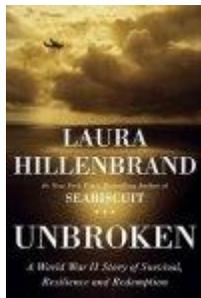


August Staff Picks

Eileen



Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

You may think you know this story, but you'd be wrong. Louis Zamperini, former Olympian, spent 47 days drifting on an open raft in the Pacific Ocean in 1943, and 2 years as a Japanese prisoner of war. But an even greater trial awaited at home. Laura Hillenbrand battled her own debilitating illness to bring us this story of endurance and grace.

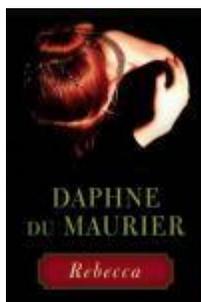
Katherine



Scythe by Neal Shusterman

An engaging, fast, interesting read. Death has been conquered - but the people still need to die on an Earth with limited resources. While a benevolent AI oversees a nearly perfect society, "reaping" human lives is left solely in the hands of a group of people called Scythes. Scythes are supposed to be of the highest moral fibre, but they are not immune to corruption. This book aimed at teens and is a nominee for the NH Flume Award, but has enough depth and action to satisfy adult readers. Extremely well written, this is recommended to anyone who enjoys sci-fi and/or action novels.

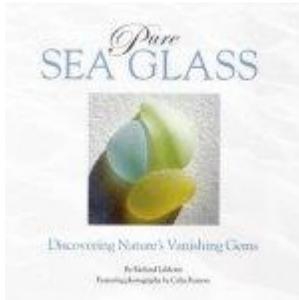
Sarah



Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again." So begins the haunting tale of Rebecca. Told from the perspective of an unnamed 2nd wife, referred to only as Mrs. de Winter, who has been married to the mercurial Mr. Maxim de Winter and moved to his estate, Manderley. Before she becomes the second Mrs. de Winter, she is an orphan from modest means who is employed to a well-connected, but tactless old woman who comes from wealth. While on a trip they run into Maxim who is a friend of the woman's nephew. Maxim finds himself charmed and ends up proposing a quick marriage to the young girl. Once established at his estate, she realizes that she is most unwelcome. The housekeeper continues to be loyal to Rebecca although she is deceased. As the new Mrs. de Winter begins to try to sort out what caused Rebecca's demise and experiences what she thinks is Rebecca haunting her, she starts to question her sanity and her role as wife and lady of the house. This is a true gothic, replete with an easily-influenced heroine, volatile lover, crumbling mansions, and ghostly mysteries. *Don't let our old copy turn you off, the writing is so vivid you won't forget it. If you like Kate Morton, Diane Setterfield, Henry James, or the Brontë sisters you might just get swept away by this edge-of-your-seat classic.*

Cheryl

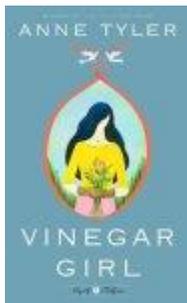


***Pure Sea Glass* by Richard LaMotte**

Feet in the sand, wind in the hair, both delightful prerequisites for an early morning hunt for beach glass! In his book, *Pure Sea Glass*, author Richard LaMotte shares with us a detailed look at sea glass finds, from chunks of bottles to tiny shards of blue and green glass all tumbled and tossed by ocean waves for years beyond our ages! The book is an informative guide to the possible history of the shards and fragments the author has collected, as beautifully photographed by Celia

Pearson. You will most certainly enjoy the richness and beauty of this book. See you at the beach!

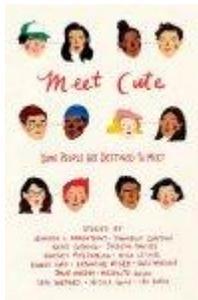
Elizabeth



***Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler**

This book is an absolutely charming read with interesting, every-day, characters with flaws and funny quirks that end up in a very peculiar situation. The story is written as a retelling of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" and brings the brilliant old tale back to life and into more modern times. With this new version Anne Tyler takes a look into the life of Kate, a woman, stuck in a "dead-end" assistant teaching job, and boring repetitive life with a widowed father who is brilliant but absent-minded, and a pretty boy-crazy, but less than intelligent

little sister who she now has to care for. Kate ends up on a sort of voyage of self-discovery and emotion as she finds her way through the new complicated situation of helping her father and his treasured research assistant with an expiring visa, and maybe creating a new life that she wants to be a part of along the way. The comedic and touching journey this book brings to life in its pages is sure to light up any free summer days you have, rain or shine!



Kelly

***Meet Cute* by Jennifer Armentrout, et. al.**

"A scene in which a future romantic couple meets for the first time" is the definition of a "meet cute", and this novel is full of them. From two girls falling in love over a delayed flight, to a boy finding love on his way to Mars, to a girl

statistically calculating the chances of meeting a boy on the street, this novel has something for everyone. Maybe you need a reminder that even after heartbreak, you can find love or that you deserve to feel beautiful in whatever you wear or that your identities are valid. This novel will be that sign. Finally, the collection of authors each have their own way of telling their love stories that will keep you entertained until the last page.