

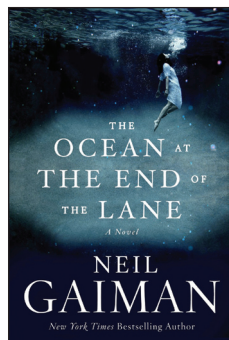
Quiet Type

Beat the heat with five cool books!

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Summer is here and while that means barbecues, swimming pools and vacations, it also means you might be looking for something fun to read. Well, look no further: I've got five great page-turners here for you, full of drug-smuggling, family drama and supernatural adventure, plus a killer and a basketball coach. Sounds like summer fare to me!

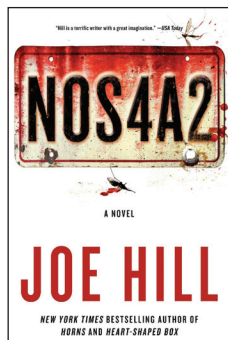


***The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, by Neil Gaiman**

A 47-year-old man returns to his childhood home and after visiting a farm at the end of a road is flooded with memories he'd thought were long since buried; memories of Lettie Hempstock, her mother and grandmother (perhaps a variation on the triple goddess), and of a strange supernatural adventure involving a suicide and its unleashing of ancient malevolent powers. It's classic Gaiman, with darkness, mystical creatures and immortals, plus an evil Mary Poppins and a current of autobiography running beneath it all. A novel both delicate and menacing, a lot of it is about being a child, from someone who actually remembers what that was like.

***NOS4A2*, by Joe Hill**

Charlie Manx imprisons children in a terrifying place *in his own mind* called Christmasland. Victoria McQueen is the only one who's ever escaped, and though that was a lifetime ago, Charlie still wants



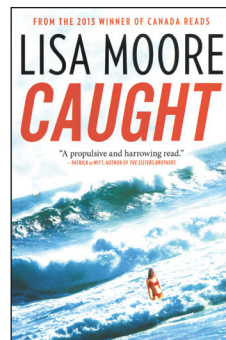
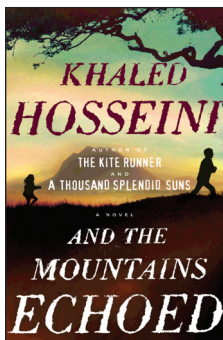
revenge. And he might get it—through her son. It's magic vs. magic as Vic tries to destroy Charlie once and for all. Fun fact: Joe Hill is Stephen King's son. This book is something of a tribute to his father.

***And the Mountains Echoed*, by Khaled Hosseini**

Saboor tells his two young children a story about a villager who gives up his favourite child to a devil, to give that child a better life. The story becomes real when Saboor gives up his three-year-old daughter Pari to his rich employers. Her brother Abdullah is devastated, but as Pari grows up she doesn't remember her brother, though she's haunted by his absence and wants to know the truth. This is the heavyweight of the bunch, so if you like your fiction soaked in equal parts of love and despair, this one's for you.

***Caught*, by Lisa Moore**

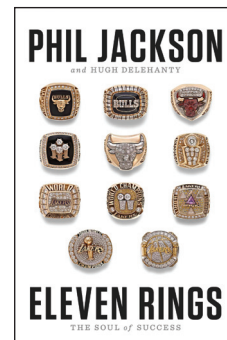
It's 1978 and David Slaney has escaped from prison. His goal: to make a second



attempt at the considerably ambitious marijuana-smuggling crime that landed him in jail in the first place. Lisa Moore, the author of *Alligator* and *February*, has a well-deserved reputation as a literary writer, and this foray into genre does nothing to diminish that reputation: *Caught* combines the best of both. It's a propulsive and suspenseful novel—sounds perfect for poolside!

***Eleven Rings*, by Phil Jackson**

Phil Jackson, legendary coach of the Chicago Bulls and the L.A. Lakers, has won 11 NBA championships—more than any other coach in pro sports history. *Eleven Rings* talks not only about how he managed Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman and Kobe Bryant (among others), but also his coaching style, embracing selflessness and teamwork in a sport where the opposite often reigns. It's an inspirational story about an innovative coach and how his Zen mindset brought out the best in his players.



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