

# Reading

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The book is divided into “The Problem” and “What Can Be Done.”

For those who would like to see more effective economics governing public policy, it’s a surprisingly digestible summary of a lot of academic studies. Great beach reading!

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## *The Road*

By Cormac McCarthy



If Great Summer Reading implies a light and funny book, read no further. This book is probably the darkest one I’ve ever read.

*The Road* is the story of a father and son walking the highway, years after some apocalyptic event has destroyed most of mankind and decimated the Earth. They are trying to reach the coast in the hope they’ll find something better.

This heartwrenching book leaves the reader shaken to the core. My book club—a group of the pickiest readers on the planet—gave this book the highest accolades ever. In fact, it is the only title we have ever all agreed was excellent.

The writing is amazing and each sentence is beautifully crafted. As the story moves along, we are at turns frightened, shocked, confused, filled with dread, and moved to tears. An incredible experience for the reader.

**Marilyn MacDonald**  
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## *Suite Française*

By Irène Némirovsky



Irène was born in Russia to a wealthy Jewish banking family that fled Russia during the Revolution, settling in France via Denmark.

This very beautiful and poignant novel set in occupied France in 1942 contains indepth character studies of men and women in the bombing of Paris, the good and the ugly of wartime, and the lives of the French under the German occupation with soldiers billeted in their homes.

The appendices contain the author’s detailed notes on the situation in France as she was living it and her plans to write *Suite Française*—there were to have been five books. Her letters to family and friends and potential publishers show her deep concern for her family and ask that her two young daughters be cared for, should anything happen to her or her husband. Later that year, Irène died in a Nazi death camp at age 39.

Her daughters Denise and Elizabeth saved the papers, unread, for years, finding it too painful to look at what they thought were their mother’s well-kept notes. They finally decided to give them to an organization that preserved documents of war.

Before handing them over, Denise typed them and found not just diaries and notes, but their mother’s wonderful novel. It was finally published 64 years after it was written.

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# Photo Show

The lush and lovely gardens of *Scrivener* readers Chuck and Joy, in North Vancouver

