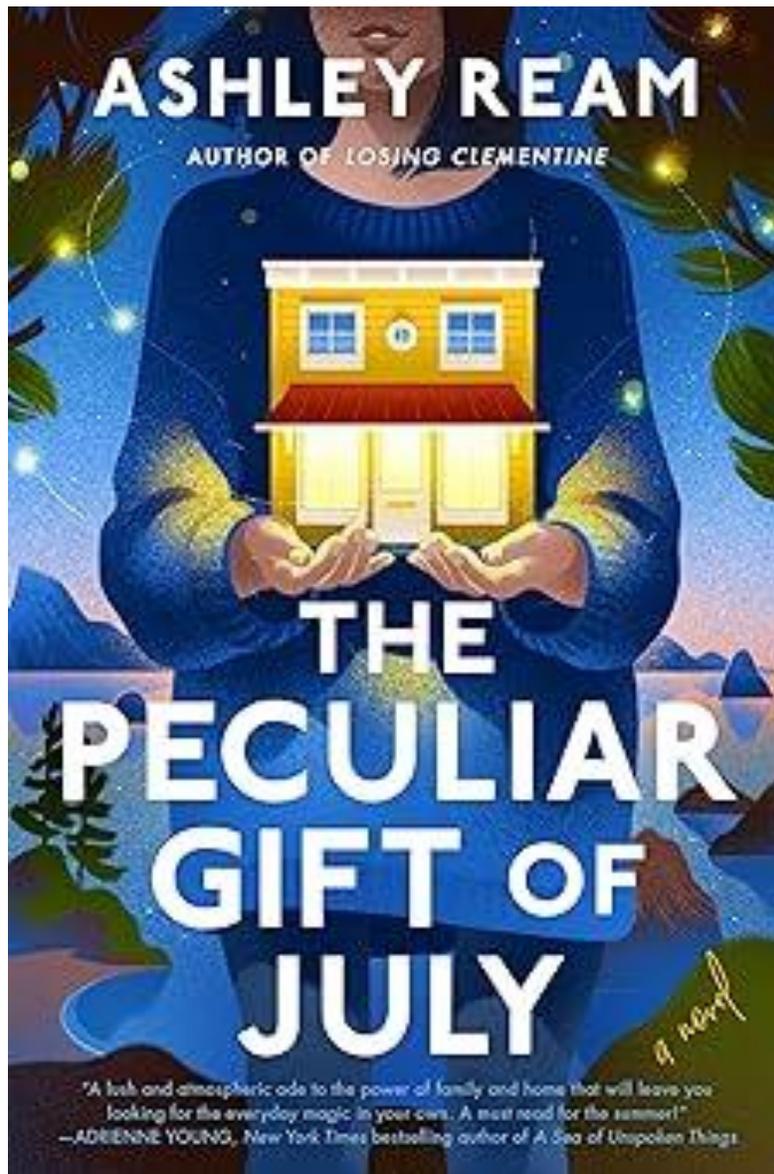


# BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

JULY 2026 BOOK:

*The Peculiar Gift of July* by Ashley Ream



## July

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1. What did you think of the book?
2. Which was the most interesting scene(s), in your opinion?
3. Were there any characters that you felt, you can relate to in any way?
4. What were your expectations before reading *The Peculiar Gift of July*?
5. At the start, Anita Odom lives a quiet, solitary life in the island grocery.  
How did you feel about her when we first meet her? How did your view of her change by the end?
6. When fourteen-year old July arrives unexpectedly, Anita is sure it's a mistake. Did you sympathize with Anita's reaction or with July's? Why?
7. July seems to have an uncanny knack for knowing what people need – even if they don't know it themselves. What did you think of this gift?
8. The setting – Ebey's End, a remote island town reachable only by ferry – is quirky and tight-knit. How did the setting contribute to the story? Would the same story feel different in a big city?
9. Many characters in the town carry secrets or live with assumptions. Which secret or revelation surprised you the most? Why?
10. How did you feel about the relationships that developed in the book?

11. Although there are serious themes (grief, change, loneliness), the book also has a warm, humorous tone. Did you find a balance between the serious and the light?

12. What did you think of the end of the book?

## Answers