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Trips to literary festivals in Hay-on-Wye and Edinburgh, and a holiday in West Cork - including a cookery course at Ballymaloe - constitute something of a working summer for me, but my bag will contain a few choice books to enjoy along the way. I've been looking forward to Anne Tyler's *Digging To America* for months but I daresay I'll finish it in a couple of days; her novels are unputdownable. Monica Ali follows *Brick Lane* with *Alentejo Blue*; second novels are always touch-and-go but I suspect this will be one of the good ones. Later in the summer, Kate Atkinson's *One Good Turn* picks up the character of private investigator Jackson Brodie, introduced to such great effect in *Case Histories*. And finally I'll be travelling back in time for Robert Harris' *Imperium*, his second novel to be set in Roman times, following his recent *Pompeii*. And for some non-fiction, I'm intrigued by the idea of *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, David Leavitt's account of the life of Alan Turing, of Bletchley Park and Enigma Code fame.