January 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

**All the Ways We Said Goodbye: A Novel of the Ritz Paris**
by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, and Karen White
(William Morrow)

“Three time periods, three women, three authors combine for an absorbing read. Aurelie is ready to fight the Germans during WWII. Daisy, a woman with a collaborator husband, is embroiled in the fight against the Nazis. And, an Englishwoman in the 1960s, is anxious to find the truth about her dead husband. For readers who liked The Alice Network and Sarah’s Key.”

—Ellen Frer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY
NovelList read-alike: The Light Over London by Julia Kelley

**American Dirt**
A Novel
by Jeanine Cummins
(Flaton Books)

“A literary thriller chronicling the migration of a mother and her young son. Under threat, Lydia and Luca leave their middle-class life in Acapulco and begin a traumatic journey to the border, evading cartels, thieves, corrupt police, and others forced into malevolent behavior by extreme violence and poverty. For readers who enjoyed The Other Americans (Laila Lalami) and And the Mountains Echoed (Khaled Hosseini)”

—Jennifer Dayton, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: One True Loves by Sarah’s Key.

**Highfire**
A Novel
by Eoin Colfer
(Harper Perennial)

“Vern, a dragon living in the Louisiana swamps, may be the last of his kind, so he tries to remain unnoticed. When teenage Squib stumbles on Vern’s hideout, he ends up working for him and keeping his secret. A fantasy with suspense, humor, and danger and a heartfelt story about family and friendship. For readers who enjoyed Anansi Boys (Neil Gaiman) and Bad Monkey (Carl Hiassen).”

—Carolyn Wail, Manvel Library, Manvel, TX
NovelList read-alike: Cat Out of Hell by Lynne Truss

**How Quickly She Disappears**
by Raymond Fleischmann
(Berkley)

“In 1941 Alaska, a woman whose twin disappeared 20 years earlier crosses paths with a sinister stranger threatening to reveal the truth of what happened. Does she dare risk what little she has left to save her sister? For readers of moody thrillers such as Watch Me Disappear by Janelle Brown and The Dry by Jane Harper.”

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington NJ
NovelList read-alike: Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli

**Long Bright River**
A Novel
by Liz Moore
(Graydon House)

“A compelling literary police procedural set in an opioid-ravaged Philadelphia neighborhood and centered on the relationship between two sisters whose lives have taken opposite paths. Your heart will ache as you grow to love the complex, strong, and incredibly vulnerable characters. For readers of Tana French and Dennis Lehane.”

—Danielle Hansard, Public Library of Westland, Westland, MI
NovelList read-alike: One True Loves by Taylor Jenkins Reid

**Love Her or Lose Her**
A Novel
by Tessa Bailey
(Avon)

“This story of a married couple losing—and then finding—their way together is beautiful, touching and not, with just the right touch of comic relief. For readers of Sally Thorne and Christina Lauren.”

—Carolee Tossman, Howard County Library System, Ellicott City, MD
NovelList read-alike: The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams

**When We Were Vikings**
by Andrew David MacDonald
(Gallery/Scout Press)

“A beautifully written novel about a young woman—and unabashed Viking enthusiast—born with fetal alcohol syndrome. Zeila feels not quite ‘normal,’ but as she discovers through her quests, who really is? For fans of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine and The Silver Linings Playbook.”

—Kat Neal, Tulsa Library, Tulsa, OK
NovelList read-alike: The One-in-a-Million Boy by Monica Wood

**You Were There Too**
by Colleen Oakley
(Berkley)

“Mia is happily married to Harrison, but keeps dreaming about another man. One day her path crosses with this musey man, and the results are devastating. This is a realistic, engrossing love story suited for fans of Liane Moriarty and Jodi Picoult.”

—Maggie Thomann, Northbrook Public Library, Northbrook, IL
NovelList read-alike: The Wolf Wants In by Laura McHugh

Find out more at www.LibraryAware.com
Told in alternating viewpoints, this suspense tale centers on a secret involving two artists working on a mural 78 years apart. Excellent and engaging, with a twist!

Big Lies in a Small Town
by Diane Chamberlain
(St. Martin’s Press)

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—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Public Library, Lake Mills, WI

Read-alike: Somebody Knows by Lisa Scottoline
Read-alike: The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis
Read-alike: Dreams of Falling by Karen White

Lady Clementine
A Novel
by Marie Benedict
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

“Clementine Hozier never expected to be the wife of a man like Winston Churchill. In her latest fictional account of an overlooked historical figure, Benedict spotlights how Clementine helped her husband maneuver through good times and bad, finding her own voice along the way.”

—Chris Markley, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN

Read-alike: The Kennedy Debutante by Kerri Maher
Read-alike: Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan
Read-alike: Mistress of the Ritz by Melanie Benjamin

A Long Petal of the Sea
A Novel
by Isabel Allende
(Ballantine Books)

“A sweeping epic grounded in fact. In 1939, a Spanish family escapes the brutal rise of Franco and is brought by poet Pablo Neruda to Chile, only to see that country fall to its own dictatorial regime. Allende shows how, in an often cruel world, refugees can find homes in the hearts of one another. A profound and satisfying novel.”

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA

Read-alike: Salt Houses by Hala Alyan
Read-alike: Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak
Read-alike: Love and Ruin by Paula McLean

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