

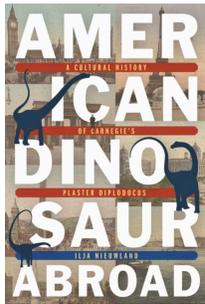
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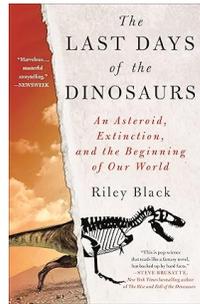
SUMMER READERS CLUB

Tuesdays @11:30AM for Ages 18+

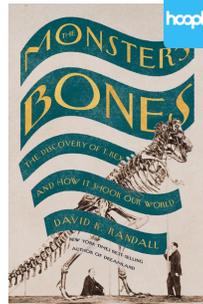
Read any of the titles from our featured summer reading list below. Drop in weekly to discuss the books you've read & gather recommendations to unearth your next read!



American Dinosaur Abroad by Ilja Nieuwlan



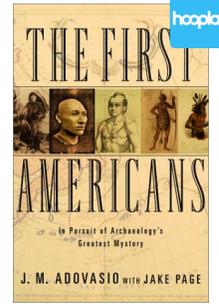
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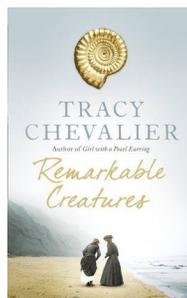
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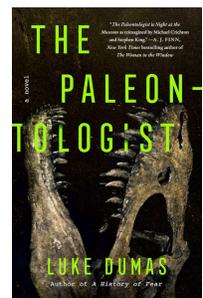
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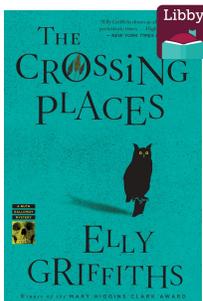
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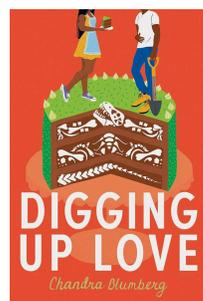
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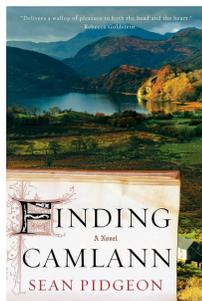
The Crossing Places by Ely Griffiths



Digging Up Love by Chandra Blumberg



Mammoth by Jill Baguchinsky



Finding Camlann by Sean Pidgeon



Excavations by Kate Myers

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SUMMER READERS CLUB - DETAILED READING LIST

American Dinosaur by Ilja Nieuwlan (Nonfiction) - In this largely untold history, Ilja Nieuwland explores the influence of Andrew Carnegie's prized skeleton on European culture through the dissemination, reception, and agency of his plaster casts, revealing much about the social, political, cultural, and scientific context of the early twentieth century.

The Last Days of the Dinosaurs by Riley Black (Nonfiction - Narrative) - In *The Last Days of the Dinosaurs*, Riley Black walks readers through what happened in the days, the years, the centuries, and the million years after the impact, tracking the sweeping disruptions that overtook this one spot, and imagining what might have been happening elsewhere on the globe. Life's losses were sharp and deeply-felt, but the hope carried by the beings that survived sets the stage for the world as we know it now.

Monster's Bones by David Randall (Nonfiction - Biography) - A spectacular yarn of science and adventure, *The Monster's Bones* takes us back to the birth of paleontology, when a Kansas farm boy made the find of a century—and a wealthy racist in New York tried to exploit it. Randall has excavated a classic, a story every bit as big and head-spinning as the T. Rex at its center.

The Fossil Hunter by Shelley Emling (Nonfiction - Biography) - Mary Anning was only twelve years old when, in 1811, she discovered the first dinosaur skeleton—of an ichthyosaur—while fossil hunting on the cliffs of Lyme Regis, England. Until Mary's incredible discovery, it was widely believed that animals did not become extinct. The child of a poor family, Mary became a fossil hunter, inspiring the tongue-twister, "She Sells Sea Shells by the Seashore."

The First Americans by James Adovasio (Nonfiction - Narrative) - Archaeologist J. M. Adovasio achieved world acclaim as an archaeologist with his excavation of Meadowcroft Rockshelter. In his book *The First Americans*, Adovasio puts his work into historical context, with one of our most fiery scientific debates at its heart: Who were the first humans in the Americas, and how and when did they get there?

The Dig by John Prestron (Historical Fiction) - In the long, hot summer of 1939, Britain is preparing for war, but on a riverside farm in Suffolk there is excitement of another kind. Mrs. Pretty, the widowed owner of the farm, has had her hunch confirmed that the mounds on her land hold buried treasure. As the dig proceeds, it becomes clear that this is no ordinary find.

Every Hidden Thing by Kenneth Oppel (Historical Fiction) - The hunt for a dinosaur skeleton buried in the Badlands, bitter rivalries, and a forbidden romance come together in this beautifully written new novel that's Romeo and Juliet meets Indiana Jones.

Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier (Historical Fiction) - *Remarkable Creatures* is a stunning novel of how one woman's gift transcends class and social prejudice to lead to some of the most important discoveries of the nineteenth century. Above all, it is a revealing portrait of the intricate and resilient nature of female friendship.

Redfeather by Heidi Richter (Science Fiction) - One year ago a team of researchers set off for the desolate Blackstone Islands with hopes of spotting a mythical bird from indigenous folklore—and never returned. Now, college student Carrie Red Feather has been asked by the charming Dr. David Lewis to join a team of scientists to return to the islands in search of their lost colleagues. Instead, they stumble upon a new species of intelligent—and terrifying—life dating back to prehistoric times.

The Paleontologist by Luke Dumas (Thriller) - A haunted paleontologist returns to the museum where his sister was abducted years earlier and is faced with a terrifying and murderous spirit in this chilling novel.

The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths (Mystery) - Forensic archeologist Dr. Ruth Galloway lives happily alone with her two cats in a bleak, remote area near the Norfolk coast, land that was sacred to its Iron Age inhabitants—not quite earth, not quite sea. But her routine days of digging up bones and other ancient objects are harshly upended when a child's bones are found on a desolate beach.

Digging Up Love by Chandra Blumberg (Romance) - Alisha Blake works her magic in the kitchen, creating delectable desserts for her grandfather's restaurant in rural Illinois, when a dinosaur bone turns up in her grandparents' backyard. Paleontologist Quentin Harris arrives to see the discovery for himself, hoping the fossil will distract him from a recent painful breakup. Instead, he finds Alisha—and sparks fly.

Mammoth by Jill Baguchinsky (Romance) - The summer before her junior year, paleontology geek Natalie Page lands a coveted internship at an Ice Age dig site near Austin, Texas. Natalie, who's also a plus-size fashion blogger, depends on the retro style and persona she developed to shield herself from her former bullies, but vintage dresses and designer heels aren't compatible with digging for fossils.

Finding Camlann by Sean Pidgeon (Historical Mystery/Romance) - Archaeologist Donald Gladstone is sure that there never was a "real" King Arthur—that is, until a surprising find at Stonehenge seems to offer hard evidence of Arthur's existence. Teaming up with gifted linguist Julia Llewellyn, Donald sets off on a literary and mythological quest that will change both of their lives. Gloriously many-layered, *Finding Camlann* is a deeply satisfying love story, a gripping detective story, and a narrative journey of myriad pleasures.

Excavations by Kate Myers (Mystery/Humor) - On a remote archeological site in Greece, the mythic home of the first Olympics, four women discover an unusual artifact. It's a piece of history that definitely shouldn't exist. And for the head archaeologist in charge, a relic himself, it means something's gone horribly wrong.