The Art of Theft
by Sherry Thomas
(Berkeley)

“In this fun, playful series, Thomas has created a female version of Holmes who is vibrant, real, relatable, and intelligent. This fourth book has Holmes and Watson travel to France, with twists and turns the reader won’t see coming. Perfect for fans of Laurie R. King’s Mary Russell series and Tasha Alexander’s Lady Emily series.”

—Carrie Pedigo, Tippecanoe County Public Library, Lafayette, IN
NoveList read-alike: Jem Flockhart novels by E.S. Thomson

Imaginary Friend
by Stephen Chbosky
(Grand Central Publishing)

“Christopher and his mom run from an abusive boyfriend and seek peace and quiet in a new town. Instead, Christopher becomes agitated and sneaks out at night, doing anything a ‘nice man’ tells him to do. This is pure horror, a classic battle of good and evil, and a must for fans of Stephen King, Joe Hill, and Paul Tremblay.”

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
NoveList read-alike: The Stand by Stephen King

Nothing to See Here
by Kevin Wilson
(Ecco)

“A funny, snarky narrator takes on the job of caretaker for kids with remarkable and strange abilities. Everyone involved learns that sometimes all we need after being repeatedly let down is someone to rely on. For fans of Chuck Kosterman and Gary Shteymgang.”

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NoveList read-alike: Gravity is the Thing by Jacylin Moriarty

Ordinary Girls
by Jaquira Díaz
(Algonquin Books)

“Díaz was out of control. Her life was forever ending cycle of indifferent (or worse) parenting, street fights, abuse, drugs, arrests, alcohol, skipping school—all are detailed in this coming of age memoir. Reading this memoir, I was reminded that no one can make you do something until you decide to on your own. For fans of Hunger by Roxane Gay and When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago”

—Linda Tilden, Mt. Laurel Public Library, Mt. Laurel, AL
NoveList read-alike: Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls by T.K. ribbon

Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts
by Kate Racculia
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

“Engaging characters set off to follow the mysterious clues of the life of an elderly, wealthy eccentric for a chance at winning the giant prize. Young grief and loss, family guilt and secrets, and hilarity are featured throughout. Plus: ghosts! For readers who liked The Bookshop of Yesterdays by Amy Meyerson and Lost and Found by Carolyn Parkhurst”

—Pamela Gardner, Medfield Public Library, Medfield, MA
NoveList read-alike: Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan

The Butterfly Girl
by Rene Denfeld
(Harper)

“Denfeld’s writing is like lyrical poetry, with every word captivating. This is an amazing world, a plethora of suspense, and an ending that exceeds all expectations, and we have another 5 star book. For fans of What She Knew by Guily MacMillan and Love You More by Lisa Gardner.”

—Amy Meyerson and Amy Verkruissen, Calcasieu Parish Public Library, Lake Charles, LA
NoveList read-alike: Magic For Liars by A.J. Hackwith

The Library of the Unwritten
by A.J. Hackwith
(Ace)

“The ideas of books never actually written possess dangerous potential and power. They are kept in the Library of the Unwritten in Hell. Determined librarians tend the library keeping watch for escaped characters, angels and demons. For fans of Genevieve Cogman or Neil Gaiman.”

—Jessica Trotter, Capital Area District Library, Lansing, MI
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The Body
A Guide for Occupants
by Bill Bryson
(Doubleday Books)

“A fascinating look at the human body and how it functions. Each historical tidbit is well-researched and thoroughly cited. Interesting stories, such as how diseases, cells, nerves, and organs were discovered, are woven throughout. For readers who like narrative nonfiction such as Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, Gulp by Mary Roach and Guts by Giulia Enders.”

—Carolyn Waite, Marvel Library, Marvel, TX
NoveList read-alike: Gross Anatomy: Dispatches from the Front (and Back) by Mara Altman

Cilka’s Journey
A Novel
by Heather Morris
(St. Martin’s Press)

“A powerful follow-up to The Tattooist of Auschwitz, this story begins after the liberation of Auschwitz, when Cilka is sentenced by the Soviet liberators to 15 years in one of Stalin’s Siberian labor gulags. From one death camp to another—for doing what was needed to survive: For fans of Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly and We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter.”

—Don Cankshaw, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Evansville, IN
NoveList read-alike: House of Meetings by Martin Amis

Ninth House
by Leigh Bardugo
(Flatiron Books)

“Alex has always been able to see ghosts, and this talent uniquely qualifies her to become part of the Lethe, a group that regulates the eight magical societies at Yale. When a murder happens nearby the campus Alex suspects that a society has their hand in this and it’s not just a normal homicide. For fans of urban fantasy and secret societies”

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**Royal Holiday**
by Jasmine Guillory
(Berkley)

"An irresistible Christmas fantasy about a woman of a certain age who falls for the queen of England’s private secretary on a visit to the U.K. Guillory describes Britain so well, and it was great to read a popular romance novel starring an older protagonist."

—Megan Sanks, Glenview Public Library, Glenview, IL

Read-alike: A Princess in Theory by Alyssa Cole
Read-alike: Pride, Prejudice and Other Flavors by Sonali Dev
Read-alike: My Oxford Year by Julia Whelan

**Twice in a Blue Moon**
by Christina Lauren
(Gallery Books)

"Sam was Tate’s first love and turned her world upside down. Years later they reconnect unexpectedly, and she wonders if young love should get a second chance. Another unputdownable book from Lauren."

—Melissa Stumpe, Johnson County Public Library, Greenwood, IN

Read-alike: Not Quite Over You by Susan Mallery
Read-alike: Perfect Timing by Brenda Jackson
Read-alike: Waiting on You by Kristan Higgins

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