

WTBBL Book List:

Summer in the Sun

Summer is the time for all kinds of outdoor activities. Whether you're hanging out beachside, camping in the wilderness, or just lighting the barbecue, here are some books about summer activities you can listen to while you're out in the sun.

Beach Read by Emily Henry, 2020. ([DB099724](#) and [BR023158](#))

January Andrews is a romance writer who no longer believes in love. Augustus Everett is a celebrated literary writer stuck in a rut. When the two writers wind up in neighboring beach houses, they decide to try an experiment and swap genres.

Good Vibrations: My Life as a Beach Boy by Mike Love, 2016. ([DB085547](#))

One of the founding members of the Beach Boys reflects on his five decades with the band. He tells stories of his bandmates, the lyrics he wrote for some of the group's big hits, and his take on their rise and fall.

Hiking Washington's History by Judy Bentley, 2010. ([DBC16889](#))

Includes 42 historical trails across the state with regional histories and historical narratives for each. Regions include the Olympic Peninsula, Puget Sound, North, Central and South Cascades, Central, Northeastern, Southeastern and Central Washington and the Lower Columbia River.

Summer of '42 by Herman Raucher, 1971. ([DB016418](#) and [BR001656](#))

A middle-age man returns to Packett Island off the New England coast and summons up memories of the summer of 1942 when he and his two buddies were fifteen. Preoccupied with sex, the three boys brooded, talked, read about it, and tried to turn theory into practice.

Summer of '69/ Verano del 69 by Elin Hilderbrand, 2019. ([DB095859](#), Español [DB100319](#))

Nantucket, 1969. Siblings Blair, Kirby, Tiger, and Jessie find their world changed from the last time they spent the summer at their grandmother's home. With the three older siblings spread across the world and facing their own crises, thirteen-year-old Jessie feels the strain of family secrets.

Summer Sisters by Judy Blume, 2012. ([DB046337](#))

Santa Fe sixth-grader Vix is thrilled when new classmate Caitlin asks her to spend the summer with her on Martha's Vineyard. The summers go on for six years, during which Vix falls in love with Bru, an island resident. Now, years later, Caitlin calls to say she is marrying Bru.

Three-Year Swim Club: The Untold Story of Maui's Sugar Ditch Kids and Their Quest for Olympic Gold by Julie Checkoway, 2015. ([DB083154](#))

The story of Soichi Sakamoto and the Japanese American children he trained to be champion swimmers, hoping to have them compete in the 1940 Olympic Games. The children came from extreme poverty on Maui, swimming in the irrigation ditches of the sugar plantation where they lived.

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart, 2013. ([DB079109](#), [BR020594](#), and [LP026252](#))

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail
by Cheryl Strayed, 2012. ([DB074646](#))

Author recounts the three-month, 1,100-mile solo hike she took on a whim in 1995 after years of devastating personal losses. Describes her encounters with rattlesnakes, locals, fellow hikers, and her own thoughts during her trek from Los Angeles to Washington State on the Pacific Crest Trail.