

SUMMER READING

2014 ADULT BOOK LIST / NONFICTION

Are You My Mother?

by Alison Bechdel

In a follow-up to *Fun Home*, the cartoonist examines her mother's life and their layered relationship.

Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness

by Susannah Cahalan

A *New York Post* reporter recounts her struggle with a rare disease that attacks her brain.

The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements

by Sam Kean

Discover all the elements on the periodic table, their role in history, and the scientists who discovered them.

Far from the Tree:

Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity

by Andrew Solomon

Meet parents whose children are exceptional in some way and how genetic and other differences challenge their families.

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

by Susan Cain

The proudly introverted author explores differences between extroverts and introverts and argues that extroversion has been unfairly valued in our society.

MORE NONFICTION RECOMMENDATIONS

For hard-hitting journalism and heartrending drama, check out this year's five finalists for NYPL's Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism.

The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster

by Jonathan Katz

Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital

by Sheri Fink

The Insurgents: David Petraeus and the Plot to Change the American Way of War

by Fred Kaplan

Thank You for Your Service

by David Finkel

Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation

by Dan Fagin



NYPL.ORG/SUMMER

Generously funded by HSBC Bank USA, N.A.; New York Yankees Foundation; The Rona Jaffe Foundation; HBO®; The Polo Ralph Lauren Foundation; New York State Library's Family Literacy Library Services grant program; Pine Tree Foundation of New York, Inc.; May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation, Inc.; and anonymous donors.



New York
Public
Library