



TOP PICK!

DARK MATTER
A Novel
by Blake Crouch
(Crown)



"Once on the fast-track to academic stardom, Jason Dessen finds his quiet family life and career upended when a stranger kidnaps him. Suddenly Jason's idle "what-ifs" become panicked "what-nows," as the humble quantum physics professor from a small Chicago college gets to explore the roads not taken with a mind-bending invention that opens doors to other worlds. This fun science fiction thriller is also a thoughtful page turner with heart that should appeal to fans of Harlan Coben."
—Elizabeth Eastin, Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton, NY

The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

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THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10
by Ruth Ware
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"An intruder in the middle of the night leaves Lo Blacklock feeling vulnerable. Trying to shake off her fears, she hopes her big break of covering the maiden voyage of the luxury cruise ship, the Aurora, will help. The first night of the voyage changes everything. What did she really see in the water and who was

the woman in the cabin next door? The claustrophobic feeling of being on a ship and the twists and turns of who, and what, to believe keeps you on the edge of your seat. Count on this being one of the hot reads this summer!"

—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, OH

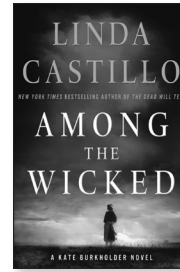


THE LAST ONE
A Novel
by Alexandra Oliva
(Ballantine Books)

"The Last One tells the story of twelve contestants who are sent to the wilderness in a Survivor-like reality show. But while they're away, the world changes completely and what is real and what is not begins to blur. It's post-apocalyptic literary fiction at it's best. With a fast pace and

a wry sense of humor, this is the kind of book that will appeal to readers of both literary and genre fiction alike. It points out the absurdity of reality television without feeling condescending. As the readers wake up to the realities of a new world, it becomes difficult to put down."

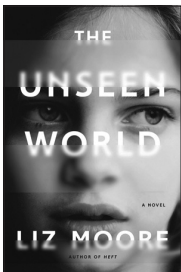
—Leah White, Elia Area Public Library, Lake Zurich, IL



AMONG THE WICKED
A Kate Burkholder Novel
by Linda Castillo
(Minotaur Books)

"In the small Amish locale of Painters Mill, police chief Kate Burkholder decides to take an undercover assignment in a community where the death of a young girl was reported. Her long time love, Agent John Tomasetti, is reluctant with her decision because of the lack of communication he will have with her. Burkholder begins to unfold the true horrors on the local farm and unearths the dangers the town officials suspected. She finds herself trapped in a life threatening cat and mouse game. This ongoing series is a true gem and a personal favorite."

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Branch Library, Fairfield, CT

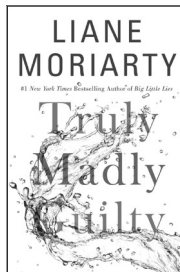


THE UNSEEN WORLD
A Novel
by Liz Moore
(W.W. Norton & Company)

"The Unseen World is a compelling read with vibrant, finely constructed characters. Moore intertwines a complex coming of age story with the science of cryptology and the history of artificial intelligence, while simultaneously exploring the

meaning of love, loss and belonging. The core of the novel explores the relationship between Ada and her scientist father David. When a tragedy upends their routine lives, Ada embarks on a journey of self-discovery that will eventually lead her to new truths. Elements of mystery and suspense keep you turning the pages in this multi-layered gem of a book."

—Janie Hermann, Princeton Public Library, Princeton, NJ

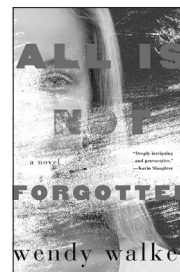


TRULY MADLY GUILTY
by Liane Moriarty
(Flatiron Books)

"A typical afternoon barbecue among friends becomes something much bigger when one pivotal moment of inattention leads to repercussions for all in attendance. In trademark Moriarty style, the story flashes back and forth between the day of the barbecue and two months later, slowly revealing the events of the

day and its consequences, creating a delicious momentum for the reader as the tension builds and the pieces fall into place. Moriarty has another sure-fire winner with this look at the complexities of friendship, marriage, and familial relationships."

—Halle Eisenman, Beaufort County Library, Hilton Head, SC



ALL IS NOT FORGOTTEN
A Novel
by Wendy Walker
(St. Martin's Press)

"A dark, twisty, intricately-plotted psychological thriller about a teen girl, assaulted after a party, as she tries to regain her memories of the event after taking a controversial drug that erases traumatic memories. Walker's many plot and character threads are carefully placed, and she weaves them

all together into a satisfying, shattering conclusion. I'm betting we'll be seeing this title in a LOT of beach bags over the summer."

—Gregg Winsor, Johnson County Library, Roeland Park, KS

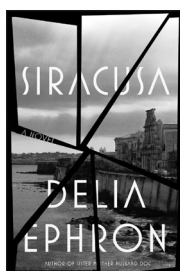


THE HOPEFULS
A Novel
by Jennifer Close
(Knopf)

"When Beth and Matt, an aspiring politician, move from NYC to DC, Beth initially hates it. But things start to turn around for her when they befriend another "transplant" couple, Ashleigh and Jimmy. Beth's loyalty is tested when

she is forced to admit to herself that Matt is just not quite as attractive, magnetic or charismatic as his rival-friend, Jimmy.....who harbors similar political aspirations. The Hopefuls is on point in its descriptions of young marriage, career ambition, and complicated friendships. The characters are completely compelling. I was overdue for a great read and this was it!"

—Amy Lapointe, Amherst Town Library, Amherst, NH

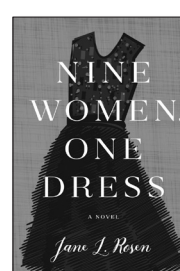


SIRACUSA
by Delia Ephron
(Blue Rider Press)

"Michael and Lizzie are vacationing with another couple and their daughter, named Snow. As the story unfolds, the reader is introduced to infidelities. Ephron does a tremendous job in exposing the frailties of relationships and it feels like being intimate with other

people's problems but without the guilt. Engaging and tough to put down. Great summer read!"

—Andrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, Azusa, CA



NINE WOMEN, ONE DRESS
A Novel
by Jane L. Rosen
(Doubleday)

"Nine Women, One Dress sends the reader on a journey with many characters and the little black dress of the season. From the soon-retiring dress designer and the first-time runway model, to the retail salespeople and an actor, this book relates how the dress touches and, often profoundly, changes the lives of all. Even though there were many characters in this book, the author immersed the reader into their lives. Romance, humor, and irony spark the plot as the dress travels from one life to another. A charming read!"

—Kristin Fields, Farnhamville Public Library, Farnhamville, IA