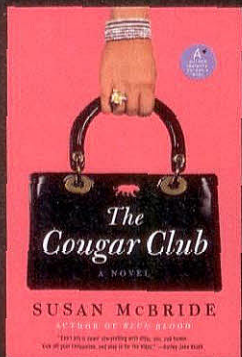


THE EXPERT'S GUIDE TO EVERYDAY THINGS: SIX SUMMER READS, ST. LOUIS–STYLE

From Kris Kleindienst,
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1) *The Cougar Club*

by Susan McBride

McBride takes a break from her popular mystery series to write a novel whose main characters are over 40 and fabulous. McBride is a member of the Cougar Club herself; named one of SLM's "Top Singles" at 40, she met and (happily) married a younger man.

2) *Kingdom Keepers III:*

Disney in Shadows

by Ridley Pearson

The third installment in Pearson's bestselling four-part young-adult thriller is set in Disney World. Pearson, who makes his home in the St. Louis area, is a big booster of local libraries.

3) *Where's My Wand?*

by Eric Poole

The first-time author, who now resides in L.A., chronicles a childhood gone awry while growing up in a suburban St. Louis tract house during the 1970s. *Kirkus Reviews* called this Sedaris-style memoir "a witty, observant, deliciously satisfying autobiography."

4) *Olivia's Story:*

*The Conspiracy of Heroes
Behind Shelley v. Kraemer*

by Jeffrey S. Copeland

Based on a true story, *Olivia's Story* tells about the brave group—including Olivia Merriweather Perkins, an African-American teacher in the St. Louis schools—who championed a landmark Supreme Court decision.

5) *A Taste of Honey*

by Jabari Asim

St. Louis native and former editor of the *Washington Post Book World* Jabari Asim centers these short stories around growing up in St. Louis during the '60s.

6) *Private Life*

by Jane Smiley

This riveting novel from the Pulitzer Prize winner and native St. Louisan traverses the landscape of one woman's life, from the 1880s to World War II.