



BEACHY KEEN READS ...

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson (Fic Simonson)

A set-in-his-ways retired British officer tentatively courts a local widow of Pakistani descent, the charming Mrs. Ali, in the lovely English village of Edgecombe St. Mary.

Little Bee by Chris Cleave (Fic Cleave)

A tale of a precarious friendship between an illegal Nigerian refugee and a recent widow from suburban London, a story told from the alternating and disparate perspectives of both women.

The Irresistible Henry House by Lisa Grunwald (Fic Grunwald)

A quirky, off beat novel about the life of a mid-century orphan used as a "practice baby" in a college home economics program in PA.

The Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo (Fic Russo)

After 60 years of living in upstate New York, Louis Charles and his wife of forty years, Sarah, prepare for a trip to Italy to visit Louis' childhood friend, an artist who had fled his hometown many years earlier.

The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman (Fic Rachman)

Set against the backdrop of Rome, this debut novel follows the topsy-turvy private lives of the reporters, editors and executives of an international English language newspaper as they struggle to keep it--and themselves---afloat.

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton (Fic Morton)

A four-year-old girl abandoned aboard a ship touches off a century-long inquiry into her ancestry.

Every Last One by Anna Quindlen (Fic Quindlen)

An everyday upper middle class suburban family is shattered by the unanticipated consequences of seemingly casual decisions.

The Brutal Telling by Louise Penny (Mys Penny)

After a stranger is murdered in a bistro/antiques store in the Quebec village of Three Pines and the bistro's owner becomes the main suspect, Chief Inspector Gamache must sift through a number of clues and cross the continent in order to solve the case.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (Fic Larsson)

Four decades after the disappearance of Harriet Vanger from the island inhabited by the powerful Vanger family, her uncle, convinced that she had been murdered by someone from her own dysfunctional clan, hires journalist Mikael Blomqvist and Lisbeth Salander, an unconventional young hacker, to investigate. (Sequels: **The Girl Who Played with Fire** & **The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest**)

Broken by Karin Slaughter (Mys Slaughter)

Grant County medical examiner Sara Linton and Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agent, Will Trent, have their work cut out for them when the prime suspect in a shoreside murder winds up dead in his holding cell.

Anthropology of an American Girl by Hilary Thayer Hamann (Fic Hamann)

A young artist struggles to remain true to herself throughout her first experiences of passion, death, and adulthood.

The Passage by Justin Cronin (Fic Cronin)

A test subject in a covert government experiment, abandoned six-year-old Amy is rescued by an FBI agent who hides them in the Oregon hills, from which Amy emerges a century later to save the human race from a terrifying virus.

Based Upon Availability by Alix Strauss (Fic Strauss)

A novel concerning a Manhattan Four Seasons manager who witnesses the alarmingly bleak lives of eight women (herself included) confronting the loss of youth.

The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender (Fic Bender)

Discovering in childhood a supernatural ability to taste the emotions of others in their cooking, Rose Edelstein grows up to regard food as a curse when it reveals everyone's secret realities.

Red Hook Road by Ayelet Waldman (Fic Waldman)

Set on the coast of Maine over the course of four summers, this novel tells the story of two families, the Tetherlys and the Copakens, and of the ways in which their lives are unraveled and stitched together by misfortune, good intentions, failure, love and calamity.

The Fifth Floor by Michael Harvey (Fic Harvey)

Hired by a former lover to follow her husband, private detective Michael Kelly tracks the subject to Chicago's North Side, where he discovers a body and a possible answer to the mystery of who started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

The Long Song by Andrea Levy (Fic Levy)

A tale inspired by the years of 19th-century Jamaica's emancipation finds the willful slave Miss July moving into her mistress's great house, where she becomes a valuable confidante, learns to read and witnesses the Baptist War.