



2025 SUMMER BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Selected by MKRS Members, Inspired Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

FICTION

Fiction Angel City by Patrick D. Smith
(2012)
A Flash of Green by John D. MacDonald
(1962)
Florida Woman by Deb Rogers (2022)
A Land Remembered by Patrick D.
Smith (1984)
Mules and Men by Zora Neale Hurston
(1935)
The Pecan Man by Cassie D. Selleck
(2012)
A Secret in the Keys by Hope Holloway
(2021)
The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta
Molnar (2022)
*The Storm: An Antebellum Tale of Key
West* by Ellen Brown Anderson, edited
by Keith L. Huneycutt (2024)
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora
Neale Hurston (1937)
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia
Owens (2018)

NON-FICTION

*An American Beach for African
Americans* by Marsha Dean Phelts
(1997)
*Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley: African
Princess, Florida Slave, Plantation
Slave Owner* by Daniel Schafer (2010)
*Backroads of Paradise: A Journey to
Rediscover Old Florida* by Cathy
Salustri (2016)
*Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black
Cargo"* by Zora Neale Hurston (2018)
The Creek by J.T. Glisson (1993)
*Crossing the Creek: The Literary
Friendship of Zora Neale Hurston and
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings* by
Anna Lillios (2010)
Ecology of a Cracker Childhood by
Janisse Ray (1999)
*Fifty Feet in Paradise: The Booming of
Florida* by David Nolan (1984)
*Florida Spectacular: Extraordinary
Places and Exceptional Lives* by Cathy
Salustri (2024)



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NON-FICTION (CONT.)

The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature by J.

Drew Lanham (2017)

The Life She Wished to Live: A

Biography of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of The Yearling by Ann

McCutchan (2021)

The Private Marjorie: The Love Letters of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings to Norton

S. Baskin edited by Rodger L. Tarr (2004)

Pumping Sunshine: A Memoir of My Rural Childhood by Susie H. Baxter (2017)

The Remarkable Kinship of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow by Ashley Lear (2018)

Sayings to Live By or Laugh At by Shawn Pearson (2024)

Seasons in Beulah Land by Billy Blackman (2011)

Sometimes The Bologna Was Fried by Billy Blackman (2023)

NON-FICTION (CONT.)

Summer of the Dragon by Don Goodman (2007)

Through the Groves: A Memoir by Anne Hull (2022)

Too Strong for Fantasy by Marcia Davenport (1993)

Tracing Florida Journeys: Explorers, Travelers, and Landscapes Then and Now by Leslie Kemp Poole (2024)

The Wilder Heart of Florida: More Writers Inspired by Florida Nature edited by Leslie Kemp Poole & Jack E. Davis (2024)