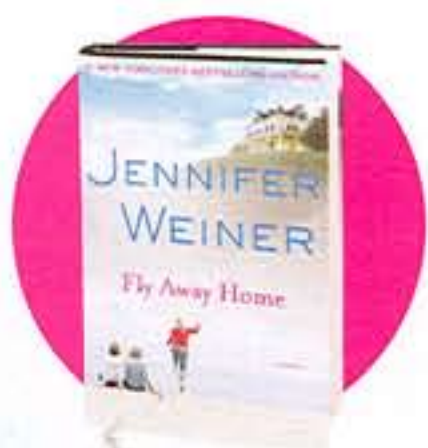


The Four **DO** Books of Summer

We're all for smart, funny, stylish magazines (ahem), but those book thingies are great too. Our picks for the reads everyone is going to be talking about poolside.



Warning: Books do not contain SPF.



1 Fly Away Home, by Jennifer Weiner

From the smartest chick-lit author we know comes this (mostly) fictional story about a political family in the midst of a cheating scandal. With her signature humor, Weiner humanizes the relationship between a mother and her daughters as they struggle to keep their family together.



2 The Summer We Read Gatsby, by Danielle Ganek

Cassie and Peck are half sisters who do a spectacular job of driving each other crazy, until they inherit a beach cottage and bond for the first time. You can hear the waves crashing and ice cubes tinkling as they reunite with lost loves and try to mend their past.



3 Talking to Girls About Duran Duran, by Rob Sheffield

This *Rolling Stone* contributor's memoir is all about music and love. His summer song picks:

- "Just Can't Get Enough," Depeche Mode
"The anthem for cruising with your love."
- "Call Me," Al Green
"Al sounds like if this girl doesn't kiss him right now, he's going to need an ambulance."

4 Plus, by Veronica Chambers

Bee is an Ivy League student with a head for math and a cute boyfriend. That is, until he dumps her and she drowns her sorrows in chocolate chip



muffins. Her revenge: She's discovered by an agent and becomes a plus-size supermodel. It's a young adult novel that grown-ups will like too. Author (and *Glamour* features director) Chambers, left, says she was "inspired to write a story where happily ever after begins with loving your body."



- "Pony," Ginuwine
"A jam for humid house parties where everybody's making out."
- "Vacation," The Go-Go's
"When your crush is out of town and you can't stop obsessing, no other song will do."



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