

June Summer Reading List - Bonus

[Callings: The Purpose and Passion of Work](#)

"Over the past dozen years, StoryCorps has amassed the largest single collection of voices in history. In *Callings*, the fifth book from StoryCorps, founder Dave Isay presents stories that celebrate the passion, determination, and courage it takes to pursue the work we feel called to do."

[The Mad Women in the Volvo: My Year of Raging Hormones](#) Sandra Tsing Loh

"In a voice that is wry, disarming, and totally candid, Sandra Tsing Loh tells the moving and laugh-out-loud tale of her roller coaster through "the change." This is not your grandmother's menopause story. Loh chronicles utterly relatable, everyday perils: raising preteen daughters, weathering hormonal changes, and going through the ups and downs of a career and a relationship.

In *The Madwoman in the Volvo* Loh speaks hilariously and honestly about her life as a mother, a daughter, and an artist. She recounts her journey through a tumultuous time of life, trying to maintain appearances during an epic hormonal—and that means physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual—change. The upbeat conclusion: it does get better."

[Little Paris Bookshop: A Novel](#) Nina George

"Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself."

Other author recommendations:

Mystery:

Debra Crombie: Gemma James/Duncan Kincaid Mystery series set in UK.

Louise Penny: Agree with Pat- great mystery series set in Montreal, CA

Anne Hillerman: If you've read all the Tony Hillerman books- start on his daughter Anne's.

Fun, fast reads- along the lines of *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*- where the characters find themselves in interesting situations.

Marian Keyes: Irish Novelist- books described as "chatty conversational style and whimsical Irish humor".

Liane Moriarty: "Comedy with serious undertones. Challenges her character and readers- but in the best possibly way."