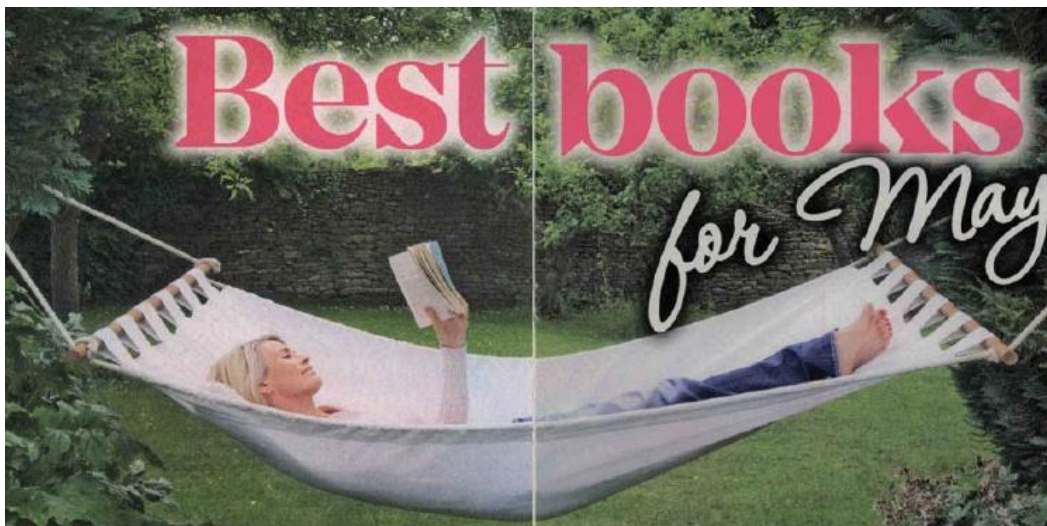


# Best books

for May

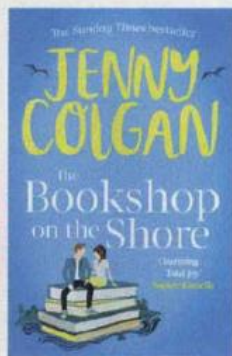


We may be stuck at home, but there's no reason why a great read can't whisk you thousands of miles, or centuries, away. Deirdre O'Brien picks page-turners that will take your mind off our troubles

## ISLAND ESCAPES



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### **A Theatre For Dreamers**

**Polly Samson**

**Bloomsbury, £14.99**

Get swept away to the Greek island of Hydra in the Sixties, a mecca for artists and writers. Teenager Erica arrives, grieving for her mother, only to find a complicated world of adult relationships to navigate. Gloriously escapist.

### **The Bookshop on the Shore**

**Jenny Colgan**

**Sphere, £7.99**

Cash-strapped single mother Zoe is struggling in London when salvation comes in the form of a job in the Highlands, as a book seller and au pair to a gang of motherless children. It's another charmer from an author who never fails to lift the spirits.