

Selections: June 2023



Cliequot Book Club

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Blaze Me A Sun	Christoffer Carlsson	Sandra	Mystery
Daughters of Nantucket	Julie Gerstenblatt	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Dirty Laundry ^{GMA}	Disha Bose	Sandra	Mystery
Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun	Elle Cosimano	Sandra	Mystery
Happy Place	Emily Henry	Sandra	Romance
It. Goes. So. Fast.	Mary Louise Kelly	Sandra	Nonfiction
Queen Charlotte	Julia Quinn & Shonda Rhimes	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Summer on Sag Harbor ^{GMA}	Sunny Hostin	Sandra	Fiction
The Audrey Hepburn Estate ^{CBS}	Brenda Janowitz	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Bandit Queens	Parini Shroff	Sandra	Mystery
The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise	Colleen Oakley	Sandra	Fiction
The Nigerwife ^{GMA}	Vanessa Walters	Sandra	Mystery
The Seaside Library	Brenda Novak	Sandra	Fiction
Your Plantation Prom Is Not Okay	Kelly McWilliams	Sandra	Fiction
Goodnight From Paris	Jane Healey	Sandra	Historical Fiction

NOTES:

GMA: Good Morning America Book Club or Book Buzz Pick

CBS: CBS New York Book Club

Daughters of Nantucket by Julie Gerstenblatt

Interesting historical fiction about three women and their lives leading up to Nantucket's great fire of 1946. Liked the story, but the character voices were anachronistic to the times.

Dirty Laundry by Disha Bose

Is the grass always greener on the other side? Twisty novel of domestic suspense about a group of three mothers and the secrets they all hold when one of them is murdered.

Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun by Elle Cosimano

Fun third installment of the Finlay Donovan series.

Happy Place by Emily Henry

Cute romance.

Queen Charlotte by Julia Quinn and Shonda Rhimes

Loved this! Love this series, and the book really brought more details to life with the nuances of Queen Charlotte and Lady Dansbury.

Summer on Sag Harbor by Sunny Hostin

Fun summer novel about the Blacks in the Hamptons. Really liked the second in the Oak Bluffs trilogy.

The Audrey Hepburn Estate by Brenda Janowitz

Fun historical fiction about the legendary estate and the secrets that it held.

The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

A funny and complicated story of a widow in an Indian village who helps women with their husband problems. She exacts the revenge the wives deserve - sometimes with hilarious and devastating consequences.

The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise by Colleen Oakley

Beautiful story of the unlikely friendship (or not!) of the 83 year-old Louise and her caretaking young companion. It was a fun read.

The Nigerwife by Vanessa Walters

The opening question "What happened to the body?" is the premise of the book. The mystery of missing Cole, a British-Jamaican married to a Nigerian man in Lagos, Nigeria. This book is filled with secrets and lies, built on secrets and lies. At it's heart is the real mystery of what is true, what we see, and what we can/should believe. I love the quiet tone of this novel that's built on the expectations of culture and class.

Your Plantation Prom is Not Okay by Kelly McWilliams

Smart and insightful story centering grief, racism, and the absurdity of trying to glorify and uphold antebellum history while ignoring the atrocities of enslaved people. Loved it.

Goodnight from Paris by Jane Healey

Wonderful historical fiction about the American actress Drue Leyton. So loved learning about her contributions in WW2. Great story.