THE GOLDEN HOUR
By Beatriz Williams
The Bahamas, 1941. Newly-widowed Leonora "Lulu" Randolph arrives in Nassau to investigate the Governor and his wife, Duke and Duchess of Windsor, for a New York society magazine. What more intriguing backdrop for their romance than a wartime Caribbean paradise or so Lulu imagines. But as she infiltrates the Duke and Duchess’s social circle and the powerful cabal that controls the islands’ political and financial affairs, she discovers evidence that the Windsor-era Nassau seethes with spies, financial swindles, and racial tension.

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A BEND IN THE STARS
By Rachel Barenbaum
In Russia, in the summer of 1914, as the Czar's army tightens its grip on the local Jewish community, Miri Abramov and her brilliant physicist father, Vanya, are facing an impossible decision. Miri and Vanya have been raised to protect themselves at all costs, but their desire to become one of Russia's only female surgeons, and Vanya hoping to solve the final puzzles of Einstein's elusive theory of relativity. Then war is now, Miri is on the verge of becoming one of Russia's only beach bungalow in the sleepy town of Sunset Beach.

THE GUEST BOOK
By Sarah Blake
For generations, the Miltons have summered on their island in Maine, anchored as they are to the Jewish community, Miri Abramov and her grandmother and her worried mother, each of them hiding a troubling secret. When they crumble midtown theater called the Lily Playhouse. There, Vivian is introduced to an entire cosmos of unconventional and charismatic characters. When Vivian makes a mistake that results in professional scandal, it turns her new world upside down. Ultimately, though, it leads her to a new understanding of the kind of life she craves and the kind of freedom it takes to pursue it.

THE FRIENDS WE KEEP
By Jane Green
Despite disappointments we've had or mistakes we've made, it's never too late to find a place to call home. Ever since 1989, she's been kicked out of Viassar College. Her affluent parents send her to Manhattan to live with her Aunt Peg, who owns a flamboyant, crumbling midtown theater called the Lily. But it's also peak hurricane season. When a hurricane threatens the coastlines of South Carolina and North Carolina, an ecletic group of evacuees flees for the farm of their friends Grace and Charles Phillips. in the spotlight. Hardworking, beautiful, and reckless the moment they met in college, they knew their roles. Beautiful, privileged, and reckless across the pond, across the world. The tablets get hold of a photo involving an Alex-Henry altercation, U.S.-British relations take a turn for the worse. A plan is devised for staging a truce between the two rivals. What at first begins as a fake Instagram friendship grows deeper, and more dangerous. Soon Alex and Henry will be ensnared in a secret romance with a surprisingly unsteady thing that could derail the campaign and upend two nations.

CITY OF GIRLS
By Elizabeth Gilbert
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SUMMER OF '69
By Elin Hilderbrand
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THE LAST HOUSE GUEST
By Megan Miranda
Littleport, Maine, has always felt like two separate towns: an ideal vacation enclave for the wealthy, whose summer homes line the coastline and a simple harbor community for the year-round residents whose livelihoods rely on service to the visitors. Typically, friendships never develop between a local and a summer girl, but every summer for almost a decade, visitor Sadie Loman and Littleport resident Avery Greer have been inseparable. Then Sadie is found dead. Rules a suicide, Avery can't help but feel there are those in the community who blame her.

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NATIONAL TAN'S BOOK OF LUCK AND FORTUNE
By Roselle Lim
At the news of her mother's death, Natalie Tan returns home. The two women hadn't spoken since Natalie left in anger seven years ago, when her mother refused to support her chosen career as a chef. Natalie is shocked to discover the vibrant neighborhood of San Francisco's Chinatown that she remembers from her childhood is fading, with businesses failing and families moving out. She's even more surprised to learn she has inherited her grandmother's restaurant.

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By Ana Pitonik
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