

Summer Reading Suggestions from Aha! Subscribers 2013

Book Title	Book Author	Recommend by	Comment
Aviator's Wife, The	Melanie Benjamin	Bretta	THE AVIATOR'S WIFE by Melanie Benjamin. Loved the book and it's an easy read. "Acclaimed novelist Melanie Benjamin pulls back the curtain on the marriage of one of America's most extraordinary couples: Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh".
Beautiful Ruins	Jess Walter	Annemarie's Book Club	The acclaimed, award-winning author of the national bestseller The Financial Lives of the Poets returns with his funniest, most romantic, and most purely enjoyable novel yet. Hailed by critics and loved by readers of literary and historical fiction, Beautiful Ruins is the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962...and is rekindled in Hollywood fifty years later.
Beautiful Ruins	Jess Walter	Audra Anders	I'm in the middle of this book and am loving it. I've chosen it for "my choice" during my host month for my neighborhood book club.
Beautiful Ruins	Jess Walter	MaryLea	Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter... Clever weaving of multiple characters. Loved it!
Behind the Beautiful Forevers	Katherine Boo	Annemarie's Book Club	Boo spent three years among the residents of the Annawadi slum, a sprawling, cockeyed settlement of more than 300 tin-roof huts and shacks in the shadow of Mumbai's International
Belong to Me	Marisa de Los Santos	Heath	I also love all of Marisa de los Santos's novels. The first one is called Love Walked In, the second is Belong to Me, and the third is Falling together. This is not a trilogy, but they have a few characters in common.
Best Kept Secret	Jeffrey Archer	Brenda	Best Kept Secret – Jeffrey Archer. Continues the Clifton Chronicles saga. Family intrigue with lots of twists & turns and a heart-stopping conclusion!
Broken Places, The	Ace Atkins	Paige Hudgins	his third novel in the Quinn Colson series and it's probably my favorite so far. He has an uncanny ability to paint a picture with words. But, then I might be a little biased...he's my
Bronze Horseman, The	Paullina Simons	Christine	I just finished the Bronze Horseman (and the next 2 books in the series) by Paullina Simons. It had a slow start, but once I got involved in the story, I couldn't put it down. It's a love story that takes place during WWII in Leningrad.
Buck's Junction	Jill Smith Entekin	Jennifer	yet, but will be available in June on Amazon.com. I was lucky enough to read an advance copy and it's a wonderful coming-of-age story about two cousins growing up together in a small Georgia town. The picture Entekin paints about life in a small town is vivid and full of wonderful details. And the story is funny, touching and sometimes heartbreaking. I highly
Chaperone, The	Laura Moriarity	Annemarie's Book Club	The New York Times bestseller and the USA Today #1 Hot Fiction Pick for the summer, The Chaperone is a captivating novel about the woman who chaperoned an irreverent Louise Brooks to New York City in 1922 and the summer that would change them both.
Duck Commander, The Robertson Family Story	Willie Robertson	Jason McCranie	This book gives readers an up-close and personal, behind-the-scenes look at the family in the exploding A&E show—Duck Dynasty. This Louisiana bayou family operates Duck Commander, a booming family business that has made them
End of Your Life Book Club, The	Will Schwalbe	Annemarie's Book Club	An Entertainment Weekly and BookPage Best Book of the Year During her treatment for cancer, Mary Anne Schwalbe and her son Will spent many hours sitting in waiting rooms together. To pass the time, they would talk about the books they were reading. Once, by chance, they read the same book at the same time—and an informal book club of two was born. Through their wide-ranging reading, Will and Mary Anne—and we, their fellow readers—are reminded how books can be comforting, astonishing, and illuminating, changing the way that we feel about and interact with the world around us. A profoundly moving memoir of caregiving, mourning, and love—The End of Your Life Book Club is also about the joy of reading, and the ways that joy is multiplied when we share it with others.

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Faith Club, The		Heath	My book club read The Faith Club this year– this is about three women– all moms, a Christian, a Muslim and a Jew who get together after 911 to form a Faith Club to better understand each others' faiths. It gave me a better understanding of Judiasm and Islam, and also helped me examine my faith in a new way. It also created some very interesting dialogue in our book club.
Falling Together	Marisa de Los Santos	Heath	I also love all of Marisa de los Santos's novels. The first one is called Love Walked In, the second is Belong to Me, and the third is Falling together. This is not a trilogy, but they have a few characters in common.
Fault in our Stars, The	John Green	Alexandra	The Fault in Our Stars–John Green VERY GOOD
Forgotten	Catherin McKenzie	Brenda	Forgotten by Catherine McKenzie. Just began reading it a couple of days ago and it's unforgettable! Imagine taking a trip to a faraway place, getting sick and then being caught in a catastrophe in which all means of communication with the "outside world" is cut off for several months. Then you come home, ready to resume your life – only you can't. You've been presumed dead and everyone's moved on. Your belongings have been disposed of, your bank account's frozen, your job isn't yours anymore, and someone else is living in YOUR apartment! Do you try to re-establish the life you left behind? Or do you change your life? Can't wait to see what the heroine's ultimate decision is!
Forgotten Garden, The	Kate Morton	Liz	I have loved Kate Morton's books -just finished The Forgotten Garden and The Secret Keeper. The House at Riverton is perfect for anyone who loves Downton Abbey -it is like you are reading the show! All her books have great historical context, but jump back and forth across generations beautifully. Also good to share with teens.
Gone Girl	Gillian Flynn	Daphne	Lots of twists in the plot
Great Gatsby, The	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Meadowlake book club October pick	The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald's third book, stands as the supreme achievement of his career. This exemplary novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. The story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when The New York Times noted "gin was the national drink and sex the national obsession," it is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford	Meadowlake Book Club June Pick	In the opening pages of Jamie Ford's stunning debut novel, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol.
House at Riverton, The	Kate Morton	Liz	I have loved Kate Morton's books -just finished The Forgotten Garden and The Secret Keeper. The House at Riverton is perfect for anyone who loves Downton Abbey -it is like you are reading the show! All her books have great historical context, but jump back and forth across generations beautifully. Also good to share with teens.

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House Girl, The	Tara Conklin	Annemarie's Book Club	The House Girl, the historical fiction debut by Tara Conklin, is an unforgettable story of love, history, and a search for justice, set in modern-day New York and 1852 Virginia.
In the Shadow of the Banyan	Vaddy Ratner	Annemarie's Book Club	begins with the footsteps of her father returning home in the early dawn hours bringing details of the civil war that has overwhelmed the streets of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Soon the family's world of carefully guarded royal privilege is
Indiscretion	Charles Dubow	Alexandra	Indiscretion—Charles Dubow VERY GOOD
Interestings, The	Meg Wolitzer	Annemarie's Book Club	The summer that Nixon resigns, six teenagers at a summer camp for the arts become inseparable. Decades later the bond
Kitchen House, The	Kathleen Grissom		When a white servant girl violates the order of plantation society, she unleashes a tragedy that exposes the worst and best in the people she has come to call her family.
Life After Life	Kate Atkinson	Kim	Life After Life: A novel, by Kate Atkinson. This is a strange book, but I couldn't put it down!
Light Between Oceans, The	M.L. Stedman	Annemarie's Book Club	AFTER FOUR HARROWING YEARS ON THE WESTERN TOWER, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey
Live by Night	Dennis Lehane	Karen Chatters	From Gone, Baby, Gone to Mystic River to Shutter Island to The Given Day, the phenomenal Dennis Lehane has proven himself to be one of the most versatile and exciting novelists working in America today—whether he's breaking new ground with uniquely inventive psychological suspense, redefining the detective story, or bringing a bygone era to life with sweeping and masterful historical fiction. He's back with Live by Night, an epic, unflinching tale of the making and unmaking of a gangster in the Prohibition Era of the Roaring Twenties.
Looking for Salvation at The Dairy Queen	Susan Gregg Gilmore	Amy	It's the early 1970s. The town of Ringgold, Georgia, has a population of 1,923, one traffic light, one Dairy Queen, and one Catherine Grace Cline. The daughter of Ringgold's third-generation Baptist preacher, Catherine Grace is quick-witted, more than a little stubborn, and dying to escape her small-town life.
Love Walked In	Marisa de Los Santos	Heath	I also love all of Marisa de los Santos's novels. The first one is called Love Walked In, the second is Belong to Me, and the third is Falling together. This is not a trilogy, but they have a few characters in common.
Midwife of Hope River, The	Patricia Harman	Brenda	The Midwife of Hope River by Patricia Harman – tells the story of a midwife during the Depression, living in a West Virginia mining town and carrying a few secrets.
Mr Vertigo	Paul Auster	Bob Cronin	Mr. Vertigo by Paul Auster is funny, interesting, magical, and a little deep. "Paul Auster, the New York Times-bestselling author of The New York Trilogy presents a dazzling, picaresque novel set in

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Neighbor, The	Lisa Gardner	Sandi Strasberg	The Neighbor, by Lisa Gardner. Reminded me of Gone Girl. Mystery/thriller about a wife gone missing. Very quick read. I couldn't put it down.
Night Road	Kristen Hannah	Angie	Just read Night Road by Kristen Hannah.
Nineteen Minutes	Jodi Picoult	Clara	In nineteen minutes, you can mow the front lawn, color your hair, watch a third of a hockey game. In nineteen minutes, you can bake scones or get a tooth filled by a dentist; you can fold laundry for a family of five....In nineteen minutes, you can stop the world, or you can just jump off it. In nineteen minutes, you can get revenge.
Not Me	Michael Lavigne	Annemarie's Book Club	Not Me is a remarkable debut novel that tells the dramatic and surprising stories of two men—father and son—through sixty years of uncertain memory, distorted history, and assumed identity.
One More River	Mary Glickman	Annemarie's Book Club	From the author of Home in the Morning comes this National Jewish Book Award Finalist: the sweeping story of a father and son, and of the loves that transform them amid the turbulence of the American South
Orphan Masters Son, The	Adam Johnson	Karen Chatters	WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FINALIST • LONGLISTED FOR THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL • WINNER OF THE CALIFORNIA BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION • NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
Reconstructing Amelia	Kimberly McCreight	Alexandra	Reconstructing Amelia—Kimberly McCreight VERY GOOD
Red Tent, The	Anita Diamont	Audra Anders	It's the 10th anniversary of this International Best Seller and I'm re-reading this awesome book this summer!
Revenge Wears Prada	Lauren Weisburger	Brenda	I'm very much looking forward to when they're published: Revenge Wears Prada by Lauren Weisburger – she's baaaaaaack!!
Round House, The	Louise Erdrich	Kim	The Round House, by Louise Erdrich. This is a heart-breaking story about life on the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. To quote the book publisher's description: "It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family."
Secret Keeper, The	Kate Morton	Liz	I have loved Kate Morton's books -just finished The Forgotten Garden and The Secret Keeper. The House at Riverton is perfect for anyone who loves Downton Abbey -it is like you are reading the show! All her books have great historical context, but jump back and forth across generations beautifully. Also good to share with teens.
Sister of My Heart	Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni	Heath	just read a book called Sister of My Heart by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. Best book I have read in a long time– great characters, interesting story spanning several continents.
Snow Child, The	Eowyn Ivy	Annemarie's Book Club	Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart--he breaking under the weight of the work of the farm; she crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone--but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees.

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Step of Faith, A	Richard Paul Evans	Brenda	A Step of Faith by Richard Paul Evans – #4 in The Walk series. Chronicles the main character's journey on foot from Seattle to the Florida Keys. This one picks up the story in St. Louis and takes him to Floriday – so close and yet so far!
Sweet Salt Air	Barbara Delinsky	Brenda	I'm very much looking forward to: Sweet Salt Air by Barbara Delinsky. Barbara Delinsky's always a good anytime anywhere read!
Tell The Wolves I'm Home	Carol Rifka Brunt	Annemarie's Book Club	In this striking literary debut, Carol Rifka Brunt unfolds a moving story of love, grief, and renewal as two lonely people become the unlikeliest of friends and find that sometimes you don't know you've lost someone until you've found them.
Unbroken		Ann Wells	Unbroken – non-fiction – You will remember this book long after you have read it. World War II story of a man's will to live.
Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harry Fry, The	Rachel Joyce	Annemarie's Book Club	Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does, even down to how he butters his toast. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning the mail arrives, and within the stack of quotidian minutiae is a letter addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl from a woman he hasn't seen or heard from in twenty years. Queenie Hennessy is in hospice and is writing to say goodbye.
Water with Lemon: An Inspiring Story of Diet-Free, Guilt-free Weight Loss	Zonya Foco	Meadowlake Book club August pick	This book, though, is not just about health and food; it is about life and how it starts with the power of one good habit.
Wedding Dress, The	Rachel Hauck	Brenda	The Wedding Dress by Rachel Hauck – the owner of a bridal shop in a small town finds a vintage dress with lots of story behind it. Who will be the next bride to wear it?
Wedding Night	Sophie Kinsella	Brenda	Wedding Night by Sophie Kinsella (of the Shopaholic series) – madcap & fun!
Where'd You Go, Bernadette?	Maria Semple	Kim	As a fairly conservative girl from the south, this pretty much sums up what I think life must be like in Seattle. This book is laugh out loud funny! 4) Where'd You Go, Bernadette: A Novel, by Maria Semple
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail	Cheryl Strayed	Kim	Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, by Cheryl Strayed.
Witness, The	Nora Roberts	Sandi Strasberg	I'm also reading The Witness, by Nora Roberts, now. It is also really good. But haven't finished it yet.