

Staff Picks – July 2017

Some great reads for your summer pleasure!

FOR KIDS

[A Hungry Lion \(or a dwindling assortment of animals\)](#) / Lucy Ruth Cummings (Easy Fiction) - **Natalie**

The very hungry lion is all set to enjoy an exciting day with his other animal pals. But all of a sudden his friends start disappearing at an alarming rate. Is someone stealing the hungry lion's friends, or is the culprit a little...closer to home?

[Alcatraz versus the Knights of Crystallia](#) / Brandon Sanderson (Junior Fiction) - **Mary Anne**

When Alcatraz and Grandpa Smedry make a pilgrimage to the Free Kingdom city of Crystallia, the Smedry home base, Alcatraz is shocked to see that he is, in fact, a legend. When he was a baby he was stolen by the Evil Librarians, and his mother, a Librarian herself, was behind the whole scheme. Now, with his estranged father, Bastille, and Grandpa Smedry, Alcatraz tries to save a city under siege from the Librarians.

FOR TEENS

[Six of Crows](#) / Leigh Bardugo (Young Adult Fiction) – **Kaela**

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first. *First in a series.*

[Three Dark Crowns](#) / Kendare Blake (Young Adult Fiction)– **Hollie**

On the island of Fennbirn, triplet sisters who each wield a coveted magic skill and claim an equal right to the throne must fight to the death when they turn sixteen for the title of Queen Crowned. *First in a series.*

FOR ADULTS

[Camino Island](#) / John Grisham (New Fiction) - **Felicia**

The most daring and devastating heist in literary history targets a high security vault located deep beneath Princeton University. Valued at \$25 million (though some would say priceless) the five manuscripts of F Scott Fitzgerald's only novels are amongst the most valuable in the world. After an initial flurry of arrests, both they and the ruthless gang of thieves who took them have vanished without trace.

[The Dark Tower Series](#) / Stephen King (Fiction) - **Emily**

Inspired by Robert Browning's poem "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came" this 8-volume series is set in Mid-World. Roland Deschain is the last living member of a knightly order known as *gunslingers*. Roland's quest is to find the Dark Tower, a fabled building said to be the nexus of

all universes. Mid-World is said to have "moved on", and it appears to be coming apart at the seams.

[Magnolia Story](#) /Chip and Joanna Gaines (Adult NonFiction) - **Michelle**

The Magnolia Story is the first book from Chip and Joanna, offering their fans a detailed look at their life together. From the very first renovation project they ever tackled together, to the project that nearly cost them everything; from the childhood memories that shaped them, to the twists and turns that led them to the life they share on the farm today.

[The Cubs way : the zen of building the best team in baseball and breaking the curse](#) / Tom Verducci (Adult NonFiction)– **Brian**

With inside access and reporting, Sports Illustrated senior baseball writer and FOX Sports analyst Tom Verducci reveals how Theo Epstein and Joe Maddon built, led, and inspired the Chicago Cubs team that broke the longest championship drought in sports, chronicling their epic journey to become World Series champions.