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SUMMER READING

The hottest page-turners this season

Whether you're heading for a villa in Ibiza, a tent in the Sahara or a week on the sofa, **Lottie Moggach** has the holiday books for you

STAYCATION

'Barbecue summer', eh? We've been robbed. But if you're stuck in Blighty, make the most of it with a big novel that's English to the core



The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters (Virago)
 Waters could be the new Daphne du Maurier with this period ghost story, set in a country house in the dying days of the aristocracy.

This historical tale may be hefty, but Mantel's Booker-tipped account of dark machinations in the court of Henry VIII is truly riveting.



The Children's Book by AS Byatt (Chatto & Windus)
 An engrossing, clever saga of bohemian English life, set at the turn of the 20th century. As good as her smash hit *Possession*.



Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel (Fourth Estate)

GIRLY BEACH JAUNT

Don't leave it until the airport bookshop and grab any old pink cover. 'Juicy and undemanding' doesn't have to mean 'rubbish', you know



Me, Cheetah by James Lever (Fourth Estate)
 The spoof Hollywood memoir "written" by Tarzan's chimp is wonderfully scurrilous about his real-life co-stars.

Celeb hack Bussman leaves LA for war-torn Uganda in pursuit of personal fulfilment - and a dishy bloke. Very funny.



The Worst Date Ever by Jane Bussmann (Macmillan)



Dark Places by Gillian Flynn (Weidenfeld & Nicholson)
 Brilliantly written second thriller from Stephen King's favourite new writer. As the title implies, it's not a jolly read, but totally compulsive.

