The Four Winds
A Novel by Kristin Hannah
(St. Martin’s Press)

“Elsa, abandoned by her husband, leaves Texas with her two children to save her young son from dust pneumonia. Beautifully written historical fiction about a mother’s love and strength holding a family together as they leave the Dust Bowl and head West to fulfill dreams of green lands, only to find themselves unwelcome and with conditions worse than what they left. For readers who enjoy historical fiction with unforgettable characters, and fans of The Giver of Stars and Cilka’s Journey.”
—Michele Coleman, Iredell County Public Library, Statesville, NC

NoveList read-alike: I Will Send Rain by Rae Meadows

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First Comes Like
A Novel
by Alisha Rai
(Avon)

“The dev, actor and grandson of a Bollywood star, is making the move to U.S. cinema. He meets YouTube influencer Jai at a party and can’t get the encounter out of his mind. Wonderfully developed characters populate this sweet own-voices novel about falling in like, and then love.”

—Heather Cover, Homewood Public Library, Homewood, AL

Read-alike: Get a Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert
Read-alike: Spoiler Alert by Olivia Dade
Read-alike: The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams

Nature of Fragile Things
by Susan Meissner
(Berkley)

“Just before the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Sophie, a poor Irish immigrant, answers an ad from a man looking for a wife and mother to his child. Sophie is complex, strong and a bit mysterious, and details of the earthquake and subsequent fires add to the story’s depth.”

—Ellen Frier, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY

Read-alike: The Two Mrs. Carlyles by Suzanne Rindell
Read-alike: A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick
Read-alike: The Dressmaker’s Dowry by Meredith Jaeger

Survivors
by Jane Harper
(Flatiron Books)

“Harper’s latest gripping murder mystery is set in a seaside town on the coast of Tasmania, where suspicions surrounding three deaths following a shipwreck resurface when a young woman is murdered years later.”

—Paul Lane, Palm Beach County Public Library, Boca Raton, FL

Read-alike: A Madness of Sunshine by Nalini Singh
Read-alike: I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh
Read-alike: And Now She’s Gone by Rachel Howzell Hall