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Zoe West shares her favourite picks for the week

This Summer Will Be Different

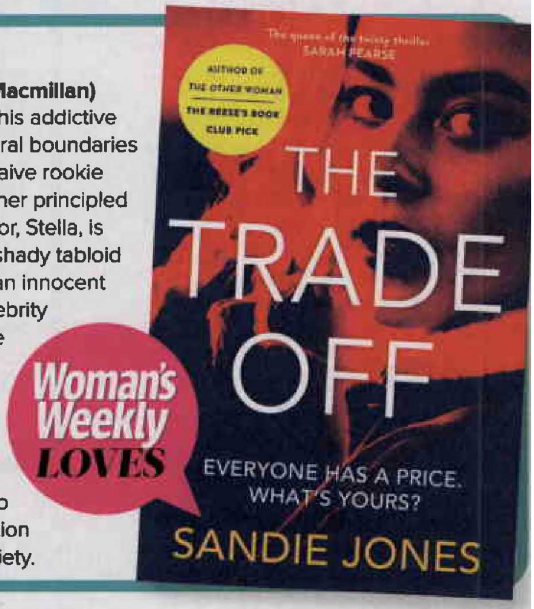
by Carley Fortune (£8.99, PB, Penguin)

If this doesn't put you in the mood for summer, we're not sure what will. Set on Prince Edward Island in Canada – the backdrop for *Anne of Green Gables* – it's where Lucy and Felix meet. The moment Lucy arrives, she is taken with the handsome stranger who greets her, not realising he is her best friend's brother. Each year she revisits the island, she promises she will not go back to him, but all the best-laid plans... This swoon-worthy romance, with its *Anne* references, steamy moments, oyster shucking and wistful island descriptions, is gorgeous and definitely one for the beach bag.

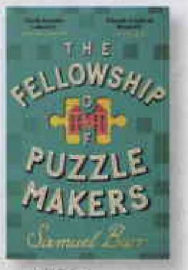
The Trade Off

by Sandie Jones (£9.99, PB, Pan Macmillan)

Scandal and exploitation ensue in this addictive thriller exploring the ethical and moral boundaries between right and wrong. Jess, a naive rookie reporter for *The Globe*, is proud of her principled integrity – whereas her deputy editor, Stella, is ruthlessly aggressive, engaging in shady tabloid practices. When Jess finds herself an innocent participant in the darker side of celebrity journalism, she puts her conscience first and questions Stella's manipulating tactics. Can Jess confront the paper's deceptions and tear down this disreputable house of cards? A compelling and unsettling tale holding up a mirror to the way fake news and misinformation have become a virus in today's society.



The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers



by Samuel Burr (£16.99, HB, Orion)

Even if you're not a keen puzzler, you will feel an instant infinity with the endearing characters in this joyous book. Clayton Sumpter is left as a baby on the doorstep of The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers residency, which houses some of the greatest minds in the country. Founding member Pippa Allsbrook takes him in. Upon her death she constructs a series of puzzles for Clayton to help him find out who he really is, and we get to know more about the eccentric residents that live alongside her. In solving the biggest puzzle of all: who we really are, you'll enjoy one of the comfiest, curl-up reads you'll get your hands on this year.

The Second Chance

by Charlotte Butterfield (£8.99, PB, Avon)

Nell is prepared to meet her maker. In fact, she has been doing so for 19 years, after a fortune teller struck a tragically accurate chord. So when Nell's time finally arrives, she sends a series of 'deathbed confessions' to her nearest and dearest, telling them what she thinks of their life choices. But then fate throws a massive spanner in her plans and she wakes up the next morning still very much alive. So what happens now? A thought-provoking and heart-warming story about the importance of not letting life pass you by.

The Haven

by Fiona Neill (£18.99, HB, Penguin)

Spending the summer in an eco-community was supposed to be the event of a lifetime for the Sawyer family, but things are not what they seem. Father, Rick, is obsessed by the charismatic guru, Mo, while daughter, Cass, is seduced by his sweet talk and flattery. It soon becomes clear that Mo holds excessive power over the whole commune – and the off-grid retreat is far from his previously depicted idyll. Violent displays of control finally make Cass acknowledge his manipulative and abusive lies. As the community implodes, will the Sawyer family survive? An edgy and dark read.

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