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Planning your summer activities often includes pulling together a summer reading list. We surveyed several members of the *CPA Practice Advisor* community to find out what they are looking forward to reading this summer, or what they recommend for others to add to their reading lists. And, in keeping with the Apps theme of this column, we also asked for their favorite apps relating to reading.

Kevin Bong, founder at AuditFile, told us that, “The **Goodreads** app is pretty cool.

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Caleb Jenkins, EA, CQP, leader of client accounting services at RLJ Financial Services, Inc., shared the books that are on his anticipated summer reading list:

- *The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster* – by Katz, Jonathan M.
- *Becoming Whole: Why the Opposite of Poverty Isn't the American Dream* – by Fikkert, Brian and Kapic, Kelly M.
- *Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development* – by Myers, Bryant L.
- *From Dependence to Dignity: How to Alleviate Poverty through Church-Centered Microfinance* – by Fikkert, Brian and Mask, Russell and Warren, Rick
- *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* – by Vance, J. D.
- *A World Without Email: Reimagining Work in an Age of Communication Overload* – by Newport, Cal
- *The Motive: Why So Many Leaders Abdicate Their Most Important Responsibilities* – by Lencioni, Patrick M.
- *Surviving the Tech Tsunami* by Miller, Gary
- *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains* – by Carr, Nicholas
- *Chronicles of Narnia* Box Set – by Lewis, C. S.

Jenkins didn't include any reference to apps, and instead added, “I'm probably different than most in my generation in that I like hardback paper books. I like the ability set aside my technology for a period of time to focus on what I'm reading and take notes that will help me make changes in my way of life.

Stacy Kildal, founder at Kildal Services, LLC, shared her summer reading pile:

- *A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America's Hurricanes.* by Eric Jay Dolin
- *Outposts: Journeys to the Surviving Relics of the British Empire.* by Simon Winchester

- *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey.* by Candice Millard

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Patrice Washington *Purpose 2 Platform – The Podcast.*”

Jean Caragher, president of Capstone Marketing, told us, “Three books I’ve read recently would make great summer reads. *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, a saga set during the Great Depression. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, explores the lives of black twin sisters and one who chooses to pass as white. Finally, *28 Summers* by Elin Hilderbrand, a can’t put down page turner. A true beach read. All read on my Amazon Kindle (on my iPad).”

Sandi Leyva, president at Accountant’s Accelerator, said, “I just finished *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*, by Caroline Criado Perez, using my **Nook** reader from BN on my tablet. It was eye-opening.”

Jessica McClain, CPA.CITP, CISA, PMP, CGFM, controller at Brand USA, told us, “This summer I will be reading *Questions Are the Answer: A Breakthrough Approach to Your Most Vexing Problems at Work and in Life*, by Hal Gregersen. I usually read hardcopy books but if I do read an e-book, it is on an **Amazon Kindle** app on my tablet.”

Arline Welty, principal at DataQuest Solutions, said, “Summer reading!? Oh my gosh. Love this one! Here’s what’s on my nightstand right now:

- Samantha Irby: *Wow, No Thank you*
- Jenny Lawson: *Broken (in the best possible way)*
- Kiley Reid: *Such a Fun Age*
- Resmaa Menakem: *My Grandmother’s Hands*

Richard Roppa-Roberts, founder at Roundtable Labs and The ProAdvisor Advisor at Quasar Cowboy, replied to our inquiry with this. “Summer is here, and as I watched the temperature cross 120 degrees Fahrenheit this morning, I realized it was time to once again hunker down inside the house for the next few weeks. I have three non-

businessy books on my list (as of today), and I am looking for more. First, a book that

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is to read on my iPad using the **Kindle** app, I will be reading all of these the way books should be read – hardcover, in my hands, and no notifications are popping up, taking me out of the moment.”

Jeff Wilson II, CPA/PFS, CGMA, CFE, CDFA, Advanced QuickBooks ProAdvisor, principal at The W2 Group, said, “**Audiobooks.com** is my favorite app to wind down after a workout in the steam room. I have two books in my read: *The Anticipatory Organization* by Daniel Burrus, and *The Effective Executive* by Peter Drucker.”

Samantha Mansfield, founder at Samantha Mansfield, LLC, told us, “My phone is always in my bag or pocket and my favorite reading app is **Audible**. Given the activity of summer I get my reading in while on the move. I have started the book *A More Beautiful Question* by Warren Berger which provokes a number of thoughts, so I stop to spend time thinking about the ideas. For fun I am looking forward to starting another historical fiction book by Rhys Bowen, *Above the Bay of Angels*.

Sandra Wiley, president at Boomer Consulting, Inc., said, “I just returned from Punta Cana (which was a wonderful getaway) and I read two terrific books I read on my **Kindle**:

- *Leading Without Authority* by Keith Ferrazzi
- *Believe It* by Jamie Kern Lima

Rick Richardson, CPA.CITP, CGMA, managing partner at Richardson Media & Technologies, LLC, said, “Other than **Kindle**, for research my two go-to apps are **NetNewsWire** and **Pocket**. As for books, I’ve got one on the ‘to read’ list so far – *Sea Stories* by Adm. William McRaven. I am also two months into a year-long project to write my first novel. It will be on ransomware. I’ll let you know when it’s done. Maybe it’ll make next summer’s list?!”

Blake Oliver, CPA, marketing director at Jirav, said, “**Feedly** is my favorite app for

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- *A Year at the Movies*, by Kevin Murphy
- *Why Time Flies*, by Alan Burdick
- *Chevrolet Summers, Dairy Queen Nights*, by Bob Greene
- *Redefining Financial Literacy*, by Cindy Couyoumjian
- *The Flight Girls*, by Noelle Salazar

When I read online, I use **Scribd** and **Libby** as my apps of choice and these are often the places where I'll start a book if I'm not certain if I'm going to like it. Most of the time I prefer books made of paper.

Feel free to expand this list by sharing your own summer reading choices in the comment section below this article. Happy reading, everyone!

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