

for Summer!

DON'T LET THE 'I'M VACCINATED!' SOCIALIZING KEEP YOU FROM QUIET TIME WITH THESE WINNERS

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Kids & Teens

S.K. Ali *Misfit in Love*

An elaborate Muslim wedding—*katb el-kitab*—is the elegant backdrop for a teen's soul-searching about love, sexism and racism within her own community. (14 and up)

Ben Street and Jay Daniel Wright *How to Be an Art Rebel*

A hip cat narrates this playful, irreverent guide to all types of fine art—sculpture, surrealism, selfies (formally called portraiture). Museums, here we come! (6-8)

Maureen Johnson *The Box in the Woods*

Teen sleuth Stevie Bell is hired to solve a gruesome, decades-old murder mystery at summer camp. Bugs, romance and near misses with death follow. (14-17)

Sarah Kuhn *From Little Tokyo, with Love*

A contemporary fairy tale starring a Japanese American teen raised in L.A. by bossy relatives who becomes convinced that a Hollywood starlet is her long-lost mother. (14-17)

Laura Amy Schlitz *Amber & Clay*

Two powerless kids in ancient Greece—the daughter of an aristocrat and the son of a slave—transcend their circumstances in this masterful blend of history and mythology. (10-14)



People
BEST BOOKS
SUMMER 2021

Mystery & Thriller

Mary Dixie Carter *The Photographer*

Photographer Delta Dawn is one disturbing woman, especially when she inserts herself into a wealthy Manhattan family. A breathless psychological thriller about epic mind games.

Jonathan Santlofer *The Last Mona Lisa*

After a journal surfaces in Florence, a professor obsessed with his great-grandfather's 1911 heist of the *Mona Lisa* is in hot pursuit—along with assassins and ruthless art dealers.

Zakiya Dalila Harris *The Other Black Girl*

Funny and subversive, this debut about the trials of a Black assistant at a mostly white publishing house uses suspense, horror and satire to bring home the toll of workplace racism.

Katherine St. John *The Siren*

A star bankrolls a film on a hurricane-prone island with his fractured family and some shady characters. Good idea? A sudsy, savvy takedown of the Hollywood dream machine.

Paula Hawkins *A Slow Fire Burning*

The *Girl on the Train* author returns with a dark, intricate tale of three women tied to a bloody murder on a London houseboat. You'll be gobsmacked by the end.

