

On July 22, the Sun enters Leo, the lion. Our sun rules this sign with all the subtlety of, well, the sun. Individuals born under its influence are larger than life. Those not born under the influence of the sun may experience bouts of exhibitionism in their own ways. Consider these words by the notorious Leo, George Bernard Shaw (July 26, 1856): “What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.” Madame G says flash those pearly whites and join Instagram, or just read a good book. Either way, you win!

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Summer is here and you couldn't be happier. Enjoy all those evening BBQs with family and friends. You're creating good memories. Remember that everything is fleeting, and it's in your best interest to not take that special time for granted. You may enjoy adding a novel to your daily study. Madame G recommends Barbara Kingsolver's famous novel *The Poisonwood Bible*. It's exciting and terrible. You'll love it. Enjoy!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't make a mountain out of a molehill. Overreacting may seem like the right thing to do, but it's not. Everyone is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect. For your summer reading list, you may want to discover or rediscover Carson McCuller's *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*. You'll appreciate the lovely title and poignant message. Read!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This is an exciting time for you. The sun is shining and the ambiance of the season encourages fun, activity, and showing off. You may even encounter your other half in a kindred spirit and joyful soul. But take a moment for yourself. Before it becomes another blockbuster hit read Ransom Riggs' novel *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. Indulge your mind with

great works. Have fun!

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The Sun is passing out of your sign this week and into Leo. Learn from the sign that follows yours. Though Leo is a fixed fire sign and you're a cardinal water sign — you can learn from their enthusiasm. In most instances, Leos work well with others and help spark enthusiasm in the workplace. Give it a try. If not, you could read Margaret Atwood's novel the *Blind Assassin*. It's a fitting title for your mental train of thought.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your sign is taking center stage. Are you ready? Of course! You'll want to stride, or strut, in the direction of your dreams. Do something extreme even it seems a little selfish. You could hire a photographer to put on a photo-shoot of you in your best suit and on your favorite horse. Maybe you'll even have a life-sized portrait made to highlight your esteem of the glorious animal — yourself. If you have any time leftover read: David Sedaris' *Holidays on Ice*. You'll love it!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It's true what Tolstoy said: "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." Your family isn't perfect, but neither are you. Show love for them each day by calling, emailing, or texting. It's okay to demonstrate your boundaries, but always do this with kindness. Consider reading Joyce Carol Oates' novel *We Were The Mulvaney's*. You could also read anything by Tolstoy and learn more about crazy families that aren't yours. Families are complicated. Blessings to you and yours!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct.22)

You don't enjoy the spotlight quite like a Leo, but you enjoy hearing your own praises. You may

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experience a little disruption this week, but don't worry, it'll pass. When life takes over and pushes you in various directions that you're unwilling to go in, take time to breath. Do something enjoyable. For good measure, read Salman Rushdie's novel *The Enchantress of Florence*. It's entertaining and extreme just like you!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

In life, a little destruction is necessary for your health. Farmers will remove a diseased limb from a healthy tree in order to save it. As we head into mid-summer and prepare for fall, consider cutting out bad habits or things that no longer serve you. Do you need to conquer your student loans? Maybe you should drink less. Whatever the case, take action and live well. Consider reading: *Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie. You always gain a little illumination from the darkness. Live well!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You've a complicated mind. It seems that you're conflicted in a variety of areas and being pulled in one too many directions. Now is the time to make decisions. You must either choose to move forward or sideways, but you must choose. You can't move backwards no matter how much you wish that you could. Take a moment to chill and rest. Consider reading Philip Roth's *Goodbye Columbus*.
You'll appreciate the irony.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Did you see something unexpected? If you keep coming across the odd and unexpected, learn from the moment. Even if you see a tornado on Taos Mountain, remember that we live in an irrational world that's fraught with disorder. You may want to temper the madness with William Barrett's work on existential philosophy, *Irrational Man*. Have fun! But, if a tornado really does come out — it's probably better to hide in the bathtub or hallway. Good luck!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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You must learn to take a little action, especially when it comes to your dreams. They're beautiful, but you can't live in a fantasy. Now, take a moment to do the opposite and enjoy a great book by Arlene Chai entitled: *Eating Fire and Drinking Water*. The novel has slow elements, but matches the exciting title. Enjoy it for all it's worth. Live long!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You need an exciting, if slightly edgy summer read. Consider wasting a whole day reading Stephen King's *Needful Things*. Yes, it's an indulgence, because you have dishes to do and storm drains to clean. But, that's what tomorrow's for. Today, indulge and enjoy a moment of fun for yourself. No doubt you've earned it. Live a little, and have fun!