

## Smart Talk listener book recommendations

From Bethany: The book I must look forward to reading this summer is Lancaster author Shawn Smucker's novel *The Weight of Memory* which will be released in July.

**From Erin: *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. A memoir. A husband faces a terminal illness. His wife is in shock. They recently lost their beautiful home and through particular circumstances, they have no income. They don't wallow in grief, rather, they make an impulsive decision to walk 630 miles of the sea-swept Southwest Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. Uplifting, beautifully written and an ode to a deep love between a man and woman. <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/feb/07/the-salt-path-raynor-winn-review>**

From Nancy in Lancaster: Any book by Ann Patchett is always a good choice. However, if you haven't read *The Dutch House*, published in 2019, you're missing out on a fabulous book about a house and the family that lived in it.

**From Faye: My book club of ten years is currently reading *The Searcher* by Tana French. Retired detective Cal Hooper moves to a remote village in rural Ireland. His plans are to fix up the dilapidated cottage he's bought, to walk the mountains, to put his old police instincts to bed forever. Then a local boy appeals to him for help. His brother is missing, and no one in the village, least of all the police, seems to care. And once again, Cal feels that restless itch. Something is wrong in this community, and he must find out what, even if it brings trouble to his door.**

From James: Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss. Beautifully written, clever novel. First in a trilogy. The main character Kvothe (pronounced Quothe) is fantastic and entertaining. Excellent summer read.

Also from James: The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner. A suspenseful light-hearted novel that transitions between modern day London and 18th century London. Great summer read.

**From Shanna: I CANNOT recommend enough “The Sum of Us” by Heather McGhee. Changed my life.**

From Betsy: “The Book of Lost Friends” by Lisa Wingate

**From Natalie: Freedom, by Sebastian Junger. A hike along the Juniata River.**

From Tony in Lancaster: Abe by David S Reynolds

**The Eagle’s Claw: A Novel of the Battle of Midway by Jeff Shaara**