

OAK PARK BOOK CLUB'S TOP BEACH PICKS FOR 2010

Wondering what to pack for vacation or a trip to the beach? Relax, escape, and unwind with these quick, entertaining reads!

BEGINNERS GREEK by James Collins. This sweet , simple romance begins on a cross-country flight.

DEADLY DEALS by Fern Michaels. A corrupt lawyer using a surrogate mother to fleece prospective parents awakens the full wrath of the Sisterhood.

THE BURNING WIRE by Jeffrey Deaver. New York City's power grid becomes a lethal weapon for a killer who devises mass electrocutions.

WHEN YOU ARE ENGULFED IN FLAMES. By David Sedaris. His latest collection of essays will keep you entertained between sight seeing.

BENEATH A MARBLE SKY by John Shors. Fictional story surrounding the building of the Taj Mahal which combines romance and adventure.

SOMEWHERE INSIDE by Laura Ling & Lisa Ling. One sister's captivity in North Korea and the other sister's fight to bring her home.

THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL SOCIETY by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Historical fiction that will make you laugh, cry and remember the transformational power of literature .

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE THUNDERBOLT KID by Bill Bryan. Author argues department stores and movie theaters were different and better in the 1950's.

DIGGING TO AMERICA by Anne Tyler. Tells the story of two families who meet at the airport and discover they are adopting Korean infants.

DARK TORT by Diane Mott Davidson. While making a delivery to a local law firm, Goldy trips over the body of a 20-year old neighbor.

PEACE LIKE A RIVER by Lief Enger. To the list of great American child narrators that include Huck Finn and Scout Finch, add Ruben "Rube" Land, the asthmatic 11-year old boy at the center of Enger's remarkable first novel.

I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW by Kate Gosselin. Kate sets the record straight for her children.

HANNAH'S LIST by Debbie Macomber. A letter from Dr. Everett's deceased wife, Hannah, who died at 36 urges him to remarry.

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GOD NEVER BLINKS: 50 LESSONS FOR LIFE'S LITTLE DETOURS by Regina Brett. See possibilities in your life in a whole new way.

SPLIT IMAGE by Robert B. Parker. A low level mob hit takes on new meaning for Jesse Stone when a top crime figure is found dead on Paradise Beach.

THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE by Mary Higgins Clark. Dr. Monica Farrell has no idea she is the rightful heir to a wealthy doctor who committed a heinous crime against a nun years ago. And someone aims to keep it that way.

SPOKEN FROM THE HEART by Laura Bush. Captivating, compelling, and candid memoirs from the former first lady.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH by Cammie McGovern. After being freed from jail, a librarian returns to her town to unravel the secrets and lies that led to her murder conviction.

THE HOT FLASH CLUB by Nancy Thayer. Middle age women unite around shared issues.

NEVER LOOK AWAY by Linwood Barclay. A small-town reporter's life unravels around him when his wife vanishes and his investigation reveals a web of deceit.

TRUE COMPASS by Edward M. Kennedy. The late senator looks back on his storied life, giving a high level look into the Kennedy Compound.

THIS IS NOT THE STORY YOU THINK IT IS... by Laura Munson. A wise and witty memoir about how the author saved her marriage crisis by taking responsibility for her own happiness.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FUTURE by Michael J. Fox. The beloved actor offers advice and encouragement for all who are worried about the future.

THE ARK by Boyd Morrison. A stunning archaeological discovery could mean the end of civilization in this lightning paced thriller.

THE BONE THIEF by Jefferson Bass. Bill Brockton has to choose: help the FBI nab a body-part dealer, or help a friend who urgently needs a transplant.