

# *Poolside*

HOW TO BEST ENJOY YOUR POOL

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# Books

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## Looking for Alaska

by Frank W. Abagnale

Many readers may have become aware of Green through his best-selling blockbuster novel *The Fault In Our Stars*, a book that resonates with readers from teens to adults. In his first novel, Green follows the story of “Pudge”, a young man who goes to Alabama to attend college. There he meets a female student named Alaska Young and quickly becomes infatuated with her. The novel reveals the beautiful and at times confounding experiences of two young people falling in love.

## Catch Me If You Can

by Frank W. Abagnale

The author is Frank Abagnale Jr., a master con man who specialized in check fraud and impersonation. During his years as a master criminal, which started in the 1960s, Abagnale passed himself off as an airline pilot, an advertising executive, and even a surgeon. His exploits were legendary as he led the FBI on a global chase before being captured. This story includes intrigue, forgery, escape, and chicanery. You'll find yourself amazed at how truth is stranger than fiction in this story. The book was later turned into a movie.



# Books

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## Station Eleven: A Novel

by Emily St. John Mandel

How many books begin with an incredible ending? This novel by Emily St. John Mandel pulls it off. As the book opens a character undergoes an unfortunate event in a Shakespeare play and then the earth is stricken with a flu pandemic that wipes out much of the world population. But that's just the beginning. Mandel takes the reader on a sweeping journey with a small group of survivors that examines humanity's need for art in a time of great peril.

## The Outsiders

by S.E. Hinton

A great read for younger readers, this novel can also be enjoyed by people of any age. It's the tale of Ponyboy, a teenager who finds himself embroiled in a gang and the violence that comes with that life. This gripping story was made into a movie that featured an ensemble cast of almost every young male actor of the early 1980s: Tom Cruise, Matt Dillon, Emilio Estevez, C. Thomas Howell, Rob Lowe, Ralph Macchio, and Patrick Swayze. Worth a read and easy to flip through.

## Tenth of December: Stories

by George Saunders

A 2013 National Book Award finalist, this collection of short stories from George Saunders is perfect for lounging by the pool. Known for his dry and sometimes dark humor, Saunders focuses his lens on several characters who are facing life-altering choices. In "Home," an American soldier returns from the Middle East and grapples with feelings of inadequacy. In a story titled "Puppy," a woman marries into wealth only to have her poor past haunt her. The title story follows an angst-riddled teenager who literally faces the harrowing prospect of falling through thin ice on a lake, a case of nature threatening to swallow him up.



# Books

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## The Devil in the White City

by Erik Larson

The World's Fair was held in Chicago in 1893 and during its six-month run it attracted a staggering 27 million visitors. People saw for the first time such things as electric street lamps, the zipper, Cracker Jacks, the escalator, and the most popular invention --- the Ferris Wheel. Author Larson masterfully explains the political intrigue behind the massive construction of "The White City" that hosted the fair. But that's only half of the allure of this award-winning book. Larson also interweaves the tale of Dr. Henry H. Holmes, who at the same time had built a "castle" in Chicago where he lured young women who later mysteriously disappeared. Holmes was America's first serial killer, and his tale is both troubling and riveting. Somehow Larson manages to make the reader yearn for both parts of the book to last forever, so that when the fair ends and the bad guy meets his fate, you almost feel a sense of disappointment. This book has been on the bestseller list for several years since its release in 2004.

## Unfamiliar Fishes

by Sarah Vowell

In her most recent book, Sarah Vowell turns her wry sense of humor and delightful unusual form of historical analysis to the islands of Hawaii. The popular NPR host and storyteller looks at the circumstances around the annexation of Hawaii by the United States and what it says about the people of that tropical kingdom and the people of America. It's a quick and easy read but very thoughtful, as Vowell looks at the arrival of missionaries to the islands, the sad fate of the Hawaiian monarchy, sugar barons, con men, and whalers. Only Vowell can present history in a way that makes you laugh out loud and spark the fires of your curiosity.

# Furniture

FOR YOUR POOL AREA

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## Capri Director's Chair

High enough for keeping an eye on little ones, but also low enough to still be involved with what's going on near you, too. The director's chair has a comfortable mesh fabric sling and is built on a sturdy teak frame that stands up to the test of time. The chair folds up for storage or transport and comes with a warranty.

## Zen Chaise Lounger

Here's the chair you'll relax in, catch rays in, read books in, or fall asleep in. This one has a five-way adjustable back which allows you to set it to sunbathing mode, conversational sit-up-straight mode, or whatever you need. It's constructed on a lightweight aluminum frame and has a hand woven wicker set and seatback.

## 3-Piece Bar-Height Dining Set

Gather around this nice dining set to grab a bite or to have a drink. The attractive three-piece set is stained in rustic red and made from eucalyptus wood, a sturdy timber that proves very durable.



# *Furniture*

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## Santiago Cantilever Umbrella

There are times when you want to retreat to the shade and the 10-foot Santiago Cantilever Umbrella is perfect for that. Because of the cantilever arm design, the umbrella can be placed near the edge of the swimming pool without the base and pole getting in your way. Tilt the canopy to adjust for any sunlight at any time of day and the wind vent prevents the umbrella from flipping out on you on those windy days. The pole and arm are made from bronze anodized aluminum which means it won't rust easily and will always look nice. The canopy is made from rugged acrylic and will withstand the elements well.

## Cushion Furniture Sets

Sometimes the swimming pool is the backdrop for entertaining, like a dinner party or drinks. In that case, outfit your deck and patio space with one of these attractive furniture sets. All of these pieces have a sturdy frame for durability and plush cushions for comfort. The coffee tables and end tables provide a spot to rest your drink or for a lamp for late-night entertaining.



# Gadgets

TO USE AT THE POOL

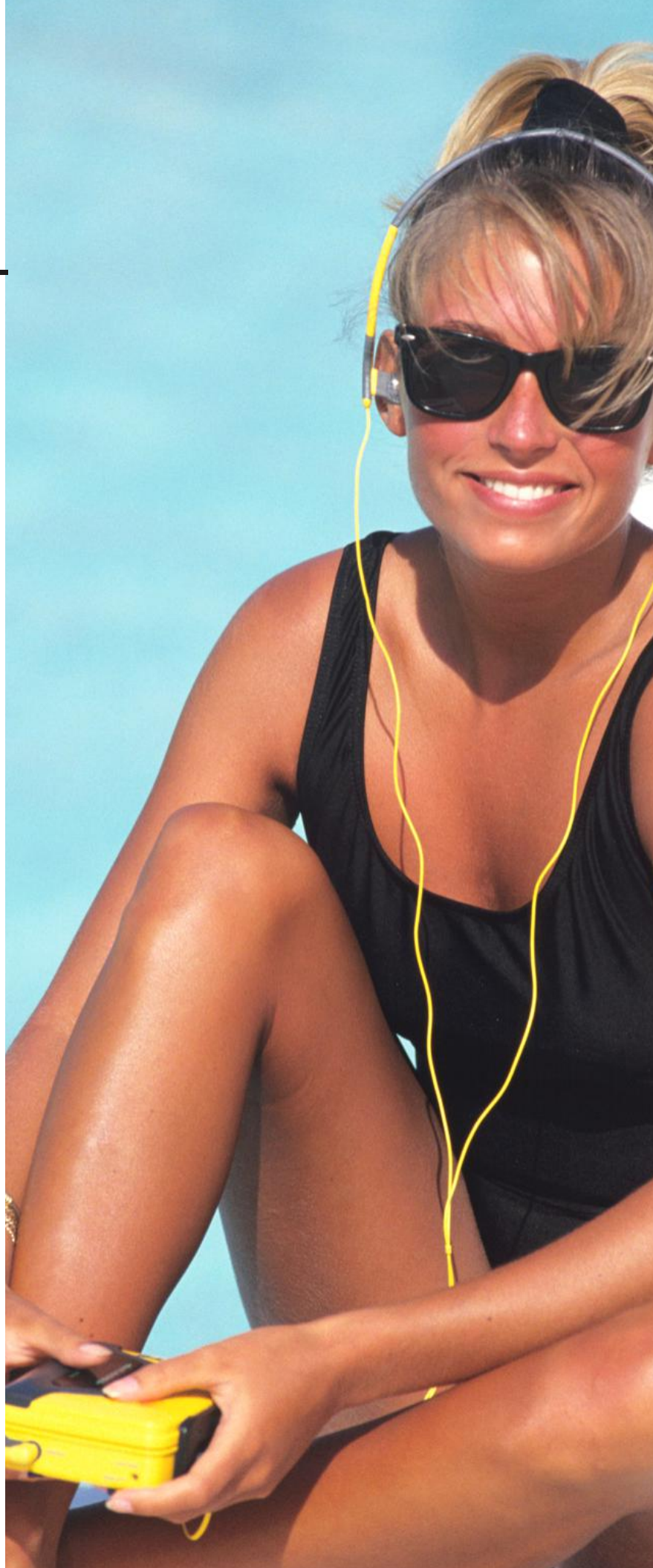
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## Fugoo Sport Speakers

The FUGOO Sport speakers are waterproof but also have built-in bluetooth and sport mounts that enable you to place them anywhere. The sound is great, too. The speakers have six symmetrically-situated sound delivery systems, providing the low bass, the crisp treble, and everything else your ears love in 360-degree sound. The speakers have a 40-hour battery life and work with Apple's Siri and Google Now.

## Sony Cyber-Shot Digital Camera TX30

Yes, you could take photos with your phone while at your pool party, but if you want clear, high-resolution images, you're better served using a camera like the Sony Cyber-Shot. It's very portable (fits in the palm of your hand) but still packs a punch --- 18.2 megapixels. Of course, it's waterproof and it also features Magnifying Glass Plus mode to provide detailed close-ups. Grab video from the camera, too. Because it has shake-resistant technology, don't worry if the swimming pool action gets a little rough. This camera will keep up.





# Gadgets

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## Floating Boombox

This device has two front-facing speakers and runs on batteries that provide 25 hours of life. Put your MP3 player or phone in the waterproof compartment and no need to worry about any damage. Just lay back, float and enjoy your favorite tunes.

## Ultimate 5-in-1 Pen

For those times when you're doing your homework or finishing up some business while lounging in a deck chair, this pen is a ballpoint, a stylus, white LED flashlight, ultraviolet light, and a red laser pointer. The pen even has an extendable flexible shaft that allows you to bend the flashlight into hard-to-reach spots.

## iPad Air 2

Want to sneak a peek at the latest episodes of your favorite show or see a YouTube clip? Bring along the iPad Air 2 with its slim design and super-powered graphics display. The iPad Air 2 has a built-in camera and videocamera, and it can even handle phone calls. This jack-of-all-trades media device is 18% thinner than previous versions and it tips the scales at under a pound.

## Lifeproof Watertight Cases

These sturdy cases for your phone and tablets aren't just waterproof, they're dirtproof, snowproof, and shockproof. Keep water, dirt, and snow out of your mobile device. Plus, if you should drop your device, no worries, the shockproof case protects against external or internal damage. The cases are designed to withstand drops from more than six feet.

## LithiumCard Hypercharger

The thin LithiumCard is a "hyper" charger and restores the battery on your device lightning fast. There's a version for iPhones, iPads, and iPods, and also a version for most Android phones and tablets. At the size of a credit card, this charger is easy to carry anywhere: even the swimming pool.

# Cuisine

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## Fruit Salsa with Baked Cinnamon Chips

A healthy snack to munch on all day long, fruit salsa with baked cinnamon chips is a refreshing twist on the traditional salsa recipe. Perfect for backyard barbecues and swimming parties, this snack can be prepared quickly and enjoyed by kids and adults alike.

## Frozen Fruity Yogurt Bites

A favorite snack for little ones, these cool and healthy little treats are easy to scoop out the night before, freeze, and enjoy. Your swimmers will grab them up quickly in between cannonballs and water fights.

## Cranberry Almond Berry Bites

Easily thrown together with granola, dried cranberries, almond slivers and honey, this delicious treat will keep your guests full and happy so they can enjoy the pool all day long.



# Cuisine

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## Pickle Roll-Ups

Salty and sweet is a pleasant combo with these easy-to-make snacks. Lay four stacks of two corned beef slices on a cutting board, slather cream cheese on them, and top it off with a medium-sized dill pickle. Wrap it up and slice into four equal pieces. The cream cheese serves as the mortar in these pickle-brick snacks.

## Banana Chocolate Chip Cookies

Who doesn't love to dip cookies into a glass of milk after a day of splashing in the pool? As a bonus, bake the cookies with the kids the night before for another family activity. Expert tip: for extra gooey goodness, use large chocolate chips.

## Pizzadillas

Whip these up quickly in the kitchen and serve a platter to your hungry guests. Spice up typical quesadillas by using your favorite pizza ingredients, like mozzarella, tomato sauce, and mushrooms. Expert tip: include a side dish of marinara sauce for dipping.

## Frozen Fruit

Pick up a bag of grapes.  
Put the grapes in your freezer.  
Serve the grapes.  
Feel refreshed.

## Nutella Fudgesicles

Chocolate and hazelnut fused and frozen together so you can carry it around in your hand on a stick? Where do I sign up?

## Chicken Bombs

Grilled chicken filled with cheese, bacon, and jalapenos. These take a little more preparation and time, so plan accordingly, but ultimately you'll have a tasty meal. Expert tip: dip 'em in ranch.

## Grilled Turkey Burger

A lean and juicy turkey burger is a great dinner option after a long day of swimming. Add some herbs and spices to the meat to make the flavor jump right off the patty.



# Drinks

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## Sunshine Smoothie

Smoothies today come in many forms: some are fruit based, some are ice cream based, and some are based in yogurt. The “Sunshine Smoothie” not only sounds wonderful, it tastes great. A dollop of yogurt is added to a blend of pineapple, banana, orange juice, coconut, and mango.

## Copycat Starbucks Passion Tea Lemonade

Everyone loves lemonade, but why stick with just regular lemonade when you can add a big splash of flavor? This lemonade is inspired by Starbucks’ popular passion tea lemonade, a refreshing drink packed with flavor.

## Strawberry Peach Sangria

As long as we’re knee-deep in fruit, let’s mix up a batch of sangria with peach (or substitute your favorite). This is a popular summer drink that’s easy to make with white wine, white rum, Schnapps, fruit, and soda. Sip slowly: these drinks pack a punch.





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## Strawberry Mango Coolers

A mix of strawberries, mangos, orange juice, Sprite, and ice topped with fruit. Punch it up with vodka if you want go that route.

## Detox Water

We all need to hydrate when we're out in the sun and nothing does that better than water. But plain old water can be boring --- why not spice it up with fruits and vegetables to make your own detox drink? This drink is trending for a reason and has real health benefits, such as making your skin healthy, boosting your metabolism and even helping to keep you trim. Try strawberry/lime/cinnamon water for a refreshing water with a kick.

## Raspberry Limoncello Prosecco

With prosecco, limoncello, raspberries and a sprig of mint, this boozy and bubbly drink combination will leave you refreshed all summer long.

## Boozy Strawberry Lemonade Vodka Slushies

Just like the name says, this drink is frozen strawberry lemonade with an added boozy kick.

## Sparkling Pearl Tropical Cocktail

Just one look at this drink and you'll fall in love. It looks so good you almost don't want to drink it. With coconut, creme de cacao and rum, this drink is island living in a glass.

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## Brown Eyed Girl

by Van Morrison

One of the most-covered pop songs of the last 40 years, Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl" is an upbeat nostalgic love song with a Jamaican Calypso feel to it.

## The Sound of Sunshine

by Michael Franti and Spearhead

Can sunshine make a sound? It sure feels like it when you wrap yourself inside a wonderfully warm and sunny summer day, doesn't it? This song will make you smile.

## Every Day is a Holiday

by Alex Mercier

Oh if only it were true, sweet-sounding Mr. Mercier. If only every day were a holiday.

## Love Shack

by The B52s

Get the party started with this hit from the new wave pop star band from Georgia. Guaranteed to make the "whole place shimmy."



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## Heaven

by Rusted Route

This underrated band has carved their own place in the alternative scene with a special fusion of Latin, African, and Native American inspired music. How do you classify them? They're rock, acoustic, world beat, and heavy on percussion. "Heaven" is one of their softer songs but it has a hook line that will grab you.

## Island in the Sun

by Weezer

Off their comeback "Green Album," this Weezer tune was all over the radio in the summer of 2001, serving as a sort of anthem for the pre-September 11th innocence of that time. It's punchy and ear-popping, like most of the pop songs from this quartet from Los Angeles.

## In the Summertime

by Electric Light Orchestra

by Mungo Jerry

This British pop group hit it big unexpectedly in 1970 with this light-hearted do-what-you-like ditty. Don't literally follow the instructions in this song, (Drink and Drive), but do follow the mantra of "Life's for living..."

## Constellations

by Jack Johnson

The soft strings of Johnson's guitar are featured on this song that takes place by the water at sunset. Oh and there's Johnson's tender voice too.

## Mr. Blue Sky

by Electric Light Orchestra

From the opening drum-drum-drum beat of this 1970s track from Beatles-inspired ELO to the electric guitar riffs and symphonic harmonies, you'll be drawn in. "Hey there Mr. Blue, we're so pleased to be with you...look around see what you do...everyone smiles at you." Introduce your kids to ELO, they'll be hooked by the whimsical electronic pre-disco dance tunes.

## Mansard Roof

by Vampire Weekend

Fueled by the understated vocals of lead man Ezra Koenig, Vampire Weekend is a Grammy-winning band from New York City. This song is just plain fun.

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## California Girls

by The Beach Boys

If this doesn't get you excited about diving in the pool, nothing will. Make sure to invite some California girls to your party.

## Here Comes the Sun

by The Beatles

With bandmates with the songwriting chops of John Lennon and Paul McCartney, poor George Harrison was frequently overshadowed. But when he was thrown his typical two songs for each album, he often produced a hit. "Here Comes The Sun" is one of the most endearing and well-crafted Beatles tunes ever released. Frank Sinatra called it "the best pop song ever written."

## Happy

by Pharrell

A chart-topping songwriter already, Pharrell hit #1 as a performer/songwriter with this 2014 song that won an Oscar for original soundtrack. It's almost impossible to listen to this song without "clapping along" and shaking your hips.

## Lovely Day

by Bill Withers

Very possibly the best R&B singer/songwriter of the 1960s and 1970s, Withers always brings his sweet soulful sound to his music. Lovely Day is not one of his songs that has stayed in the public eye (unlike the rhythm and blues anthems Lean On Me and Just the Two Of Us), but it's a great mellow tune for relaxing on the pool deck. Do yourself a favor and download his greatest hits album right now.

## Time of the Season

by The Zombies

Another British band (what is it about the Brits and summertime?). The Zombies hit the charts with several songs in the 1960s, this one in 1968. It features spooky-cool vocals from lead man Colin Blunstone, a signature bass riff, hands claps, dusty background "ahhhh" vocal tracks, and psychedelic pop cords. Relive the Summer of Love poolside.