

Short Story Collections for summer Reading. The links are to reviews of the books that may help you decide which ones you might want to read.

*Honeydew* by Edith Pearlman. These stories “excel at capturing the complex and surprising turns in seemingly ordinary lives.” [http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/04/books/review/edith-pearlman-honeydew-review.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/04/books/review/edith-pearlman-honeydew-review.html?_r=0)

*A Manual for Cleaning Women* by Lucia Berlin. “Berlin’s stories are the kind a woman in a Tom Waits song might tell a man she’s just met during a long humid night spent drinking in a parking lot.” <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/19/books/review-a-manual-for-cleaning-women-lucia-berlins-soul-baring-stories.html>

*Mendocino Fire* by Elizabeth Tallent. These stories are “immediately engaging.” <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/15/books/review/elizabeth-tallents-mendocino-fire.html>

*The Complete Stories* by Clarice Lispector. Brazilian writer Lispector “is exhilaratingly, arrestingly strange.” <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/02/books/review/the-complete-stories-by-clarice-lispector.html>

*The Visiting Privilege: New and Collected Stories* by Joy Williams. “The plots of these stories give only a small indication of the grim delight-the despair and elation and queasy comedy-that awaits.” <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/27/books/review/the-visiting-privilege-by-joy-williams.html>

*Cockfosters* by Helen Simpson. these stories are “little miracles that cut straight to the heart of the matter.” <http://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/nov/13/cockfosters-helen-simpson-review>

*Homesick for Another World* by Otessa Moshfegh. Moshfegh says “all the stories are about people wanting things they cant have and struggling to understand themselves.” <http://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/fiction-this-week-ottessa-moshfegh-2016-01-04>

*Miss Grief and Other stories* by Constance Fenimore Woolson. If you would like a break from contemporary fiction, these stories were originally published in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-lesson-of-the-masters-1458936685>