

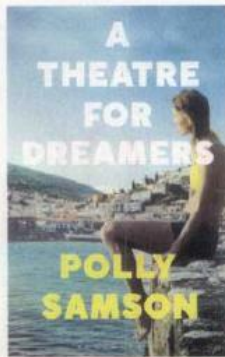


# Bookshelf

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## This month's 10 books to read right now!

### Book of the month



**A THEATRE FOR DREAMERS**  
by Polly Samson

Set on the Greek island of Hydra in the 1960s, this coming-of-age novel is based on real people: a group of artists and poets, including a young Leonard Cohen. Into their midst comes teenager Erica, who is reeling from her mother's recent death and looking to escape from her oppressive father. The writing is beautiful and so vivid that you can see the sun-washed white houses and blue seas.



**Witty and poignant**

**SEPARATION ANXIETY**  
by Laura Zigman

Judy's life is in crisis: her career as a children's author has nose-dived, her best friend is terminally ill and she's living with her ex-husband because they can't afford to divorce. There are some very funny moments, but it's also insightful about midlife disappointment and starting over.

**Emotional read**

**THE YELLOW BIRD SINGS**  
by Jennifer Rosner

Prepare to have your heart broken by this moving tale of a mother who has to make an unbearable decision in order to

