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Meet the 'Ladies of Summer' — Three Novelists with Great Summer Reading Coming Out

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Barrett Bookstore will host a special evening Wednesday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at Wee Burn Country Club, 141 Hollow Tree Ridge Road, Darien: "The Ladies of Summer" event will feature three authors who have books coming out just in time for great vacation reading.

"Back by popular demand, this is the second year we have organized this evening," said Sheila Daley, owner of Barrett Bookstore.

"It is a lot of fun to hear the authors discuss the backstory of their new novels—all of which have summer themes."

Dorothea Benton Frank: 'All Summer Long'

In Dorothea Benton Frank's "All Summer Long," prominent New York designer Olivia Richie and her husband make plans to retire to Charleston, SC. where Nick wants to return to his roots and enjoy a slower life style.

Olivia is not so sure. As she grapples with the future, the summer offers a distraction as the couple travel in style from Nantucket to Necker Island with her billionaire clients and a cast of zany eccentrics.

Miranda Beverly-Whittemore: 'June'

But as lives change in shocking ways, it is apparent that wealth is no guarantee of happiness, that love wears many faces and that the future requires a stunning leap of faith. Miranda Beverly-Whittemore, author of "June," has created another intriguing story.

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A crumbling family mansion, a large inheritance, a small-town mystery, and a high voltage Hollywood romance are the ingredients of two interconnected tales of family secrets that evolved sixty years apart.

Add passion, betrayal and heartbreak to the mix and you have a novel that will keep the reader guessing to the last page.

Beatriz Williams: 'A Certain Age'

Beatriz Williams, whose books are favorite summer fare, has a new novel "A Certain Age."

Set in New York City and Southampton, Long Island, during the Roaring Twenties, the iridescent Mrs. Theresa Marshall has done the unthinkable. She's fallen in love with her young paramour, Captain Octavian Rofrano, an aviator and hero of the Great War.

As a fateful triangle forms, loyalties divide and old crimes are dragged into daylight in this compulsively readable tale of a derailed love affair seen through a sequence of summers.

Tickets are \$27 and include a glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres and a 10 percent discount on any books purchased at the event.

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They are available at the <u>Barrett Bookstore website</u> by clicking on the event or calling Barrett Bookstore at 203-655-2712.