Books to Fill Time

We are almost mid-way through the summer. All of us are actually, so you’re not alone. Time really seems to be moving along quickly. Perhaps you are now ready to take some time to read. Or more probably, you have small pockets of time that you’d like to fill in between all the activities or while getting to and from the activities and if so, then perhaps you are need of a book for:

- that 3½ hour car trip to the cottage on the Mattawa River
- the weekend in Etobicoke at your parent’s bungalow
- the next 6 evenings you have off while eating pasta, with a really good Bolognese sauce on the balcony by yourself with a Sangiovese Chianti
- 7 hours on a plane, with 2 layovers to somewhere very glamourous that everyone in your department is deeply envious of you for

  **Sidenote:** Why, yes, that IS a dangling preposition in the last bullet above. Although, do note that it is not a dangling participle, however much you may hope to see one (it’s not THAT kind of an article).

To continue:

Yep. You need a book to read.

Easy to drop into, quick to consume, something that holds your attention but can easily wait if it is broken. Also, fun, frivolous and fabulous, and will still allow you to swat that (those) mosquito(s), catch the tumbling sippy cup from spilling on the seat or refill your wine glass, if the genuine need arises.

Done.

We’ve got it.

The Colour of Bee Larkham’s Murder

Jasper is 13 and things are complicated.

He has synaesthesia: a perceptual phenomenon where days, events, people, and sounds for him, are identified and represented only by detailed and complex colours.

He has prosopagnosia: the inability to recognize all faces, including his very own.

And he also has parakeetsittacosis: an acute obsession with parakeets.

Okay, I made that last one up.

But he has that too.

And his neighbour is murdered.

And he was the only witness.

You can surely see the complications herein for him.
The Alice Network

The pregnant American Charlie is here.
1915. France, under enemy occupation.
A British spy, Eva is here.

Is it all about Charlie, or all about Eve?
And just who is Alice?

From the book:
“Are you ever afraid?”
“Yes, just like everybody else. But only after the danger is done—before that, fear is an indulgence. Welcome to the Alice Network.”

What Alice Forgot

Different Alice.
This Alice doesn’t have a network.

This Alice is 39, skinny, styled and sour, with 3 kids and a looming divorce and a truly bitter bent.

Except ... before she fell and smacked her head on the floor at the gym, she was 29, madly in love with her husband, just pregnant for the first time and had gentle fresh eyes.

That’s a pretty bad bump, if you ask me ...

Secret Daughter

Two mothers.
Somer. A doctor in California, longing and unable to have a child.
Kavita. A woman in India with a newborn daughter destined to be left to die in an attempt to alleviate the family’s unrelenting grinding poverty.
Asha. The child that invisibly connects the story of the two women.

I might have fibbed.
You are not going to see the sippy cup going over, or look up at the bite.
But you will refill your wine glass.
And you may need a moment after ....
Orillia & Owen Sound campus libraries have children’s picture book collections.

Take a stack home for your kids.

Or yourself.

We are a library, we don't judge.

You can find all of Cyndi’s Summer Reads on the library website.