



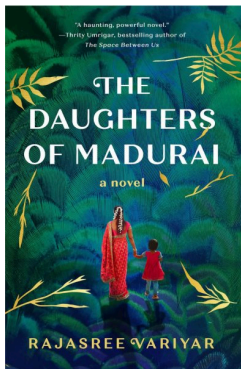
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Readalikes for *Husbands & Lovers*

Dundee Library Book Club, August 2025

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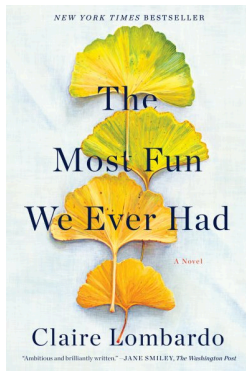


The daughters of Madurai : a novel

by Rajasree Variyar

Madurai, 1992. A young mother in a poor family, Janani is told she is useless if she can't produce a son—or worse, if she bears daughters. They let her keep her first baby girl, but the rest are taken away as soon as they are born and murdered. But Janani can't forget the daughters she was never allowed to love.

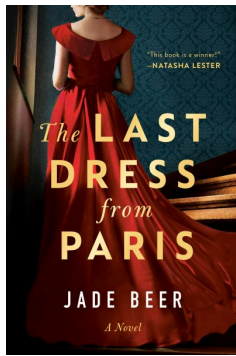
Sydney, 2019. Nila has a secret; one she's been keeping from her parents for too long. Before she can say anything, her grandfather in India falls ill and she agrees to join her parents on a trip to Madurai. Nila knows very little about where her family came from or who they left behind. What she's about to learn will change her forever. While *The Daughters of Madurai* explores the harrowing issue of female infanticide, it's also a universal story about the bond between mothers and daughters, the strength of women, and the power of love in overcoming all obstacles..



The most fun we ever had

by Claire Lombardo

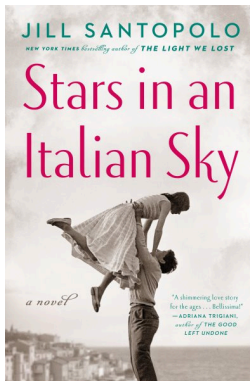
The four adult daughters of two Chicago parents who have been madly in love for decades recklessly ignite old rivalries, until a long-buried secret threatens to shatter the lives they built.



The last dress from Paris

by Jade Beer

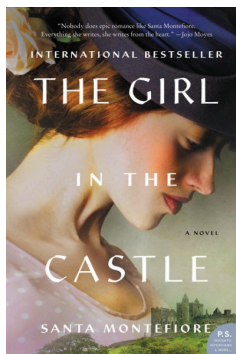
When her beloved Granny Sylvie asks her to secure the return of something precious to her, Lucille finds herself on a train to Paris, tasked with retrieving a priceless Dior dress—a journey that has her scouring the city for answers to a question that could change her entire life.



Stars in an Italian sky

by Jill Santopolo

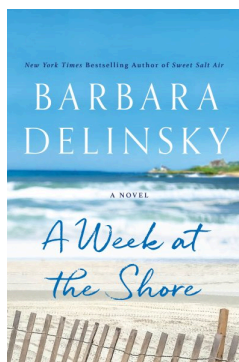
In 2017 New York, Luca and Cassandra, the perfect match for each other, find their blossoming relationship changed forever when a chance meeting between their grandparents reveals a long-buried family secret linked back to two star-crossed lovers in post-World War II Italy.



The girl in the castle : a novel

by Santa Montefiore

A first installment in a planned trilogy follows the experiences of Kitty, who enjoys a life of privilege on Ireland's wild countryside at the side of an increasingly resentful best friend and the vet's son she loves, until the Irish revolt threatens her beloved home.

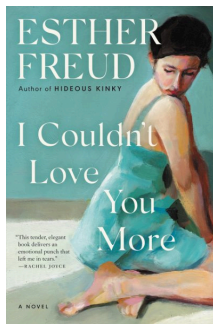


A week at the shore

by Barbara Delinsky

Returning to her family's Rhode Island beach home after a 20-year estrangement, a real estate photographer navigates painful family secrets that test her bonds with her sisters, while her 13-year-old daughter pursues desperately wanted family ties.

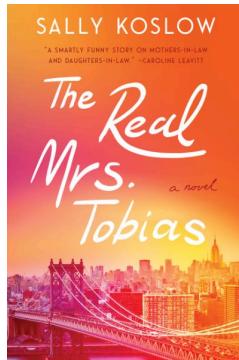
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I couldn't love you more : a novel

by Esther Freud

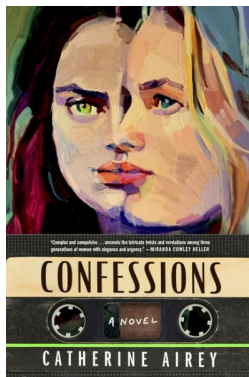
Beginning in 1960s London, three generations of British women navigate love, sex, motherhood and societal norms—and the betrayals and lies required to navigate it all—in the new novel from the author of *Hideous Kinky*.



The real Mrs. Tobias : a novel

by Sally Koslow

A sharply funny and big-hearted multi-generational story about the deeply complicated relationships between mothers- and daughters-in-law, told through three women who marry into the same family, a treat for fans of *The Nest* and *Fleischmann Is in Trouble*.

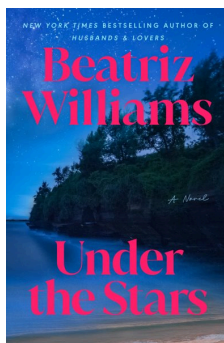


Confessions

by Catherine Airey

Three generations of women are bound by family secrets, lost memories and an enigmatic boarding school game as they unravel mysteries spanning from 1970s Ireland to post-9/11 New York, which threaten to tear them apart forever.

Also by Beatriz Williams

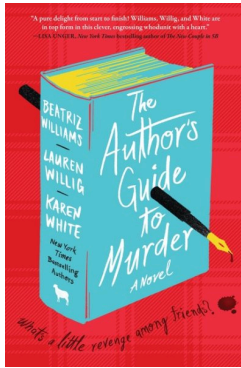


Under the Stars

by Beatriz Williams

When a daughter and her famous mother return to Winthrop Island to confront their complicated past, they discover a secret trove of paintings that connect them to a mysterious woman who vanished on a luxury steamship two centuries earlier.

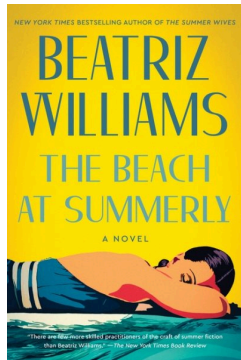
From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Husbands & Lovers* comes an epic tale of family legacy, love, and truths that echo down generations.



The author's guide to murder : a novel

by Beatriz Williams

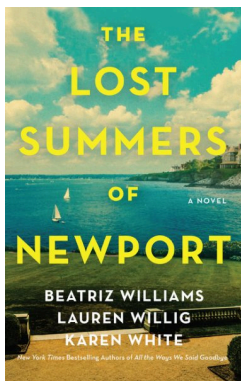
At Castle Kinloch in the Scottish Highlands, literary superstar Brett Saffron Presley is found dead under strange circumstances, leading Detective Chief Inspector Euan McIntosh to investigate three American novelists—each with their own motives and secrets—as he uncovers connections between Presley's murder and the castle's dark history.



The beach at Summerly : a novel

by Beatriz Williams

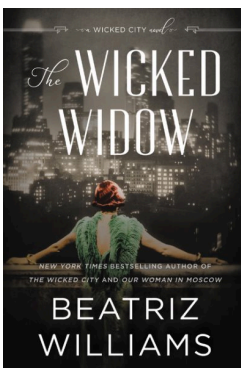
In 1954, Emilia Winthrop, a professor at Wellesley College, is summoned to CIA headquarters where she's forced to confront the harrowing consequences of the summer she exposed a traitor amongst the New England elite and a choice that could destroy her chance for redemption all over again.



The lost summers of Newport : a novel

by Beatriz Williams

Three New York Times best-selling authors combine their talents in this novel of money and secrets set among the famous mansions of Newport, Rhode Island, from the Gilded Age to the present day.



The wicked widow : a wicked city novel

by Beatriz Williams

While digging up dirt on a Presidential candidate at the behest of her 90-something society queen aunt, pregnant Ella Dommerich, with the help of her mysterious connection to a certain redheaded flapper, stands between a ruthless family and the prize it's sought for generations.