

Build Your Summer Reading List

Ready for a seasonal refresh to your Read '25 in 2025 habit? This month's Jump-Start is designed to help you build your summer reading list with 7 ideas for identifying great titles that you'll look forward to reading—on the beach, in your backyard, or anywhere else you plan to spend time this summer. We can't wait to read together! Starts May 12th!

DAY 1**Make room.**

Is your current reading list already long? Today is the day to re-evaluate and sort books that are “Must-reads” from your “Maybes.” You can also use this opportunity to cut any books that no longer interest you.

DAY 2**Relive a favorite memory.**

Think back to a favorite trip or summer experience and write down any books that take place in, or are inspired by, that location. Consider adding the ones that seem most nostalgic to your list.

DAY 3**Go deep.**

Are there any book series you've been wanting to try? The summer months may offer more downtime to immerse yourself. Write down 2-3 and try adding one to your list.

DAY 4**Do your homework.**

Think about the places you'll visit this summer and find a travel guide or cookbook from that area. Consider adding it to your list to enhance your experience or inform your plans during your stay.

DAY 5**Read together.**

If you'll be spending time with family this summer, is there a book you could read aloud together? Maybe you read before bed, after a meal, or around a campfire. Write down a few family-friendly books and consider adding them to your list.

DAY 6**Find a local bookstore.**

Do some research to learn about locally-owned bookstores in your vacation spots and save packing space by planning to do your book shopping when you arrive. Staff favorites and recommendations are also a great way to discover new titles. Can't make it to a bookshop this summer? Visit bookshop.org for curated summer reading lists.

DAY 7**Plan your escape.**

Summer is often a great time to vacate your regular routines. The same can be true for books! Think of 2-3 books that are totally different from what you usually reach for and consider adding them to your list.