When No One Is Watching
A Thriller
by Alyssa Cole

(William Morrow Paperbacks)

“The gentrification of her beloved Brooklyn neighborhood has longtime resident Sydney Green mourning what’s lost. Striking up an uneasy alliance with new neighbor Theo, she starts research for a walking tour to highlight the area’s rich history and diversity but quickly comes to realize that something far more sinister is going on. A sense of mounting dread and some startling twists and turns will keep readers turning the pages. Where HAVE all those old neighbors gone? For fans of An Unwanted Guest, The Woman in Cabin Ten, and Watching You.”

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

NoveList read-alike: BTTM FDRS by Ezra Claytan Daniels

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Battle Ground
by Jim Butcher
(Ace)

“Battle Ground has more at stake than any previous book in the Dresden Files series, and more changes for Harry. Filled to the brim with non-stop action, this entry has Harry and almost every supernatural being he knows coming to defend Chicago from a mad Titan bent on reshaping reality. For fans of Mercy Thompson series ( Briggs) and the Iron Druid Chronicles (Heinem).”

—Dan Brooks, Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, NC

NoveList read-alike: The Brimstone Files series by Jason Sean Ridler

The Midnight Library
A Novel
by Matt Haig
(Viking)

“At a seminal moment in her life, Nora visits a unique library. Every book she chooses is one that she becomes part of and is a possible life she might have led. There are adventures, close calls, and joy. Give this totally engrossing page turner to fans of Here and Now and Then (Chen) and Life after Life (Atkinson).”

—Deborah Margeson, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, CO

NoveList read-alike: Or What You Will by Jo Walton

Monogamy
A Novel
by Sue Miller
(Harper)

“Annie and Graham have been married for 30 years. When Graham unexpectedly dies, Annie finds out he had a recent affair. As she reevaluates her relationship and deals with feelings of anger and betrayal, a few secrets in her own past are revealed. ‘This story of grief, sadness, and acceptance is perfect for fans of Haushofer and Unsheltered’”

—Laura Fowler, J.V. Fletcher Library, Westford, MA

NoveList read-alike: Shadow Tag by Louise Erdrich

Piranesi
by Susanna Clarke
(Bloomsbury Publishing)

“Piranesi is the sole inhabitant of a mysterious ‘house’ with endless rooms full of statues and a surging ocean below. With lyrical and hypnotic writing in his journal, he guides readers through his beloved labyrinthine home and introduces ‘The Other,’ a sporadic visitor and the only other living human being, or so he thought. For fans of The Starless Sea and The Bedlam Stacks.”

—Catherine Tarver, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL

NoveList read-alike: Little, Big by John Crowley

A Rogue of One’s Own
by Evie Dunmore
(Berkley)

“The second book in the League of Extraordinary Women series revolves around Lady Lucie and her old nemesis Lord Ballentine. Their love/hate relationship is passionate and steamy. For fans of the Royal Wedding series and Dukes Behaving Badly series.”

—Natalie Peltsnovski, Roselle Public Library, Roselle, NJ

NoveList read-alike: The Suffragette Scandal by Courtney Milan

Transcendent Kingdom
A Novel
by Yaa Gyasi
(Knopf)

“Gyasi is a force of a writer and in her new novel, Gifty is a Ph.D student of neuroscience fueled by the need to understand her brother’s addiction and mother’s depression. For fans of Imagine Me Gone (Haslet) and Chemistry (Wang).”

—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS

NoveList read-alike: A Particular Kind of Black Man by Tope Folarin

Well Played
by Jen DeLuca
(Berkley)

“Upon hearing of Simon and Emily’s engagement, best friend Stacey is pulled into reevaluating her own life. Stacey reaches out to her old Ren Faire flame, Dex, but accidentally connects with Daniel, Dex’s cousin. When their friendly messages turn into something more, Stacey is faced with a surprise upon learning of the identity of her online paramour. For readers who enjoyed 99 Percent Mine (Thorne).”

—Morgan Malyn, Clermont County Public Library, Cincinnati, OH

NoveList read-alike: Attachments by Rainbow Rowell

The Writer’s Library
The Authors You Love on the Books That Changed Their Lives
by Nancy Pearl & Jeff Schwager
(HarperOne)

“As someone who loves reading, books, and talking about books this was perfect for me. I found it fascinating to get a glimpse of what books influenced such an eclectic group of writers. It made me look at my own reading history and at books and reading in a different way. For fans of My Life with Bob (Paul).”

—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cuyahoga, OH

NoveList read-alike: My Ideal Bookshelf by Thesaly La Force & Jane Mount

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**Anxious People**
by Fredrik Backman
(Atria Books)

“What happens when a group of house hunters is taken hostage by an incompetent bank robber? Not what you expect. Filled with quirky, troubled characters, Backman’s latest shows us what most people need is kindness, understanding and one another.”

—Janine Walsh, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY
Read-alike: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
Read-alike: Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty
Read-alike: A Long Way Down by Nick Hornby

**The Book of Two Ways**
by Jodi Picoult
(Ballantine Books)

“This deeply felt story oscillates between past and present in the life of Dawn McDowell, a death doula and former Egyptologist. Rich with metaphor and fascinating Egyptology, the novel benefits from being told solely from Dawn’s point of view, pulling readers deep into her world.”

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
Read-alike: Cries From The Lost Island by Kathleen O’Neal Gear
Read-alike: My Real Children by Jo Walton
Read-alike: The Bookseller by Cynthia Swanson

**A Deadly Education**
by Naomi Novik
(Del Rey)

“Scholomance is an elite school of magic where only the strongest survive, literally. Deadly beasts hide around every corner, and the spells learned in class could save your life. Adventure, world-building, friendships formed in adversity, and a murderous school? Irresistible!”

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY
Read-alike: Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo
Read-alike: Vita Nostra by Marina and Sergey Dyachenko
Read-alike: Magic For Liars by Sarah Gailey

**Don’t Look For Me**
by Wendy Walker
(St. Martin’s Press)

“Years after Molly accidentally kills her young daughter in a car accident, her family remains torn apart by grief. When she vanishes one stormy night, the authorities determine she ran away. But when her elder daughter investigates, she realizes the truth may be more sinister.”

—Vanessa Phillips, Pelion Branch Library, Pelion, SC
Read-alike: The Chain by Adrian McKinty
Read-alike: My Lovely Wife by Samantha Downing

**One By One**
by Ruth Ware
(Gallery/Scout Press)

“This delicious locked-room thriller is set amid a group of wealthy tech startup entrepreneurs snowbound at a ski chalet in the French Alps. It’s And Then There Were None updated for our tech era. Highly recommended for suspense fans.”

—Ann-Marie Anderson, Tijard Public Library, Tijard, OR
Read-alike: The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn
Read-alike: The Guest List by Lucy Foley
Read-alike: They All Fall Down by Rachel Howzell Hall

**Tools of Engagement**
by Tessa Bailey
(Avon)

“The third entry in the Hot and Hammered series brings back supporting characters Bethany and Wes for their own steamy enemies-to-lovers romance set in the world of HGTV-style renovation. The book also is notable for its positive portrayal of Bethany’s struggles against anxiety.”

—Bethany Dietrich, Bastrop Public Library, Bastrop, TX
Read-alike: The Boyfriend Project by Farrah Rochon
Read-alike: The Honey, Don’t List by Christina Lauren
Read-alike: The Trouble With Hating You by Sajni Patel

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