



The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks

A 17-year-old girl spends the summer with her divorced father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love. Great romance novel.

Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton

In the 17th-century Caribbean, a British pirate attacks a Spanish galleon. Action-packed.

Push by Sapphire

The movie *Precious* is based on this book. Precious Jones, 16 years old and pregnant by her father with her second child, meets a determined and highly radical teacher who takes her on a journey of transformation and redemption.

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

Robert Langdon does it again. Packed with action and suspense, this tale takes place in Washington, D.C. Steeped with Masonic history, the story will not disappoint.

The Host by Stephenie Meyer

Science fiction for those who don't like science fiction. When an alien takes over Melanie Stryder's body, her mind wages a war to keep her soul from disappearing.

Ford County by John Grisham

Short stories set in rural Mississippi. Classic Grisham at his best.

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver

(author of the *Poisonwood Bible*) From Publishers Weekly Harrison William Shepherd is the product of a divorced American father and a Mexican mother. After getting kicked out of his American military academy, Harrison spends his formative years in Mexico. Harrison returns to the U.S., settling down in Asheville, N.C., where he becomes an author of historical potboilers (e.g., *Vassals of Majesty*) and is later investigated as a possible subversive.

The Help

A story that shows the trials and tribulations of "the help" in white upper class homes in 1960s Mississippi.

South of Broad by Pat Conroy

A group of childhood friends from Charleston stay close through many years. They endure troubled marriages, divorce, and deaths. One ultimate crisis brings them together for something they are not expecting.

Slave to Fashion by Rebecca Campbell

From the back cover: Possessed of a sharp eye and a stiletto tongue, Katie talks her way into a job of her dreams. Working for chic designer Penny Moss, Katie snags not only a town house in London's Primrose Hill but also a cute finance. But act of libidinal folly costs Katie everything. The author will keep you laughing until the last page.