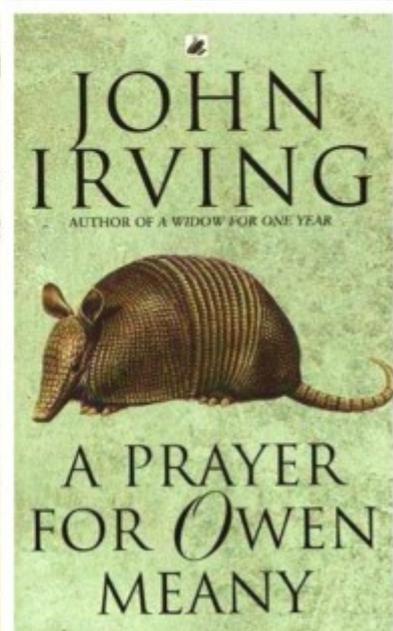
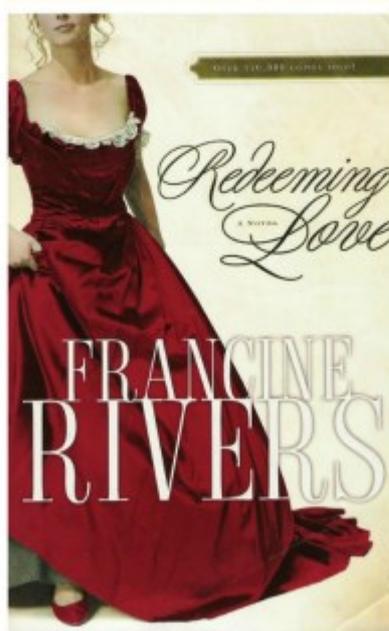
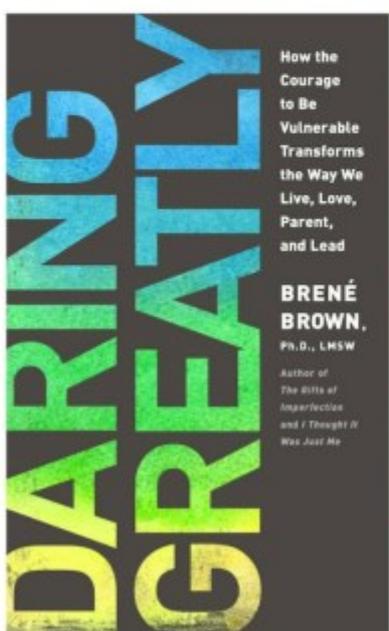
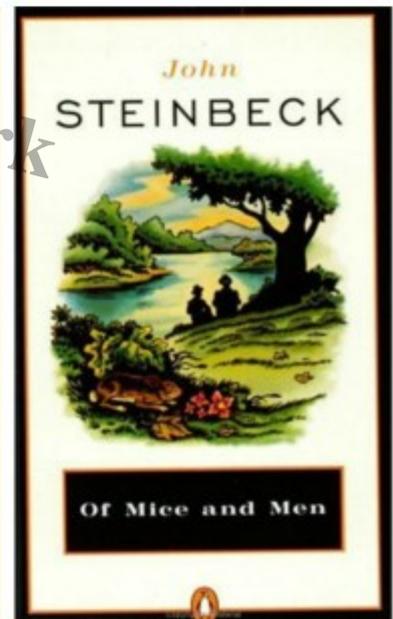
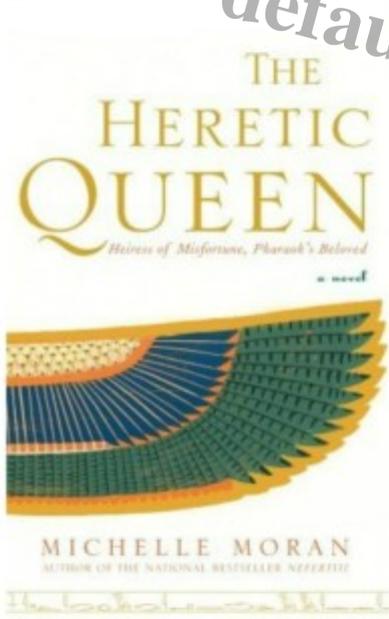
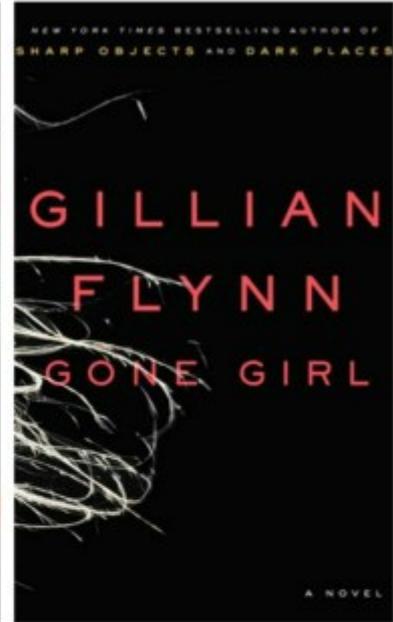
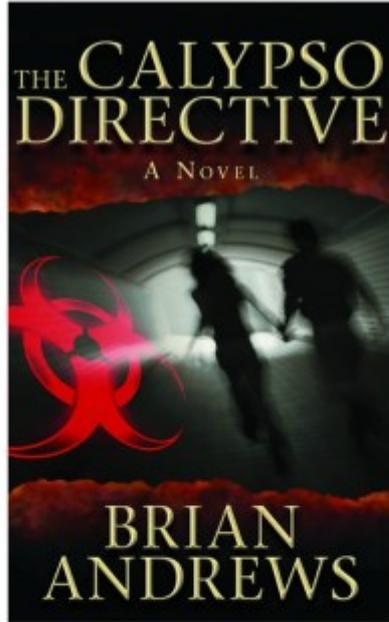
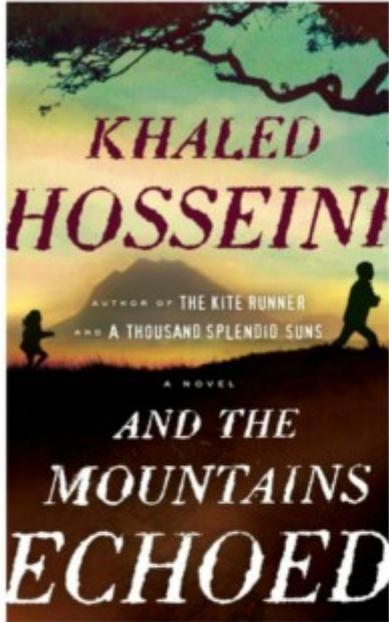


Summer Reading List

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I've compiled a list of books I'd like to read this summer. I scoured my bookcases for books that I already own with the exception of one newly purchased book, *And The Mountains Echoed*.

I'm really bad about buying books before I've read what I own. I just keep adding to my collection. Then there is the ever growing stack of magazines and blogs I like to read. Lately, blogs have been my focus. I'll be taking a bit of a computer break next week so I thought it would be the perfect time to read books.

1. [**And the Mountains Echoed**](#) by Khaled Hosseini- Hosseini is an excellent writer and great storyteller. My book club picked this book to read this month. I loved his other books *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.
2. [**Daring Greatly**](#) by Dr. Brené Brown- I saw her interview with Oprah and enjoyed it so much that I felt compelled to buy her book.
3. [**Gone Girl**](#) by Gillian Flynn- This book has gotten a lot of buzz. I've heard mixed reviews, but my husband's Aunt gave me her copy to read so I'll give it a try.
4. [**The Heretic Queen**](#) by Michelle Moran- I love historical fiction. This story is about the niece of [Nefertiti](#). I loved Nefertiti and wrote about it [here](#). I've also read Madame Tussaud and loved it.
5. [**A Prayer For Owen Meaney**](#) by John Irving- My friend told me years ago this was one of her favorite books. It has sat on my bookshelf for many years. Not too long ago I saw an article in *Real Simple Magazine* where someone listed it as one of their favorite books.
6. [**Of Mice and Men**](#) by John Steinbeck- This is a classic which I've never read. My daughter has to read it for her Honors English class this summer so I thought I'd read it too.
7. [**The Calypso Directive**](#) by Brian Andrews- This was given to me by a friend who knows the author. I feel bad that I've had it for quite awhile and haven't gotten around to reading it yet. My husband, who is a much faster reader, enjoyed it with the exception of the ending. Naturally, this has me intrigued.
8. [**Redeeming Love**](#) by Francine Rivers- A dear friend gave me this book years ago for my birthday. It is one of her favorite books. I've felt horrible that I still haven't read it yet.

If you click on the titles of each book it will take you to Amazon's website so that you can read more about each book. My mix of books includes historical fiction, a classic, suspense, science fiction and self help. If I really enjoy a book I'll write a separate review. I may have high hopes for my summer reading. I should have paid more attention to the Evelyn Woods Speed Reading seminar I used to sell when I worked for Fred Pryor Seminars. I'm a word for word reader and have trouble skimming. How about you? Are you a word for word reader or do you skim the page? What's on your summer reading list?

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