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Trethewey, Natasha. **The House of Being**

This memoir traces the writer's life to a historic Gulfport, Mississippi childhood, revisiting personal and cultural markers to show how writing reclaims forgotten stories. Approx. 77 pages.

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Revilla, No'u. **Ask the Brindled: Poems**

This National Poetry Series winner unflinchingly reclaims Indigenous and queer Hawaiian narratives, exploring what breaks a life from "seed" to "summit." Approx. 86 pages.

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Otsuji, Derek N. **The Kitchen of Small Hours: Poems**

These poems gather five generations of family stories about an immigrant experience that emerged from the plantation economies of mid-nineteenth-century Hawaii. Approx. 75 pages.

915.2045 Ni

Nicklin, Audry. **My Travels in Japan**

A comic artist's trip to Japan, exploring iconic sites with watercolors, is chronicled in a book offering illustrations, commentary, and art tips. Approx. 127 pages.

919.8904 Worsley Gr

Grann, David. **The White Darkness**

A thrilling and powerful true story of adventure and obsession in the Antarctic, lavishly illustrated with color photographs. Approx. 146 pages.

973.08691 Gharib Gh

Gharib, Malaka. **I was Their American Dream: a graphic memoir**

This graphic memoir follows a biracial millennial navigating childhood caught between immigrant parents' dreams and adapting to different cultures, ultimately honoring the American immigrant experience. Approx. 160 pages.

H 996.902 Du

Dukas, Neil Bernard. **A pocket guide to the Battle of Nu'uanu, 1795**

This convenient and profusely illustrated pocket guide to the Oahu battlefield includes maps, historical and contemporary photographs, and suggested vantage points. Approx. 90 pages.

H 996.921 En

Engledow, Jill. **The Story of Lāhainā**

This book, with vintage images, recounts Lāhainā's survival and growth throughout Hawaii's history. Approx. 80 pages.

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Short Books for Summer

Compiled June 2025



Fiction

Fic Backman

Backman, Fredrik. **And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer**

A tender and poignant novella by the author of "A Man Called Ove." It's a short, beautiful story about an elderly man experiencing dementia, told through conversations with his grandson, exploring memory, love, and loss. Approx. 60 pages.

Fic Bennett

Bennet, Alan. **The Uncommon Reader**

A delightful and witty novella about the Queen of England discovering the joy of reading when her corgis wander into a mobile library. It's a charming commentary on literature and life. Approx. 120 pages.

Fic Chambers

Chamber, Becky. **A Psalm for the Wild-Built**

Centuries after robots gained self-awareness and vanished into the wilderness, a tea monk's life is changed by the unexpected arrival of one. The robot seeks to understand "what do people need?" and cannot return until it finds an answer, leading them both on a journey of discovery. Approx. 147 pages.

Fic Kafka

Kafka, Franz. **The Metamorphosis**

A haunting and bizarre novella about a man who wakes up to find himself transformed into a giant insect, exploring themes of alienation, family, and identity. Approx. 70 pages. Approx. 70 pages.

Fic Keegan

Keegan, Claire. **Small Things Like These**

A moving and powerful novella set in Ireland, exploring the Magdalene Laundries and acts of quiet bravery. Approx. 110 pages.



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Fic Kerangal

Kerangal, Maylis de. **Eastbound**

In this swirling, gripping tale, a young Russian conscript and a French woman come together in a crowded compartment of the Trans-Siberian railroad, each of them fleeing to the east for their own reasons. Approx. 127 pages.

Fic Mackesy

Mackesy, Charlie. **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**

A modern, illustrated fable for readers of all ages that explores life's universal lessons from a beloved British illustrator. Approx. 128 pages.

Fic Murakami

Murakami, Haruki. **The Strange Library**

This fantastical, illustrated short novel by acclaimed author Haruki Murakami immerses readers in the strange, nightmarish world of a boy imprisoned in a library. Approx. 95 pages.

Fic Murata

Murata, Sayaka. **Convenience Store Woman**

A quirky and insightful Japanese novel about a woman who finds perfect contentment in her unconventional life working at a convenience store. Approx. 160 pages.

Fic Orwell

Orwell, George. **Animal Farm**

A timeless allegorical novella that critiques totalitarianism through the story of a farm where animals overthrow their human oppressors. Powerful and insightful. Approx. 140 pages.

Fic Porter

Porter, Max. **Grief Is the Thing with Feathers**

A lyrical and experimental novella about a father and his two sons coping with the sudden death of their wife and mother, personified by a large, chaotic Crow. It's a profound exploration of grief. Approx. 110 pages.

Fic Saint-Exupery

Saint-Exupery, Antoine de. **The Little Prince**

The beloved classic story about a young prince's travels through space - a profound tale about loneliness and loss, and love and friendship. Approx. 110 pages.

Fic Steinbeck

Steinbeck, John. **The Pearl**

A story of classic simplicity, based on a Mexican folk tale, The Pearl explores the secrets of man's nature, greed, the darkest depths of evil, and the luminous possibilities of love. Approx. 87 pages.

Non- Fiction

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Wagner, Melissa. **Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood**

Mister Rogers, more than a children's TV host, was a friend who helped us appreciate the good in ourselves and the world. Through his show, he offered guidance alongside beloved puppet characters. Approx. 116 pages.

321.9 Sn

Snyder, Timothy. **On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century**

A concise and urgent guide to protecting democracy, drawing lessons from the rise of authoritarianism in the 20th century. Approx. 128 pages.

363.7288 Jo

Jones, Caroline. **How to Go Plastics Free: Eco Tips for Busy People**

This guide offers 100 easy tips for a plastic-free lifestyle, acknowledging the widespread issue of plastic consumption and its environmental impact. It aims to provide a stress-free solution for reducing plastic use. Approx. 127 pages.

398.2454 La

Lancaster, Jason. **Little Encyclopedia of Enchanted Woodland Creatures**

This encyclopedia explores over 90 magical and famous woodland creatures from various world mythologies and cultures, spanning the globe from Romania to Colorado. Approx. 132 pages.

530 Ro

Rovelli, Carlo. **Seven Brief Lessons on Physics**

A beautifully written and poetic introduction to modern physics, covering topics from general relativity to black holes, loop quantum gravity, and the nature of time. Approx. 80 pages.

H 782.42164 Ha

Hayashi, Leslie Ann. **Aloha 'Oe : the Song Heard Around the World**

The story behind the song, Hawaii's unofficial national anthem, richly illustrated with vintage photos and drawings. Approx. 80 pages.

H 797.32 Su

Surfing = He'e nalu : Hawaiian Proverbs and Inspirational Quotes Celebrating Hawai'i's Royal Sport

A collection of over 30 universal quotes and inspirational proverbs accompanied by vintage photographs which present a nostalgic portrait of Hawaii's favorite sport. Approx. 78 pages.



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