



## 2024 Summer Reading Challenge

Challenge yourself to read local this summer, all while supporting Southern Arizona bookstores and libraries, with our 2024 list of books written by authors with local ties or about themes relevant to our area.

### HISTORY + NATURE + NONFICTION

- "Ladies of the Canyons" by Lesley Poling-Kempes
- "The Forgotten Botanist" by Wynne Brown
- "In the Arms of Saguaros" by William L. Bird Jr.
- "A Natural History of the Sonoran Desert" by Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
- "Under Desert Skies" by Melissa L. Sevigny
- "Bennu 3-D: Anatomy of an Asteroid" by Dante Lauretta, Brian May
- "Sharing the Desert: The Tohono O'odham in History" by Winston P. Erickson

### FICTION

- "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver
- "Birding with Benefits" by Sarah T. Dubb
- "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea
- "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid
- "The Consequences: Stories" by Manuel Muñoz
- "In the Lives of Puppets" by T.J. Klune
- "Well Met" by Jen DeLuca

### ESSAYS + MEMOIR

- "La Quinta Soledad" by Silviana Wood
- "Solito: A Memoir" by Javier Zamora
- "A Dream Called Home: A Memoir" by Reyna Grande
- "Feels Like Home" by Linda Ronstadt, Lawrence Downes
- "Granite Mountain" / "My Lost Brothers" by Brendan McDonough
- "Rim to River" by Tom Zoellner

### YOUNG ADULT

- "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya
- "The Agathas" by Kathleen Glasgow, Liz Lawson

### FOR THE KIDS

- "The Giving Tree of the Desert" by Danielle Fradette
- "I'm In Charge of Celebrations" by Byrd Baylor
- "Don't Make Me Rattle!" by Elaine A. Powers

### FOOD READS

- "Agave Spirits" by David Suro Piñera, Gary Paul Nabhan
- "A Desert Feast" by Carolyn Niethammer

### POETRY

- "When Clouds Are Formed" by Ofelia Zepeda

### In loving memory of Syrena Arevalo-Trujillo

September 9, 1990 - April 1, 2024

Syrena was a lover of books and the owner of local shop Barrio Books. Her vision was to highlight books in which BIPOC readers could see themselves and their cultures represented. One of her favorite books, "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya, is mentioned on this list. The book inspired her, sparking her interest in BIPOC literature at a young age.



### WHERE TO PICK UP BOOKS



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