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Take a look, it's in a book



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Located near East 13th Avenue and Alder Street, the Smith Family Bookstore offers a plethora of new and used titles that carpet the shelves.

**Americans delve into summer's bestsellers**

This summer's top books, which are captivating readers, touch on topics such as murder, dysfunctional families, dark secrets and politics

By Michael J. Kleckner  
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Summer is the traditional time when lighter fiction takes hold of the reading public. Mass-market paperback sales go up, and a portion of America is held entranced — almost like mass hypnosis — by a select number of page-turning stories.

And this year's top tomes fit the stereotypes.

"The Lovely Bones," by Alice Sebold, currently at No. 2 on Publishers Weekly's hardcover fiction bestseller list, has been in the top three since its list debut

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**People can share ideas at local book readings**

The University of Oregon Bookstore, Mother Kali's and Powell's Books offer readings on a wide range of topics

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For those seeking out like-minded bibliophiles, Eugene has book readings and other events around town that are both student- and community-oriented.

The University of Oregon Bookstore presents Warren Jacobs reading from his "Tree Stories," a collection of people's stories honoring trees. The reading takes place at 7 p.m. Aug. 7 at the EMU Amphitheater.

For a jaunt north of Eugene, try Powell's Books, located in Portland at 1005 Burnside St., which is offering a collection of August readings on topics ranging from home schooling to civil disobedience.

The readings take place in the Basil Hallward Gallery on the third floor.

At 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15, listeners can enjoy Shawn Levy's reading of his book "Ready, Steady, Go!: The Smashing Rise and Fall of Swinging London."

E. Lynn Harris will be reading from his work "A Love of My Own" at Powell's 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16. Harris is known for his adherence to love as a theme in his works, and he won the James Baldwin Award of Literary Excellence for his novel "If This World Were Mine."

Linda Greenlaw will be reading "The Hungry Ocean," her literary debut, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30. The story is based on her experiences casting nets for swordfish and being captain of a fishing boat. The captain from the "Perfect Storm," who goes on a rescue mission in the movie, is based on Greenlaw, Powell's spokesman Michal Drannen said.

Also in August, and a little closer to home, Mother Kali's is

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**Go outdoors for quiet book nooks**

Whether it's hiking, biking, camping, driving or swimming, the outdoors always seems to beckon people out of the house during the summer months. But sometimes it's nice to enjoy the outdoors without any major physical exertion. That's where summer reading comes along.

Eugene has many places available for perusal of a favorite novel or biography. Entrance to these locations is usually very easy, and a reader doesn't have to go very far for seclusion.

Alton Baker Park is a great place for relaxation; it has several entrance points and spans a huge area. This park can get a little crowded sometimes, but to avoid boisterous doggies and stray Frisbees, many paths lead to more secluded areas.

The best section for reading is off of the Valley River Center entrance. Just over the bridge and to the left, the park runs along the Willamette River and has many places to read in the shade while enjoying the rushing waters of the energetic river.

Next up is Hendricks Park. This is an absolutely gorgeous area that is probably the best-maintained park in Eugene. It is home to an internationally recognized rhododendron garden, 77 acres of trees and grass, and views of the University, Willamette River and Eugene.

There are many trails in this superabundance of beauty, as well as many empty areas to let your belly and elbows touch the grass while delving into a



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This bench, overlooking the Millrace, offers a quiet, sunny place to read.