

# Page by Paige: Summer reads

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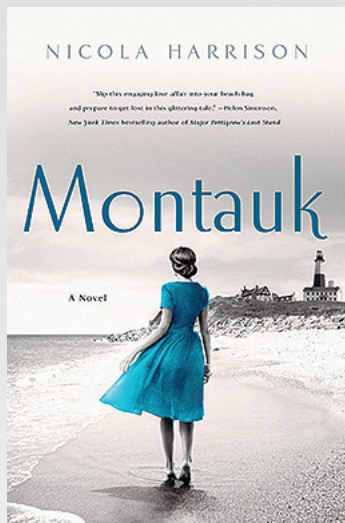
## “Montauk,” by Nicola Harrison

In the summer of 1939, where do wealthy people go to escape New York City for three months? Beatrice Bordeaux’s withdrawn banker husband, Harry, takes her to Montauk Manor, an elegant hotel in a quiet fishing village. But instead of being swept up by the glamour and socializing with the privileged wives, Beatrice finds herself connecting with the locals, writing a column under a pen name for a New York City newspaper and falling in love all over again.

Harrison’s debut historical novel introduces readers to one woman’s summer of self-discovery amidst pre-war Manhattan society. A wonderful read filled with surprises, charm and deception.

## “City of Girls,” by Elizabeth Gilbert

When Vivian Morris drops out of Vassar at the age of 19, she’s sent to live with her eccentric aunt Peg, who owns a theater company in midtown Manhattan. Surrounded by actors, dancers and showgirls, Vivian finds her place among them. She’s going out every night with new friends and embraces the 1940s city lights — the smells, the



energy, the passions. A new play is announced and Aunt Peg’s struggling theater pulses with energy trying to survive. While Vivian helps her aunt by sewing costumes during the day, her wild nights and self-discovery turn into scandal. Will she survive her time in the city and discover who she truly is?

Gilbert’s goal “was to write a novel that goes down like a champagne cocktail – light and bright, crisp and fun.” She’s achieved that goal and more! A glorious summer read filled with love.

Dive into more Summer Reads with “Summer of ’69” by Elin Hilderbrand, “Drawing Home” by Jamie Brenner and “The Islanders” by Meg Mitchell Moore, or ask your local librarian for a new book suggestion.

# EDCO to host PubTalk in Sisters

Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO)’s Central Oregon PubTalk heads to Sisters Thursday, July 25 to see what’s been cooking in the entrepreneurial community.

The event runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the tasting room at the Three Creeks Brewing Co. production facility at 265 E. Barclay Dr.

Keynote speaker is Samuel Pyke, CEO, founder, cinematographer of Hill Shadow Pictures. Growing up in Sisters, Pyke was drawn to telling stories in the visual medium. He began to recognize the importance of composition and other characteristics that would draw people into his work. He has created work for companies including Realtree, Camp Chef, Smith & Wesson, Discovery Studios, and many more. He’ll discuss the expectations of his clientele, how he works to make their different visions a reality, and how he has been able to live and thrive professionally in a smaller community.

Josie Johnson, CEO & founder of Josie’s Best Gluten Free Mixes, will offer a business pitch. Josie’s Best produces gluten-free baking mixes that provide classic tastes and textures, reportedly leaving people in disbelief that what they are eating is gluten-free. Their mission is to provide products that are not “good for gluten free” but great overall products. Their lineup includes a gluten-free pancake mix, gluten-free waffle mix, gluten-free crepe mix, and gluten-free all-purpose flour, providing both retail and food-service sizes and options.

Company updates will come from Dan Stewart and Christine Funk of Thompson Guitars and Jamie Eichman, COO of Laird Superfood. Noted for their power and immediate, responsive voice, Preston Thompson guitars pay tribute to the best American-made instruments from the 1930s. Master guitar luthier, the late Preston Thompson, and his small team of highly skilled

craftsmen have produced custom acoustic guitars that have the look, playing feel and above all, the sound of the best instruments from that original Golden Era of guitar-making.

Laird Superfood, Inc. creates award-winning, all-natural superfood products that are both delicious and functional. The company was co-founded in 2015 by the world’s most successful big-wave surfer, Laird Hamilton. His passion project to perfect his personal regimen grew into a dynamic, innovative brand with a mission to bring clean, simple and thoughtfully formulated superfoods to the masses. As one of the fastest-growing companies in the natural foods space, Laird Superfood’s offerings are environmentally sustainable, responsibly tested and made with whole-food ingredients that everyone can feel good about.

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