July 2019 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman (Berkley)
“Nina likes her bookish life just fine. She works in a bookstore and is on a highly competitive literary trivia team. Suddenly, a father she never knew dies and leaves her with a pack of brothers and sisters and Nina may be forced out of her comfortable reading chair. For readers who enjoyed Waiting for Tom Hanks by Kerry Winfrey and The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald.”
—Eileen Curley, Hagaman Public Library, East Haven, CT

The Book Charmer by Karen Hawkins (Gallery Books)
“Sarah is the librarian in a small Southern town called Dove Pond. Her magic is matching the right book to the right reader at the right time in their life. Grace is a city girl, new in town and in need of a little magic herself. For readers who enjoyed The Library of Lost and Found and The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry.”
—Tracy Babiasz, Chapel Hill Public Library, Chapel Hill, NC

How to Hack a Heartbreak by Kristin Rockaway (Graydon House)
“It’s no secret that women in the tech world are undervalued and have to work twice as hard for their success. This persistent problem in the tech industry is tackled here in a pithy and engaging way without diminishing its importance. For readers who liked The Assistants by Camille Perri.”
—Josie Myers, Greenwood Public Library, Greenwood, IN

The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal (Pamela Dorman Books)
“A heartwarming and witty novel with a distinctly Minnesotan feel, the author follows two sisters and their grandmother who become involved in the brewing industry. For readers who loved Where’d You Go, Bernadette?”
—Katelyn Boyer, Fergus Falls Public Library, Fergus Falls, MN

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead (Doubleday)
“An incredibly powerful story about an abusive boys’ reform school in the 1960s. Whitehead skillfully brings each character to life even as they suffer physical and emotional horrors. For fans of Panopticon by Jenni Fagan.”
—Megan Alabaugh, Rocky River Public Library, Rocky River, OH

Wanderers by Chuck Wendig (Del Rey)
“A pandemic is sweeping the nation that causes affected people to sleepwalk. They cannot be awoken and family and friends must accompany them on their journey while the CDC tries to find the cause and cure. For fans of Cryptonomicon and The Windup Girl.”
—Kyle Sederstrom, Overbrook Public Library, Overbrook, KS

For readers who enjoyed The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman (Berkley)

Read-alikes provided by NovelList and the LibraryReads Community.

Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org
“Sparks fly when the brash daughter of an earl and the bastard son of a duke are thrown together in Regency London. Strong character development and sizzling love scenes combine for a swoon-worthy read.”

—Rosemary Kiladitis, Queens Library, Queensboro Hill, NY

read-alike: Scandal in Spring by Lisa Kleypas
read-alike: The Mistress by Susan Wiggs
read-alike: The Perks of Loving a Scoundrel by Jennifer McQuiston

“Sparks fly when the brash daughter of an earl and the bastard son of a duke are thrown together in Regency London. Strong character development and sizzling love scenes combine for a swoon-worthy read.”

—Debbie Lease, Hillsdale Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ

read-alike: White Collar Girl by Renee Rosen
read-alike: When We Left Cuba by Chanel Cleeton
read-alike: The Subway Girls by Susie Orman Schnall

“Maddie Schwartz leaves her marriage in 1960s Baltimore and finds her true calling as a reporter after discovering the body of a murdered girl. Desperate for a byline, Maddie triggers a domino effect of tragic consequences when she becomes part of the story instead.”

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT

read-alike: Field of Blood by Denise Mina
read-alike: November Road by Lou Berney
read-alike: Black Water Rising by Attica Locke

Read-alikes provided by the LibraryReads Community.
Introducing the LibraryReads Hall of Fame

The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly LibraryReads list since 2013. When their third title places on the list via library staff votes, the author moves into the Hall of Fame.

---

**Never Have I Ever**
A Novel
by Joshilyn Jackson
(William Morrow)

“Amy’s seemingly perfect life is threatened when she's confronted by a stranger who knows her darkest secrets. This fast-paced thrill ride hooks you from the first page.”

—Terri Smith, Cornelia Library, Mt. Airy, GA

Read-alike: *Not That I Could Tell* by Jessica Strawser
Read-alike: *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapena
Read-alike: *A Simple Favor* by Darcey Bell

**Shamed**
A Kate Burkholder Novel
by Linda Castillo
(Minotaur Books)

“An Amish grandmother is murdered, a girl with special needs is abducted, and the clock ticks on police chief Burkholder’s hopes of finding her alive. This thrilling page-turner explores the lengths one will go to save a child.”

—Aubrey Parker, Charles B. Stewart-West Branch Library, Montgomery, TX

Read-alike: *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Fleming
Read-alike: *Blessed Be the Wicked* by D.A. Bartley
Read-alike: *Circle of Influence* by Annette Dashofy

**The Wedding Party**
by Jasmine Guillory
(Berkley Jove)

“Maddie and Theo love to hate each other until they find themselves together at the one place they least expected—in bed. This laugh-out-loud story is the perfect companion to Guillory’s earlier romances.”

—Afton Finley, Waseca Public Library, Waseca, MN

Read-alike: *Sofia Khan Is Not Obliged* by Ayisha Malik
Read-alike: *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne
Read-alike: * Intercepted* by Alexa Martin

---

Read-alikes provided by the LibraryReads Community.

Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org