



## “Beach Reading with Brains and Bite”

### Adult Summer Reading Recommendations from the Ridgefield Library 2009 Edition

This apt phrase was used by *Kirkus Reviews* to describe *The Last Resort*, the 1998 novel by Alison Lurie, but it could well define an entire category of delightful books which are perfect for summer reading. For something less serious-minded than Oprah’s latest picks yet more intellectually satisfying than a formula thriller or romance, try one of the authors listed below. Stylish, sophisticated, often witty, sometimes sexy, these books offer a sharp yet affectionate look at the social and emotional fabric of contemporary life.

Cecelia Ahern	<i>Thanks for the Memories</i> and others
Steve Amick	<i>Nothing But a Smile</i> and others
Mary Kay Andrews	<i>Deep Dish</i> and others
Carol Anshaw	<i>Lucky in the Corner</i>
Sam Baker	<i>Fashion Victim</i>
Muriel Barbery	<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>
Tessa Barclay	<i>Richer than Rubies</i> and others
Melissa Bank	<i>The Wonder Spot</i> and others
Lauren Baratz-Logsted	<i>Secrets of My Suburban Life</i> and others
Raffaella Barker	<i>Summertime</i> and others
Emily Barr	<i>Solo</i> and others
Erica Bauermeister	<i>The School of Essential Ingredients</i>
Elizabeth Berg	<i>Home Safe</i> and others
Judy Blume	<i>Summer Sisters</i> and others
James Brady	<i>The House that Ate the Hamptons</i> and others
Beverly Brandt	<i>The Tiara Club</i>
Ann Brashares	<i>The Last Summer of You and Me</i>
Adrienne Brodeur	<i>Man Camp</i>
Hester Browne	<i>The Little Lady Agency and the Prince</i> and others
Elizabeth Buchan	<i>Wives Behaving Badly</i> and others
Candace Bushnell	<i>One Fifth Avenue</i> and others
Robert Olen Butler	<i>Fair Warning</i>
Julie Buxbaum	<i>The Opposite of Love</i>
Sarah Shun-Lien Bynum	<i>Ms. Hempel Chronicles</i>
Meg Cabot	<i>Best Friends and Drama Queens</i> and others
Mavis Cheek	<i>Sex Life of My Aunt</i> and others
Rita Ciresi	<i>Sometimes I Dream in Italian</i> and others
Bridie Clark	<i>Because She Can</i>
Marcelle Clements	<i>Midsummer</i>
Jenny Colgan	<i>The Boy I Loved Before</i>
James Collins	<i>Beginner’s Greek</i>
Claire Cook	<i>Summer Blowout</i> and others
Jennifer Crusie	<i>Anyone But You</i> and others

Sheila Curran	<i>Diana Lively is Falling Down</i>
Iris Rainer Dart	<i>When I Fall in Love</i> and others
Meghan Daum	<i>Quality of Life Report</i>
Gwen Davis	<i>West of Paradise</i> and others
Jill Davis	<i>Ask Again Later</i> and others
Marissa De los Santos	<i>Belong to Me</i> and others
Margaret Drabble	<i>The Sea Lady</i> and others
Sarah Duncan	<i>Adultery for Beginners</i>
Sarah Dunn	<i>Secrets to Happiness</i> and others
Sabine Durrant	<i>The Great Indoors</i> and others
Tim Farrington	<i>The Monk Upstairs</i> and others
Ellen Feldman	<i>God Bless the Child</i> and others
Joshua Ferris	<i>Then We Came to the End</i>
Katie Fforde	<i>Wedding Season</i> and others
Helen Fielding	<i>Cause Celeb</i> and others
Jennie Fields	<i>The Middle Ages</i> and others
Kathleen Flynn-hui	<i>Beyond the Blonde</i>
Debra Galant	<i>Fear and Yoga in New Jersey</i> and others
Mike Gayle	<i>Turning 30</i> and others
Emily Giffin	<i>Love the One You're With</i> and others
Ellen Gilchrist	<i>Flights of Angels</i> and others
Chris Gilson	<i>Crazy for Cornelia</i>
Julia Glass	<i>I See You Everywhere</i> and others
Olivia Goldsmith	<i>Dumping Billy</i> and others
Mary Gordon	<i>Spending</i> and others
Kristin Gore	<i>Sammy's House</i> and others
Laurie Graff	<i>Shiksa Syndrome</i> and others
Laurie Graham	<i>The Future Homemakers of America</i>
Jane Green	<i>Dune Road</i> and others
Lisa Grunwald	<i>Whatever Makes You Happy</i>
Beth Gutcheon	<i>Five Fortunes</i> and others
Beth Harbison	<i>Secrets of a Shoe Addict</i> and others
Joanne Harris	<i>The Girl With No Shadow</i> and others
Jane Heller	<i>An Ex to Grind</i> and others
Elin Hilderbrand	<i>A Summer Affair</i> and others
Jane Stanton Hitchcock	<i>One Dangerous Lady</i> and others
Wendy Holden	<i>The Wives of Bath</i> and others
Y. Euny Hong	<i>Kept</i>
Nick Hornby	<i>How to Be Good</i> and others
Laurie Horowitz	<i>The Family Fortune</i>
Ad Hudler	<i>Man of the House</i> and others
Angela Elwell Hunt	<i>Doesn't She Look Natural</i>
Kate Jacobs	<i>Knit Two</i> and others
Laura Jacobs	<i>Women About Town</i>
Kay-Marie James	<i>Cooking for Harry: A Low Carbohydrate Diet</i>
Lisa Jewell	<i>Roommates Wanted</i> and others
Diane Johnson	<i>Lulu in Marrakech</i> and others
Carrie Kabak	<i>Cover the Butter</i>
Janice Kaplan	<i>A Job to Kill For</i> and others
Carrie Karasyov	<i>The Infidelity Pact</i>

Carrie Karasyov & Jill Kargman	<i>Wolves in Chic Clothing</i>
Jill Kargman	<i>The Ex-Mrs. Hedgefund</i> and others
Karen Karbo	<i>Motherhood Made a Man Out of Me</i>
Marnie Davis Kellogg	<i>Friends in High Places</i> and others
Judith Kelman	<i>Backward in High Heels</i>
Kim Wong Keltner	<i>The Dim Sum of All Things</i>
Marian Keyes	<i>This Charming Man</i> and others
Nina Killham	<i>Mounting Desire</i> and others
Cassandra King	<i>The Same Sweet Girls</i>
Sophie Kinsella	<i>Remember Me?</i> and others
Deanna Kizis	<i>How To Meet Cute Boys</i>
Sally Koslow	<i>The Late, Lamented Molly Marx</i> and others
Eric Kraft	<i>Passionate Spectators</i> and others
Christina Baker Kline	<i>The Way Life Should Be</i>
Natalie Krinsky	<i>Chloe Does Yale</i>
Mark Kurlansky	<i>Boogaloo on Second Avenue: A Novel of Pastry, Guilt, and Music</i>
Anne Lamott	<i>Blue Shoe</i> and others
Linda Francis Lee	<i>The Ex-Debutante</i> and others
Valerie Ann Leff	<i>Better Homes &amp; Husbands</i>
Sara Lewis	<i>The Answer Is Yes</i> and others
Elinor Lipman	<i>The Family Man</i> and others
Kate Long	<i>The Bad Mother's Handbook</i>
Alison Lurie	<i>The Last Resort</i> and others
Debbie Macomber	<i>Summer on Blossom Street</i> and others
Judy Markey	<i>The Daddy Clock</i>
Merrill Markoe	<i>Nose Down, Eyes Up</i> and others
Patricia Marx	<i>Him, Her, Him Again, the End of Him</i>
Sarah Mason	<i>Party Girl</i> and others
Carole Matthews	<i>The Chocolate Lovers' Club</i> and others
Anna Maxted	<i>Being Committed</i> and others
Peter Mayle	<i>A Good Year</i> and others
Jill McCorkle	<i>Final Vinyl Days</i> and others
Hannah McCouch	<i>Girl Cook</i>
Monica McInerney	<i>Upside Down Inside Out</i> and others
Anna McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus	<i>Dedication</i> and others
Mameve Medwed	<i>How Elizabeth Barrett Browning Saved My Life</i> and others
Cheryl Mendelson	<i>Love, Work, Children</i> and others
Roland Merullo	<i>Breakfast with Buddha</i>
Mil Millington	<i>Things My Girlfriend and I Have Argued About</i>
Fiona Neill	<i>Slummy Mummy</i>
Alison Pace	<i>Through Thick and Thin</i> and others
Adele Parks	<i>Lust for Life</i> and others
Allison Pearson	<i>I Don't Know How She Does It</i>
Marie Phillips	<i>Gods Behaving Badly</i>
Rachel Pine	<i>The Twins of Tribeca</i>
Alexandra Potter	<i>Me and Mr. Darcy</i>
Caroline Preston	<i>Lucy Crocker 2.0</i>

Karen Quinn	<i>Wife in the Fast Lane</i> and others
Kris Radish	<i>Searching for Paradise in Parker, PA</i> and others
Jeanne Ray	<i>Julie and Romeo Get Lucky</i> and others
Theresa Rebeck	<i>Three Girls and Their Brother</i>
Irina Reyn	<i>What Happened to Anna K.</i>
Zoe Rice	<i>Pick Me Up</i>
Stephanie Rosenfeld	<i>Massachusetts, California, Timbuktu</i>
Kate Saunders	<i>Bachelor Boys</i>
Cathleen Schine	<i>The New Yorkers</i> and others
Leslie Schnur	<i>Late Night Talking</i> and others
Allison Winn Scotch	<i>Time of My Life</i>
Jane Shapiro	<i>The Dangerous Husband</i>
Deirdre Shaw	<i>Love or Something Like It</i>
Sandi Kahn Shelton	<i>What Comes After Crazy</i> and others
Robyn Sisman	<i>Special Relationship</i> and others
Curtis Sittenfeld	<i>American Wife</i> and others
Jane S. Smith	<i>Fool's Gold</i>
Nina Solomon	<i>Single Wife</i>
Brooke Stevens	<i>Kissing Your Ex</i>
Plum Sykes	<i>The Debutante Divorcee</i> and others
Kathleen Tessaro	<i>The Flirt</i> and others
Gemma Townley	<i>The Importance of Being Married</i> and others
Adriana Trigiani	<i>Very Valentine</i> and others
Calvin Trillin	<i>Tepper Isn't Going Out</i>
Joanna Trollope	<i>Friday Nights</i> and others
Diane Vadino	<i>Smart Girls Like Me</i>
Salley Vickers	<i>Instances of the Number 3</i> and others
Wendy Wasserstein	<i>The Elements of Style</i>
Jennifer Weiner	<i>Certain Girls</i> and others
Lauren Weisberger	<i>Chasing Harry Winston</i> and others
Fay Weldon	<i>The Spa</i> and others
Valerie Wilson Wesley	<i>Always True to You in My Fashion</i> and others
Michael Lee West	<i>Mermaids in the Basement</i> and others
Alex Witchel	<i>The Spare Wife</i> and others
Meg Wolitzer	<i>The Ten -Year Nap</i> and others
Laura Zigman	<i>Piece of Work</i> and others