

2021 Summer Reading Challenge

Challenge yourself to read local this summer with a book from one of these Arizona-inspired categories. Read them all or pick one from each section and share your progress in the **#ThisIsTucson Book Club on Facebook**

Bacon-wrapped reads

FOOD

- "A Desert Feast: Celebrating Tucson's Culinary Heritage" by Carolyn Niethammer
- "The Man Who Ate Too Much: The Life of James Beard" by John Birdsall

Babbling books

NATURE

- "The Secret Knowledge of Water" by Craig Childs
- "The Nature of Desert Nature" edited by Gary Paul Nabhan

Prickly prose

POETRY

- "Postcolonial Love Poem" by Natalie Diaz
- "Beyond Earth's Edge: The Poetry of Spaceflight" edited by Julie Swarstad Johnson and Christopher Cokinos

Saguaroscuro

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- "La Voz de M.A.Y.O.: Tata Rambo Vol. 1" by Henry Barajas
- "In Real Life" by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang

Jave a helping hand

EXPERT GUIDANCE

- "Neon Words: 10 Brilliant Ways to Light Up Your Writing" by Marge Pellegrino and Kay Sather
- "How to Weave a Navajo Rug and Other Lessons from Spider Woman" by Lynda Teller Pete and Barbara Teller Ornelas

Cactus spine tinglers

THRILLERS

- "A Children's Bible" by Lydia Millet
- "Mexican Gothic" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Nonsoon novels

FICTION

- "Half Life" by Jillian Cantor
- "Sonora" by Hannah Lillith Assadi

Desert roots

BIOGRAPHY

- "First: Sandra Day O'Connor" by Evan Thomas
- "From Dunbar to Destiny: One Woman's Journey Through Desegregation and Beyond" by Shirley R. Sprinkles

Sunny Stories

CHILDRENS BOOKS

- "Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story" by Kevin Noble Maillard
- "Meet ClaraBelle Blue" by Adiba Nelson

"Let's read y'all!"



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