



# NYC Lifestyle

## Summer Reading

A good book can transport you to a different place and time, much like a good vacation! In this edition of NYC Lifestyle, we've collected new releases and top picks for your summer reading list, as well as some of the best independent bookstores New York City has to offer.

### NPR's Literary Road Trip

Literary experts from the 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico [handpicked novels](#) that embody their state and its history. Consider starting your journey in Vermont with *The Wild Iris* by Pulitzer Prize laureate Louise Glück and finish in Hawaii with *Hawai'i's Story* from the state's last queen Lili'uokalani.

### It's Good to Be Green

Whether you're an environmental expert, or are looking to make a connection with nature, [this list of cookbooks, guides and journals](#) is a good place to turn. One of our favorites is *The Healing Power of Plants: The Hero Houseplants That Will Love You Back* for tips on how to choose and care for your leafy friends.

### Oprah Book Club Pick

At 19 years old, Leila Mottley is the youngest author included in [Oprah's Book Club](#). Her book *Nightcrawling* is the story of 17-year-old Kiara in Oakland, California who takes care of her brother and young neighbor. [Learn more about Leila Mottley](#) and her award-winning work.

### Barnes & Noble's July Reads

Stay on top of new releases and soon to be hits with [Barnes & Noble's most anticipated titles for July 2022](#). One selection, *The Swell* by Allie Reynolds, is a mystery thriller that follows a group of surfers who go missing one-by-one. Samira Kazan, winner of [Netflix's Crazy Delicious](#), also makes an appearance on the list with [Lebanese Cuisine: The Authentic Cookbook](#).



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### Coffee at The Strand

[The Strand](#) is no secret to book lovers in New York City, but did you know [it now sells coffee](#)? After celebrating its 95th anniversary in June, the Strand's Union Square location partnered with [Brooklyn Roasting Company](#) to open an in-store coffee counter.

### Supporting Local Bookshops Online

[Bookshop.org](#) makes supporting your local bookshop more accessible through online shopping and distribution. When you make a purchase on their website, find and choose your local bookshop affiliated with Bookshop.org. Your bookshop of choice will receive all profits from the sale.

### Mil Mundos Books

[Mil Mundos Books](#) is an independent, bilingual bookstore in Bushwick. The bookshop offers equal selections of English and Spanish titles, [Spanish lessons](#) and events designed to engage Black, Latinx and Indigenous community members in Brooklyn.

### The Lit. Bar

[The Lit. Bar](#) is the only independent bookstore in The Bronx. Opened by Noëlle Santos, The Lit. Bar combines two great things: books and wine. Guests are invited to enjoy a glass of wine at the bar and dive into their new book. Upcoming events include [an in-store launch](#) of Elisabet Velasquez's *When We Make It*.