

Selections: August 2025



Clicquot Book Club

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
Audre & Bash are Just Friends ^{GMA}	Tia Williams	Sandra	Romance
Beach Vibes	Susan Mallery	Sandra	Fiction
Don't Open Your Eyes	Liv Constantine	Sandra	Mystery
Famous Last Words ^{WW}	Gillian Mc Allister	Sandra	Mystery
Heartwood ^{RWJ}	Amity Gaige	Sandra	Fiction
Lloyd McNeil's Last Ride	Will Leitch	Sandra	Fiction
Love, Rita	Bridgett M. Davis	Sandra	Nonfiction
Midnight on Soap Lake	Matthew Sullivan	Sandra	Mystery
The Book Club for Troublesome Women	Marie Bostwick	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Griffin Sisters Greatest Hits ^{FBC}	Jennifer Weiner	Sandra	Fiction
The Love Haters ^{FBC}	Katherine Center	Sandra	Romance
The Moonlight Child	Karen McQuestion	Sandra	Mystery
The Story She Left Behind ^{GMA}	Patti Callahan Henry	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Summer that Changed Everything	Brenda Novak	Sandra	Fiction
Tough Luck	Sandra Dallas	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Young Rich Widows	<small>Kimmberly Bell, Lacey Fagan, Cate Holden, Yvonne Lili</small>	Sandra	Mystery
Speak to Me of Home ^{WW}	Jeanine Cummins	Sandra	Historical Fiction
My Name is Emilia Del Valle ^{NYT}	Isabel Allende	Sandra	Historical Fiction

NOTES:

GMA: Good Morning America Book Club or Book Buzz Pick

RBC: Reese's Book Club

RWJ: Read with Jenna

ANO: A Novel Occasion Author

FBC: First for Women Book Club

CBS: A CBS Book Club

WW: Woman's World Book Club

MBS: Mindy Kaling Book Studio

Audre & Bash are Just Friends by Tia Williams

This is a sweet and charming story about Audre, the precocious MVP of “Seven Days in June”, now a Junior in high school and trying to coach her friends while finishing her college essays. During school break, she meets Bash, a mysterious new senior who might just upend Audre’s best-laid plans.

Beach Vibes by Susan Mallery

Beth runs a sandwich shop with her older brother, who she adores. When she finds out he’s secretly dating her new best friend, all the lies he’s told start unravelling around him, forcing her to choose between the person she thought she knew and the friendship she’s grown to cherish.

Don't Open Your Eyes by Liv Constantine

Annabelle is a woman with two daughters that has begun having dreams that her husband is trying to kill her and harm one of them. When the dreams start bleeding into real life, she needs to find out where they end and reality begins. A fantastic suspenseful thriller.

Famous Last Words by Gillian McAllister

One summer day Camilla's life changes forever. After a stressful morning, she's told that her husband is in the middle of a hostage situation as the perpetrator. Good twisty suspense that asks the question of how well we really know our partners.

Heartwood by Amity Gaige

An experienced trail hiker goes missing in the Maine woods. The story centers around her notebook while she's lost, writing to her mother; a 76 year old birdwatcher, and armchair detective, all trying to locate her.

Lloyd McNeil's Last Ride by Will Leitch

Fun and heartfelt novel of an Atlanta police officer that finds out he only has months to live and little money in the bank. Remembering another officer's family was taken care of after they fell in the line of duty, he puts himself into dangerous jobs to try and set up his. As he keeps coming up on top, Lloyd's desire to die has to fight with his will to live.

Love, Rita by Bridgett M. Davis

From the author of "The World According to Fannie Davis", Bridgett's newest story is a love letter to her older sister Rita, who became a car crash driver, belly dancer, and special ed teacher while being a beacon of light and hope. A fantastic story of what it means to live and die as a Black woman in America.

Midnight on Soap Lake by Matthew Sullivan

Soap Lake is a town that Abigail and her researcher husband move to. While driving through the desert, she discovers a young boy running and finds his dead mother, Esme. Thus begins Abigail's search to find out what really happened to Esme, leading her to more danger and mysteries than she can imagine.

The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

Fun historical fiction of 1960s women that form a book club around Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique".

The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits by Jennifer Weiner

Two estranged sisters and the story of their musical stardom and downfall that comes to light when one sister's young daughter tries out for a musical reality show.

The Love Haters by Katherine Center

Fun entry from Katherine Center, enemies to lovers featuring a woman who can't swim profiling the dastardly coast guard rescue swimmer.

The Moonlight Child by Karen McQuestion

Gripping story about an empty nester and the former foster child staying with her that see a child washing dishes late at night at a neighbor's house where no child should be. Cue an investigation.

The Story She Left Behind by Patti Callahan Henry

Charming historical fiction about a daughter searching for clues about her lost mother's manuscript that she was writing in the 1920's. Now, in 1952, she receives notice that the manuscript has been found in London, sending her across the Pond to find out what brought her mother and her words there.

The Summer that Changed Everything by Brenda Novak

It was 15 years ago that Lucy left her small town when her father was found guilty of murdering three people. Returning, she runs into an old flame and starts digging into the events of that summer, her father's actual guilt, and what really happened.

Tough Luck by Sandra Dallas

Haidie and her younger brother Boots are put to work in an orphanage after their mother dies and their father is MIA after leaving four years ago to mine gold. Refusing to give up, Haidie springs herself and her brother, going on the road to Colorado to find their father and meeting incredible helpers along the way.

Young Rich Widows by Cate Holahan, Vanessa Lillie, Kimberly Belle, and Layne Fargo

Set in the 80s, when four law firm partners die, it's up to their widows to come together to solve the mystery of the plane crash and missing money.

Speak to Me of Home by Jeanine Cummins

Dual narrated story of a family in 1968 and the hurricane that ravaged Puerto Rico in 2023. The story of the family, language, and what constitutes 'Home'.

My Name is Emilia Del Valle by Isabel Allende

An Irish nun is left pregnant and abandoned by a Chilean aristocrat in San Francisco in 1866. So scorned and pious, she names the child Emilia Del Valle after him. Years later, Emilia travels to Chile to meet her father and find out the secrets of her family. Wonderful historical novel about the early years of San Francisco and the Chilean revolution. Allende at her best.