

IDEAS FOR SUMMER READING

A Few Books that Retirement Gave Me Time to Read –

The Thirteenth Tale, Diane Setterfield
44 Scotland Street, Alexander McCall Smith
Atonement, Ian McEwan
Angle of Repose, Wallace Stegner

History Comes Alive –

Team of Rivals: Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, Doris Kerns Goodwin
Shakespeare: The World as Stage, Bill Bryson

Ailments: Old Guys' Preoccupation –

Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science, Atul Gawande
Another Day in the Frontal Lobe: A Brain Surgeon Exposes Life on the Inside, Katrina Firlirk

The Ordinary Made Extraordinary –

Uncommon Carriers, John McPhee
Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World, Tracy Kidder
Strength in What Remains: a Journey of Remembrance and Forgiveness, Tracy Kidder

Planning to Write? –

The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life, Steve Leveen
Writing the Memoir, Judith Barrington
Rogue River Journal: a Winter Alone, John Daniel
This I Believe: the Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women, ed. by Jay Allison and Daniel Gediman
Year of Magical Thinking, Joan Didion
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot

Writer's Inspirations: The Classics –

Madame Bovary, Gustav Flaubert
Lolita, Vladimir Nabokov
Cannery Row, John Steinbeck
Tortilla Flat, Steinbeck
In Dubious Battle, Steinbeck

Escape! –

61 Hours, Lee Child
Dead Ringer, Lisa Scottoline

Growing Up –

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo
Wednesday Wars, Gary Schmidt
Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir, Bill Bryson
Last Days of Summer, Steve Kluger
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer
Room, Emma Donoghue

Transitions . . . –

Still Alice, Lisa Genova
Making Toast: a Family Story, Roger Rosenblatt
About Alice, Calvin Trillin

When You Need a Smile –

The Prairie Home Companion Pretty Good Joke Book, intro. by Garrison Keillor
Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex, Mary Roach
Born Standing Up: a Comic's Life, Steve Martin
Latin For All Occasions, Henry Beard

“There is No Frigate Like a Book to Take Us Lands Away” –

The Last Chinese Chef, Nicole Mones
China Road: A Journey Into the Future of a Rising Power, Rob Gifford
Empire Falls, Richard Russo
The Travel Book: Journey Through Every Country in the World, pub. by Lonely Plant

No Kidding? I Didn't Know That . . . –

Quirkology: How We Discover the Big Truths in Small Things, Richard Wiseman
The Canon: A Whirlygig Tour of the Beautiful Basics of Science, Natalie Angier
Outliers: The Story of Success, Malcolm Gladwell
Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner

Autism: Insiders' Views –

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Mark Haddon
The Pleasure of My Company, Steve Martin
Born on a Blue Day: A Memoir, Daniel Tammet

Happiness, and Slowing Down –

The Sense of Wonder, Rachel Carson
Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith, Anne Lamott
Peace is Every Step, Thich Nhat Hanh
Joy of Living: Unlocking the Secret and Science of Happiness, Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche
The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World, Eric Weiner