

**CINNAMON COVE BOOK CLUB**  
**Summer Reading Suggestions**

***A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith (Historical Fiction)**

The story of three generations of a Florida family, from the start of a new life in the wilderness as dirt poor “crackers” to their rise and enjoyment with the wealth of real estate tycoons. It portrays a fictional look at the mostly unknown history of the state.

***A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle (Non-Fiction)**

A year in the lovely countryside of France is this “armchair travel” book. Mayle is an Englishman who lived in Provence and renovated an 18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse. The book covers the culinary pleasures, farming, wines, and colorful characters of the area.

***Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage* by Elizabeth Gilbert (Non-Fiction)**

Gilbert looks at the history and evolution of marriage in this sequel to her best selling *Eat Pray Love*. She also explores issues with the government when her Brazilian boyfriend is detained by US Customs.

***Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts (Non-Fiction)**

The history of Colonial America women, their strengths, their involvement in politics, and how they helped shape our nation during revolutionary times. Political commentator Roberts shows us inspiring “female patriots” in this well researched book.

***Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See (Fiction)**

Two sisters leave their privileged life in China in the 1930’s after the loss of their father’s fortunes and the invasion of the Japanese. Forced to marry Chinese men of their father’s choosing, they struggle to adapt to life in America.

***The Girl with a Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson (Fiction)**

This international best selling crime thriller takes place off the coast of Sweden. With family relationships, political and financial intrigue, it follows a cold-case file of a teen heiress who disappeared forty years earlier.

***The God of Animals: A Novel* by Aryn Kyle (Fiction)**

A young girl, growing up on a present-day Colorado horse ranch, is thrust into an adult world and must bear the brunt of the family’s troubles. She learns life is harsh but her sense of responsibility makes it nearly impossible to escape.

***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski (Fiction)**

Edgar comes from a family that develops and trains a fictional breed of dogs in Wisconsin. Born mute, he learns to communicate with his dogs. With adventure, family conflict and a ghost, the story has been compared to Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* tragedy.

***Whistling in the Dark* by Lesley Kagen (Fiction)**

This is the story of a 10-year-old girl in Milwaukee during the summer of 1959. Living with a dysfunctional family, neighbors who care for her, an overactive imagination, plus a pedophile on the loose, make this both a poignant and funny read.