

Beach Reads

What is a Beach Read?

“The term “beach read” began as a marketing tool for publishers. According to research by The Guardian, the first uses were in the summer of 1990. Thirty years later, almost every magazine and website publishes summer book lists.

In publishing, the term used to refer to the blockbuster books published in summer. Today, the year’s most anticipated reads often come out in late spring. Over time, the term “beach read” began to describe a certain type of book, something that will have mass appeal and isn’t particularly intellectually stimulating.” ~Book Riot

Beach Reads Usually Feature:

- **Carefree Joy/Pure Fun**
- **Compulsively Readable**
- **Summer Settings**
- **Romance**
- **Low Stakes**
- **Escapism**
- **Page Turner**

Popular Authors

- Agatha Christie
- Diana Gabaldon
- Elin Hilderbrand
- Kevin Kwan
- Taylor Jenkins Reid
- Nora Roberts
- Jess Walter
- Jennifer Weiner

For Further Reading

- Beach Reads and the Construction of a Guilty Pleasure - <https://www.michigandaily.com/statement/beach-reads-and-the-construction-of-a-guilty-pleasure/>
- The Interesting History of the Ever-Popular “Beach Read” - <https://medium.com/literature-lust/the-interesting-history-of-the-ever-popular-beach-read-f8ebd06736f8>
- What’s in a Beach Read? - <https://www.vaughanpl.info/blog/whats-beach-read/>
- What is the Perfect Beach Read Anyways? - <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/1310-what-is-the-perfect-beach-read-anyway>

Annotated Lists

- **8 books to enjoy at the beach this summer**
- <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/30/1108218027/best-beach-read-books-books-we-love>
- **15 Best Beach Reads of All Time for Summer** - <https://www.julesbuono.com/best-beach-reads-of-all-time/>
- **17 Intriguingly Captivating Books That Are Perfect For Vacation** - <https://www.buzzfeed.com/farrahpenn/perfect-vacation-books>
- **21 Best Beach Reads for the Perfect Escape 2022** - <https://www.rd.com/list/beach-reads/>
- **50 Beach Reads For Your Summer Vacation** - <https://www.booklistqueen.com/beach-reads/>
- **The Ultimate Beach Read Bucket List** - <https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/best-beach-reads-of-all-time>

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Attendee Recommendations

- *Beach Read* by Emily Harris
- *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
- Elin Hildenbrandt books
- *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Noyes
- *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley
- *The History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage
- Jane Austen books
- *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier
- *Love and Ruin* by Paula McClain
- *March* by Geraldine Brooks
- Nora Roberts books
- *On the Beach* by Nevil Shute Norway
- *Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley
- *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen