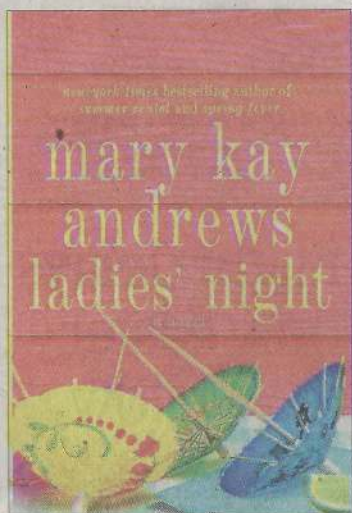


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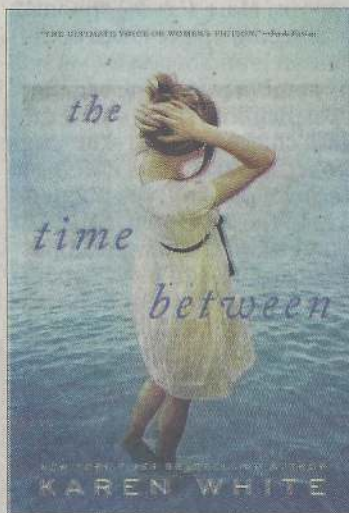
# Beach read trio

Two best-selling authors and one up-and-comer publish books on June 4, just in time for beach reading season. These metro Atlantans give us the lowdown on their new novels. **By Suzanne Van Atten** [svanatten@ajc.com](mailto:svanatten@ajc.com)

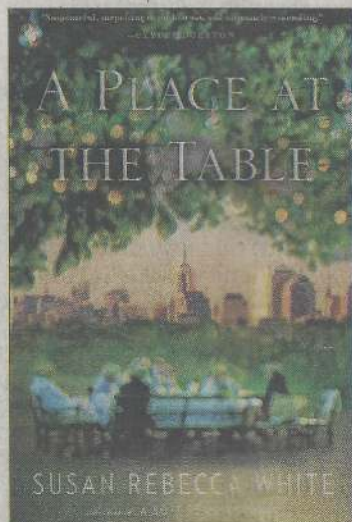
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Mary Kay Andrews



Karen White



Susan Rebecca White

### “Ladies’ Night” by Mary Kay Andrews

Mary Kay Andrews (aka Kathy Hogan Trocheck), 58, is a former AJC reporter and author of 20 books, seven of them bestsellers. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, Tom Trocheck.

#### Elevator pitch

It’s about a lifestyle blogger whose life goes spectacularly awry when she catches her husband cheating and drives his expensive convertible into the family swimming pool. A judge mandates she attend divorce recovery therapy with a group of oddballs, and they bond over the fact that nobody wants to be there.

#### A good beach read should...

Be fast and funny and delicious, like a margarita

### “The Time Between” by Karen White

Karen White, 48, is a best-selling author who’s written 16 books. She lives in Milton with her husband, Timothy White.

#### Elevator pitch

Set in 1944 Hungary and modern day Edisto Island, S.C., it’s a story of two women from different generations who form an unlikely bond as they slowly unravel a tapestry of secrets — of love, betrayal, and heartbreak — that bind them both to the past.

#### Defining characteristic of protagonist, Eleanor.

She’s loyal, to her detriment.

#### A good beach read should...

Totally suck me in so I am unaware of time passing and I’m unaware of my own surroundings

### “A Place at the Table” by Susan Rebecca White

Susan Rebecca White, 37, is the author of three books. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, Sam Reid, and is an adjunct professor in creative writing at Emory University.

#### Elevator Pitch

It’s about a preacher’s son growing up in Decatur in the 1970s. He loves the world he was born into but is no longer welcome in it once his homosexuality is revealed. He flees to New York where his path crosses with two other exiles, an older black woman from North Carolina and a wealthy white woman from Connecticut whose marriage has just exploded.

#### Defining characteristic of

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### **Best thing about a book tour**

Room service! Nah. It's meeting fans who like your books. Then they tell me their juicy stories and a lot of those end up in the books.

### **Up next**

"Christmas Bliss," the fourth in my Savannah series. It comes out Oct. 18.

### **Readings and signings**

Launch party, 6-8 p.m. June 3, Kudzu & Company, Sandy Springs. \$35 includes signed book. 770-516-9989, [www.foxtalebookshoppe.com](http://www.foxtalebookshoppe.com). Also 4:30 p.m. June 4, Omega Books, Peachtree City; 6:30 p.m. June 24, Book Exchange, Marietta. For details go to [www.MaryKayAndrews.com](http://www.MaryKayAndrews.com).

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### **Best thing about a book tour**

Meeting readers who talk about my characters as if they are real people.

### **Up next**

It's set in the Mississippi Delta. There's an an element of mystery, an element of romance. My characters are always damaged at the beginning of the book and they're always in a better place mentally and spiritually by the end.

### **Readings and signings.**

6:30 p.m. June 4, at Book Exchange, Marietta; 6:30 p.m. June 5, Foxtale Book Shoppe, Woodstock; 7 p.m. June 6, Bookmiser, Marietta. For details go to [www.karen-white.com](http://www.karen-white.com)

### **Defining characteristic of protagonist, Bobby**

He moves to New York but he's always yearning for the home he left behind in the South.

### **A good beach read should ...**

Be totally immersive and engaging.

### **Up next**

I have a book I want to write, but it completely terrifies me. It's dark and involves me knowing a lot of history. So far the main character is completely unlikeable.

### **Readings and signings**

6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 talk, Sun., June 2, Georgia Center for the Book, at Decatur Library. For details go to [www.susanrebeccawhite.com](http://www.susanrebeccawhite.com)