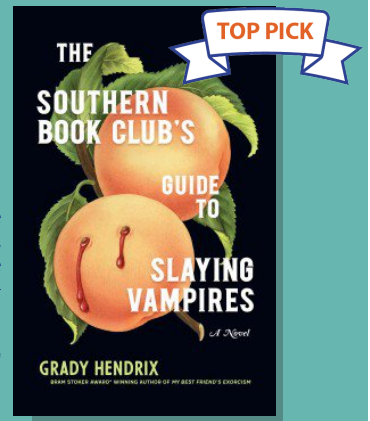




The Southern Book Club's
Guide to Slaying Vampires
A Novel
by Grady Hendrix
(Quirk Books)



"Hendrix's latest novel, possibly his darkest yet, addresses racism, sexism, and the mistaken belief that housewives are dull. Patricia and friends, all genteel Southerners, start a true crime book club. They have to apply what they've learned when a vampire moves into town. Patricia grows from a mildly dissatisfied homemaker to a vampire-fighting dynamo who thinks three steps ahead and takes ownership of her life. With perfect pacing, there's never a moment where readers can let their guard down. An excellent choice for horror fans of Joe Hill, David Wong, and Christopher Moore."

—Rosemary Kiladitis, Queens Public Library, Corona, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The Stranger Beside Me* by Ann Rule

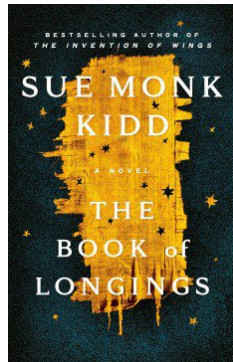
April 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



A Bad Day for Sunshine
A Novel
by Darynda Jones
(St. Martin's Press)

"Jones follows up her Charley Davidson series in a spectacular fashion with a new series featuring police chief Sunshine Vicram. A fun, UN-PUT-DOWN-ABLE read with a large cast of lovable, diverse characters, several mysteries to solve, and laugh-out-loud humor. Perfect for fans of Janet Evanovich and J.A. Jance."

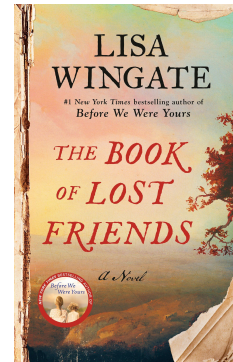
—Pamela Steinke, Mott Public Library, Mott, ND
NovelList read-alike: *The Dime* by Kathleen Kent



The Book of Longings
A Novel
by Sue Monk Kidd
(Viking)

"Ana is Jesus's wife and a force in her own right. Monk does not sensationalize her writing about a fictional marriage for Jesus, but rather goes into great historical detail and imagines what it would be like to be a woman in that time. If you have been waiting for a book like *The Red Tent* for the past 20 years, this is it. Give to fans of Anita Diamant and Marilynne Robinson."

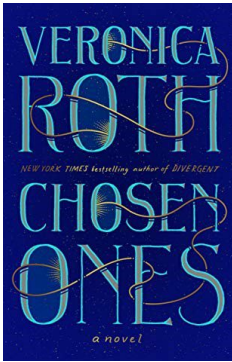
—Claudia Silk, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: *The Liars' Gospel* by Naomi Alderman



The Book of Lost Friends
A Novel
by Lisa Wingate
(Ballantine Books)

"Another fantastic, hard-to-put-down book by Wingate. The story moves back and forth from the post Civil War era where freed slaves are searching for lost family to the modern day South where a struggling new teacher is trying to engage her students. A must read for those who enjoyed *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi or *On Agate Hill* by Lee Smith."

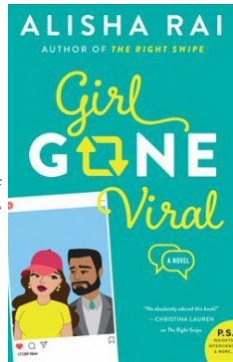
—Cindy Ritter, Hamilton North Public Library, Cicero IN
NovelList read-alike: *Cane River* by Latita Tademy



Chosen Ones
A Novel
by Veronica Roth
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"Some years back, five teens were picked, after they fulfilled a prophecy, to fight the Dark One. Now, on the tenth anniversary of that battle, they find out that the Dark One is still alive in a parallel universe. Do the young heroes have what it takes to fight him again? Packed with action, suspense, and breath-taking twists and turns. A good choice for fans of Lev Grossman and N. K. Jemisin."

—Trisha Perry, Oldham County Public Library, LaGrange, KY
NovelList read-alike: *Vicious* by Victoria Schwab



Girl Gone Viral
A Novel
by Alisha Rai
(Avon)

"When a random guy sits at Katrina's cafe table, a nearby woman shares the exchange on social media with her own interpretation that soon goes viral. Katrina can't care less because she's been crushing on her bodyguard, Jas, for years. Now to save her from the media blitz, Jas needs to hide her away somewhere—maybe his house in Northern California? For fans of *The Right Swipe* and Christina Lauren."

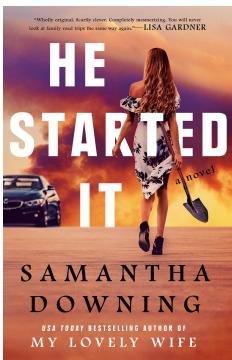
—Jessica C. Williams, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Revealed to Him* by Jen Frederick



The Happy Ever After Playlist
by Abby Jimenez
(Forever)

"Sloan, still recovering from the sudden death of her fiance, finds a stray dog and brings him home. She calls the number on the tag but there is no response. Once she has fallen for the dog, the owner shows up and Sloan gets a second chance at love. For lovers of romantic comedies like *Less* by Sean Andrew Greer and *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld."

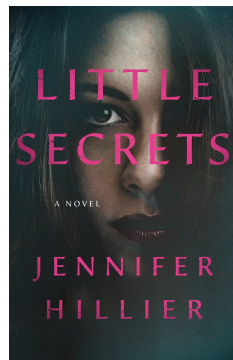
—Theresa Bond, Middlesex Public Library, Middlesex, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *About a Dog* by Jenn McKinlay



He Started It
A Novel
by Samantha Downing
(Berkley)

"A funny, twisted, scary story about Beth, Eddie, and Portia, siblings who are required to recreate a fateful road trip in order to claim their inheritance. For readers who enjoyed *The Kill Club* and *Eight Perfect Murders*."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NovelList read-alike: *The Better Liar* by Tanen Jones



Little Secrets
A Novel
by Jennifer Hillier
(Minotaur Books)

"This fast-paced thriller opens on the kidnapping of a young boy. More than a year after her son's disappearance, Marin discovers her husband is having an affair and begins down a path of secrets and betrayal. For readers who enjoyed *Lady in the Lake* and *Lock Every Door*."

—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Something She's Not Telling Us* by Darcy Bell



You Deserve Each Other
by Sarah Hogle
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

"Naomi realizes she is only 18% in love with Nicholas, but doesn't want to be the one to break it off, so she devises a plan to force him to break up with her. For readers who liked *The Wedding Party* and *Well Met*."

—Douglas Beatty, Baltimore County Public Library, Baltimore, MD
NovelList read-alike: *To Have and To Hoax* by Martha Waters