

These are my picks for summer- enjoy them! 7/25/2002

EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT- Brenda Ternigan

A young girl sees a vision of God, and it's a woman! Very good coming-of age novel.

CAPTAIN SATURDAY- Robert Inman

Could you make a comeback if you suddenly lost everything? This is a humorous and touching look at the tenacity of the human spirit that will cause you to examine your own life.

LAST YEARS' RIVER- Allen Morris Jones

Love story between a troubled young girl and an older ranch hand haunted by the war.

A THOUSAND COUNTRY ROADS- Robert James Waller

This is an epilogue to Bridges of Madison County, and while Bridges can't be topped, this did bring a tear to my eye and is an enjoyable quick read.

LAST CHANCE SALOON- Marion Keyes

The story of a life-long friendship between two women and one man, as they struggle with life, love and the tragedy of cancer. Funny and sentimental at the same time, and always hopeful.

APRIL WITCH- Majgull Axelsson

Translated from the Swedish, this tells of an extremely handicapped woman that has been institutionalized since birth. Although unable to move physically, she is able to "leave" her body to follow the lives of her foster sisters. Disturbing, but quite well written.

SUZANNE'S DIARY FOR NICHOLAS- James Patterson

Patterson wrote a terrific love story- I would never have guessed it!

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES- Sue Monk Kidd

One of the best books I have read in a while! The writing is no less than spectacular and the ugliness of prejudice should touch even the hardest heart.

LAY THAT TRUMPET IN OUR HANDS- Susan Carol McCarthy

One family's fight against the Ku Klux Klan in Florida in the 1950's.

COLD MOUNTAIN- Charles Frazier

O.K, I can't believe it took me so long to read this book. I was not disappointed- a must read Civil War novel.

TRUE TO FORM- Elizabeth Berg

One of my favorite authors deals with the emotions and trials of an adolescent girl- a gem of a book.

COMING BACK TO ME- *Caroline Leavitt*

Story of a happy young couple expecting their first baby, but during the birth something goes terribly wrong and the woman ends up in a coma.

THE ANALYST- *John Katzenbach*

An edge of your seat thriller- you must read this book.

24/7 – *Jim Brown*

Super thriller- reality TV turns deadly. I couldn't put it down!

THE TRAVELER- *John Katzenbach*

*An older book by the author of *The Analyst*, and also very good.*

EVERYTHING'S EVENTUAL- *Stephen King*

It's been a while since I read anything by King and I was pleased- this is a good collection of short stories.

THE NATURE OF WATER AND AIR- *Regina McBride*

I love Irish stories and this one is beautiful and haunting.

NO LESS THAN GREATNESS- *Mary Manin Morrissey*

Written by a minister, this book explores the topic of loving in our imperfect world. Can we change the world through our everyday encounters? I refuse to think otherwise!