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Summer Reads is a curated 9-week literary celebration designed to connect readers of all ages with books, authors, and bookish vendors across Texas and beyond.



June 9 to August 11

We'll be spotlighting great reads for Children, Middle Grade, Young Adult, and Adult audiences, plus unique finds from our favorite literary shops and makers.



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This is your opportunity to showcase your latest book, bookstore, or literary product in front of an engaged, book-loving audience.

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Summer Reads PRICING

Whether you're launching a new release, spotlighting a previously published title, celebrating a beloved backlist book, or offering something special for readers and writers, Summer Reads is a vibrant way to connect with book lovers during one of the most reading-filled seasons of the year.



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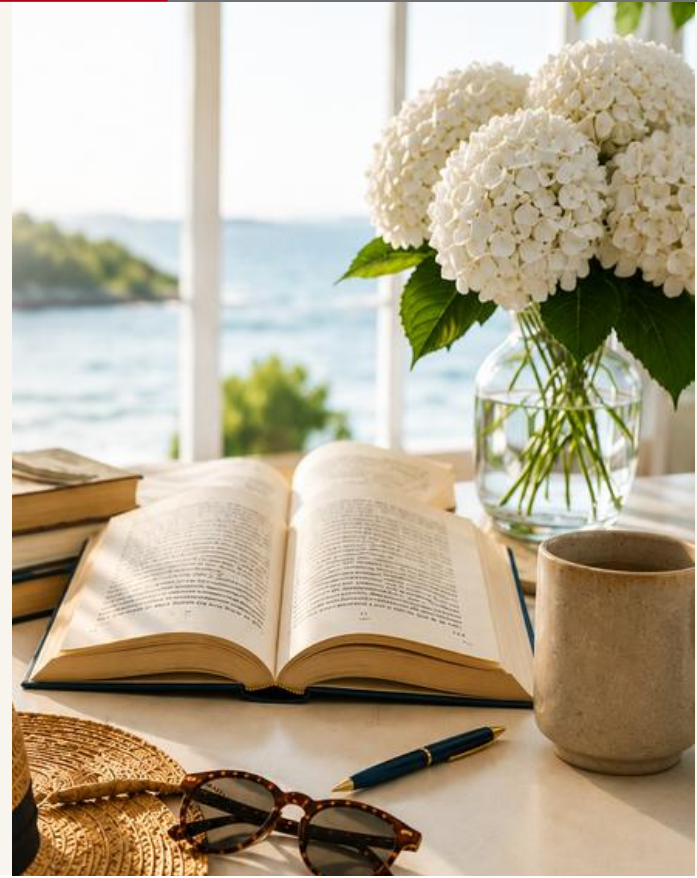
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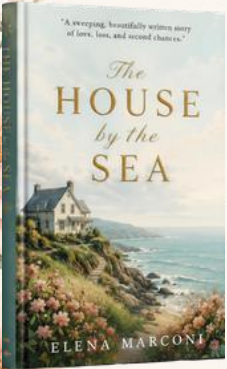
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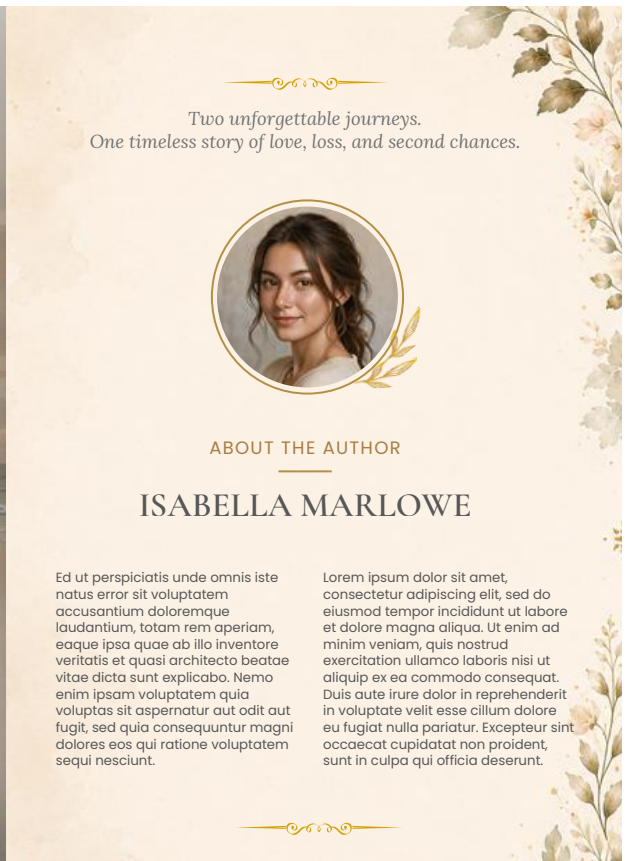
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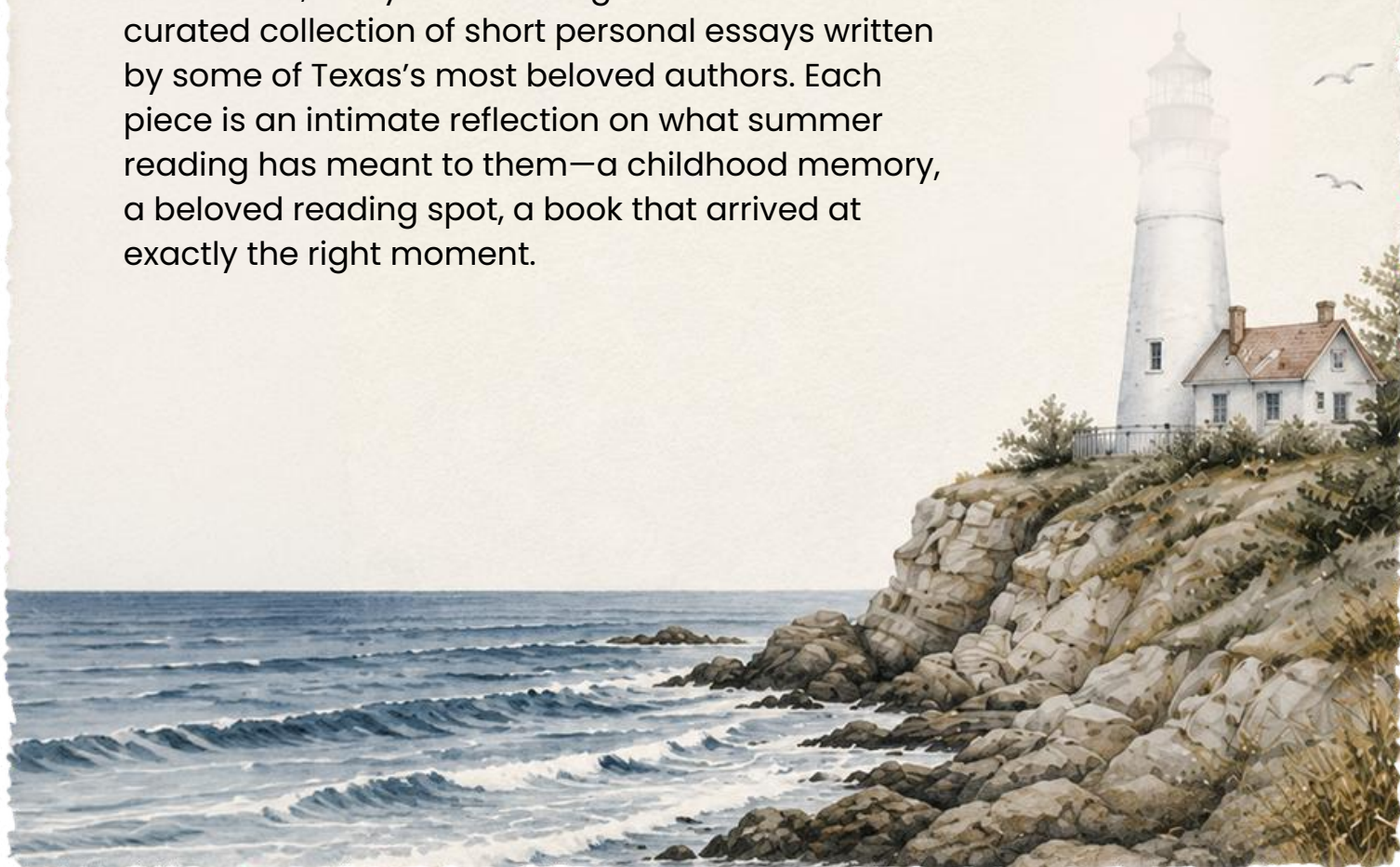
The Stories that Stay



The Magic of Summer Reading

The 2026 Lone Star Literary Life Summer Reads Catalog is bringing something new to its pages this year—and it comes straight from the hearts of the Texas authors you love most.

Alongside featured books, bookstores, and literary businesses, this year's catalog will include a curated collection of short personal essays written by some of Texas's most beloved authors. Each piece is an intimate reflection on what summer reading has meant to them—a childhood memory, a beloved reading spot, a book that arrived at exactly the right moment.



Author Essays

*What Readers
Can Expect*

These aren't book reviews or author bios. They're something rarer: genuine, unscripted glimpses into the literary lives of writers who live and breathe Texas storytelling. Each essay, limited to 200 words, is crafted to be warm, personal, and conversational—the kind of thing you'd hear over sweet tea on a front porch.

The Prompts

Contributing authors were invited to respond to one of five thoughtfully chosen prompts, covering topics such as:

- The book that made summer feel magical
- Their favorite summer reading spot
- A summer reading memory they'll never forget
- Why summer still feels like reading season
- The story they needed at exactly the right moment

The result is a collection of essays as varied and vivid as Texas itself—full of screen doors, library card smell, and the particular magic that happens when the right book meets the right summer.

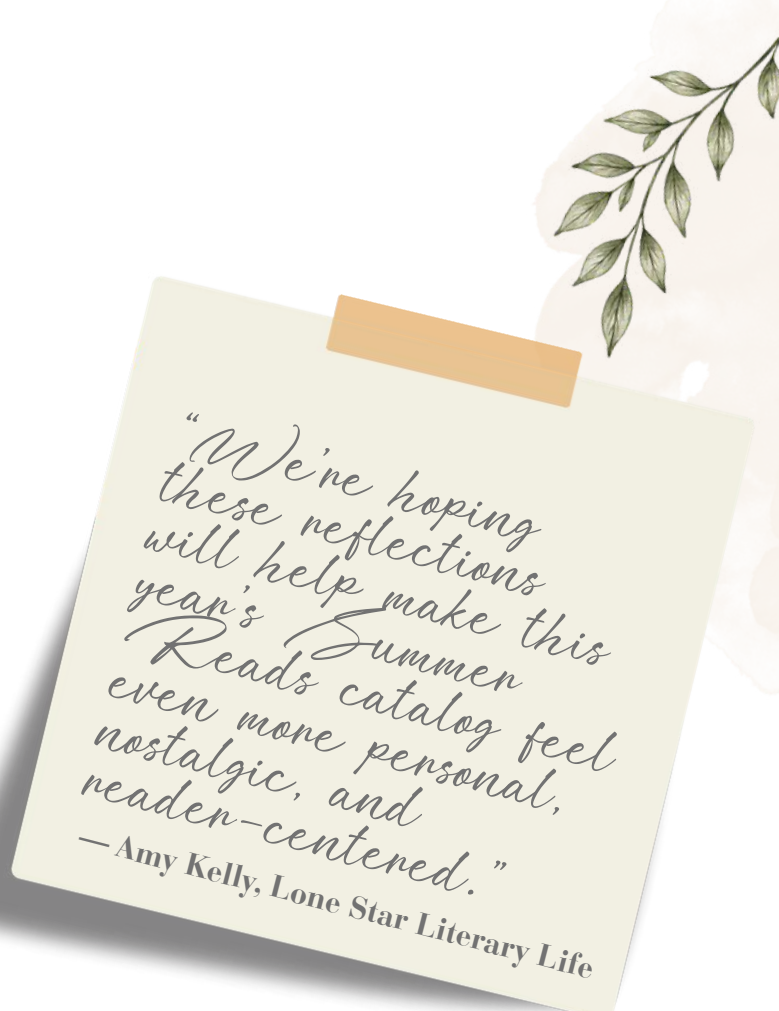


Why It Matters for You

In a crowded marketplace, readers are drawn to catalogs that feel alive. The addition of these author essays transforms the Summer Reads Catalog from a curated list into a literary experience—one that invites readers to linger, connect, and discover books through the eyes of the writers who cherish them. For booksellers, librarians, and literary businesses, this means more engaged browsers, more meaningful conversations at the point of sale, and a catalog your customers will want to keep.

Exclusively Texas, Exclusively Ours

The author essays featured in the 2026 Summer Reads Catalog are drawn exclusively from Lone Star Literary Life's community of Texas authors—writers who know this state, its stories, and its readers. This is content you won't find anywhere else, created specifically for the Lone Star Literary Life audience.



"We're hoping these reflections will help make this year's Summer Reads catalog feel even more personal, nostalgic, and reader-centered."
— Amy Kelly, Lone Star Literary Life



*Turning pages,
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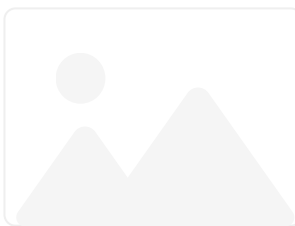
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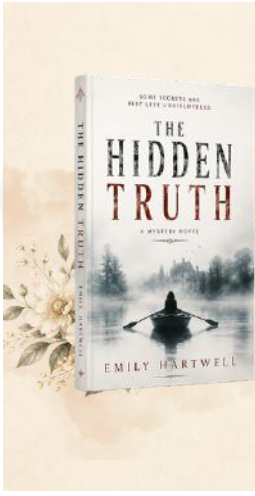
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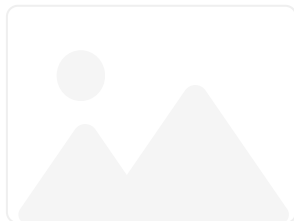


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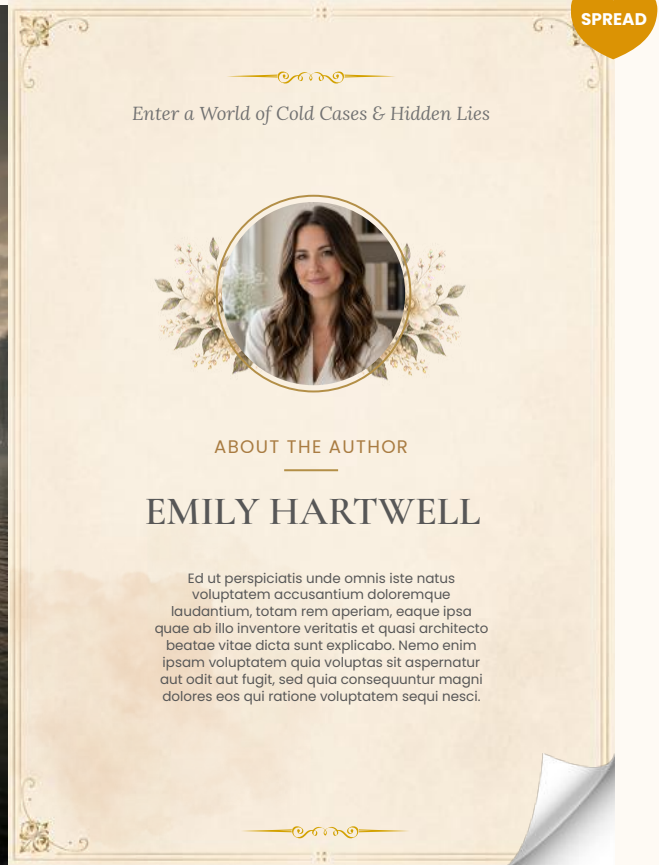
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