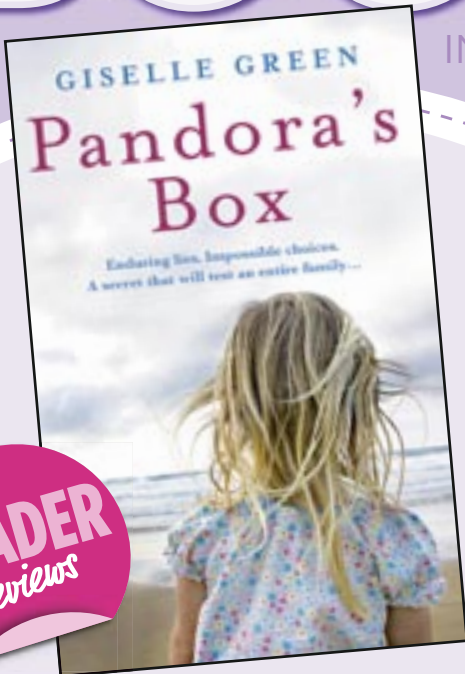


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## This month, *Closer* readers review: Pandora's Box



**KATIE HORSWELL, 28, LONDON**

I thought the beginning and the end of *Pandora's Box* were both really gripping. The prologue draws the reader into the story, a tale of heartache and secrets involving a young girl, Shelley, who has a terminal illness, and her mum Rachel, who receives a memory box from her mother. It did tend to plod along at times, but the pace soon picked up and the twist at the end is totally unexpected. I would recommend *Pandora's Box* to take away on your summer holiday, as overall it is an enjoyable, easy read with interesting characters – pretty perfect for a spot of beachside relaxation.



**EMMA WALPOLE, 24, ESSEX**

A box left on her doorstep contains secrets Rachel thought belonged in her past. As a single mum, she's coming to terms with her teenage daughter Shelley's terminal illness and this unexpected memory box from her own mother simply serves as a reminder of what could have been. Meanwhile, Shelley knows her time is running out and so wants to celebrate her 15th birthday in her own way. Will a final holiday for Rachel and Shelley give them the answers they're looking for? And will opening the box hold the key to their futures? This novel is a heartwarming, emotional take on a mother/daughter relationship. I couldn't put it down.

## Lost Souls

*A fast-paced crime novel that will keep you guessing until the very end.*

DC Laura McGanity, along with her reporter boyfriend Jack Garrett and young son Bobby, swaps London for sleepy Blackley in Lancashire – Jack's hometown. But when a woman is found murdered with her tongue and eyes gouged out, Laura realises her new life isn't going to be quite so idyllic after all. She then also learns that local children are being abducted and returned to their families days later, seemingly unharmed but with no recollection of their ordeal. Jack, eager to write again, delves into the crimes and finds a murky connection. And when he meets a man who can "paint" the future, predicting terrible events, he realises that his own family is also in danger. Totally gripping.



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**A** 18                      **B** 15                      **C** 17

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