and teammates. With breathless pacing and relentless suspense, Reece ruthlessly targets his enemies in the upper echelons of power without regard for the laws of combat or the rule of law.

## **Greek Island Escape – Patricia Wilson**



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Genre: General Fiction

On the beautiful beaches of Crete, an old woman is handing out scraps of paper. Sofia, eighty-five years old, unable to speak, is desperate to find a daughter she has never known. After a tragic childhood in Athens and a soaring career as a singer, the brutal treatment of the man she loved by a tyrannical regime forced her to give up her daughter mere days after her birth. Now she longs to be reunited with her child before it's too late.

Meanwhile in London, Zoe is searching too. In the months since the disappearance of her teenage daughter, Zoe's life has crumbled apart. Her husband has left her, her son feels forgotten, and every day is a struggle. But Zoe is desperate to track her daughter down, even if she doesn't want to be found...



## The Wild Laughter – Caoilinn Hughes

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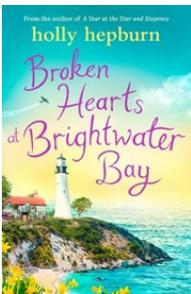


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Genre: Family Saga, General Fiction

It's 2008, and the Celtic Tiger has left devastation in its wake. Brothers Hart and Cormac Black are waking up to a very different Ireland – one that widens the chasm between them and brings their beloved father to his knees. Facing a devastating choice that risks their livelihood, if not their lives, their biggest danger comes when there is nothing to lose.

A sharp snapshot of a family and a nation suddenly unmoored, this epic-in-miniature explores cowardice and sacrifice, faith rewarded and abandoned, the stories we tell ourselves and the ones we resist.

## Broken Hearts at Brightwater Bay – Holly Hepburn



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Genre: General Fiction, Romance

On paper, Merina Wilde has it all: a successful career writing the kind of romantic novels that make even the hardest hearts swoon, a perfect carousel of book launches and parties to keep her social life buzzing, and a childhood sweetheart who thinks she's a goddess. But Merry has a secret: the magic has stopped flowing from her fingers. Try as she might, she can't summon up the sparkle that makes her stories shine.

And as her deadline whooshes by, her personal life falls apart too. Alex tells her he wants something other than the future she'd always imagined for them and Merry finds herself single for the first time since – well, ever.

Desperate to get her life back on track, Merry leaves London and escapes to the windswept Orkney Islands, locking herself away in a secluded clifftop cottage to try to heal her heart and rediscover her passion for writing. But can the beauty of the islands and the kindness of strangers help Merry to fool herself into believing in love again, if only long enough to finish her book? Or is it time for her to give up the career she's always adored and find something new to set her soul alight?

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