The Conductors
by Nicole Glover
(John Joseph Adams/ Mariner Books)
“Hetty and Benjy meet as Underground Railroad conductors, settling in Pennsylvania where they’re known for their celestial magic. Glover does an incredible job of world building in this supernatural mystery. Her cast is almost exclusively Black, and the characters are rich, with Hetty and Benjy’s relationship showcased as a lovely progression of romantic ideals. For readers of N. K. Jemisin and Victor LaValle.”
—Rachel Reddick, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO
NovelList read-alike: Buffalo Soldier by Maurice Broaddus

Every Last Fear
A Novel
by Alex Finlay
(Minotaur Books)
“This tightly plotted thriller changes perspective and travels through time to explore a family torn apart by tragedy. The arrest of the oldest Pine son for his girlfriend’s murder rocked their small town, was the subject of a high profile true crime documentary, and is followed years later by an even greater tragedy. Could these events be connected? Who is really the murderer? A gripping novel for fans of Mary Kubica or Peter Swanson.”
—Maggie Thomann, Northbrook Public Library, Northbrook, IL
NovelList read-alike: Dark Places by Gillian Flynn

The Lost Village
A Novel
by Camilla Sten
(Minotaur Books)
“Set in a rural village in Sweden, where 880 inhabitants vanished in 1959, Alice and her crew set out to make a documentary about the mysterious event. The book weaves together the story of the current day documentarians with the story of the villagers of the past. For readers who enjoyed Ghost Wall and Disappearing Earth.”
—Sandra Heitzman, Forest Park Public Library, Forest Park, IL
NovelList read-alike: The Burning Girls by LaShonda K. Barnett

The Dating Plan
by Sara Desai
(Berkley Jove)
“Daisy is shocked when she runs into Liam, who stood her up at her high school prom. To save her employer and Liam’s family legacy, they must fake an engagement and marriage and not fall in love. A whirlwind of a romcom with South Asian American families providing background drama and entertainment. Daisy and Liam are lovably imperfect in this quick escapist read. Give to readers who liked Take a Hint, Dani Brown and The Right Swipe.”
—Laura Bonds, Harris County Public Library, Houston, TX
NovelList read-alike: Accidentally Engaged by Sarah Heron

Float Plan
by Trish Doller
(St. Martin’s Press)
“After the death of her fiancé, Anna decides to complete the sailing voyage they had planned, alone. This is a heartfelt story of navigating through grief, and finding oneself and a new direction in life along the way. Good for fans of Perrotting and The Fifteen Wonders of Daniel Green.”
—Sandra Woodbury, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, MA
NovelList read-alike: Happy People Read and Drink Coffee by Agnes Martin-Lugand

We Begin at the End
by Chris Whitaker
(Henry Holt & Co.)
“Compelling and heartbreaking, this story brings together two of the most compelling characters you may ever meet. Duchess Day Radley and Alex are bound together by uneasy threads, each compelled to dig in and survive, even as they try to move beyond their pasts and what seems to be their inevitable futures. For readers who enjoyed The Good Daughter and The Roanoke Girls.”
—Jennifer O’bourn, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO
NovelList read-alike: Valentine by Elizabeth Wetmore

Libertie
A Novel
by Kaitlyn Greenidge
(Algonquin Books)
“Libertie is a Black girl living with her mother, a doctor who helps slaves in their run to freedom. Libertie thinks her mother is herself enslaved by her work, but after she marries and moves to the Caribbean, things seem less clear. For readers who enjoyed Washington Black and Underground Railroad.”
—Marie Byars, Sno Isle Public Library, Oak Harbor, WA
NovelList read-alike: Jam on the Vine by Lashonda K. Barnett

The Lost Apothecary
A Novel
by Sarah Penner
(Park Row)
“Caroline travels alone to London after discovering her husband’s betrayal. Looking for a distraction, she finds one while mudlarking along the Thames: a small glass vial. Inspired to research its origins, Caroline uncovers a dark tale of poison and murder in the 1700s, where an apothecary owner with a unique talent, a dark past, and a keen sense of revenge meets a young girl with a curiosity that might lead her astray. A stellar debut that balances two intriguing storylines and three wonderful characters to create one page-turning story. For fans of The Clockmaker’s Daughter, Once Upon a River, and The Essex Serpent.”
—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY
NovelList read-alike: The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadar

The Windsor Knot
A Novel
by SJ Bennett
(William Morrow)
“When a mysterious death occurs at Windsor Castle, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Private Secretary Rozie must solve the case when MIS and the police head in the wrong direction. A great cast of characters and a wonderful sense of setting make a fun and entertaining read. For readers who loved Hope Never Dies and Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts.”
—Jennifer Williams, Normal Public Library, Normal, IL
NovelList read-alike: Mrs. Queen Takes the Train by William M. Kuhn

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**Act Your Age, Eve Brown**
A Novel by Talia Hibbert
(Avon)

“Eve Brown thinks she’s a failure, constantly flitting from one job to another. When her parents ask her to commit to something, she runs—and ends up in a charming B&B, where the uptight owner desperately needs her help. This is a sweet, funny love story about learning to appreciate yourself.”

—Beth DeGeer, Bartlesville Public Library, Bartlesville, OK

Read-alike: The Trouble Hating You by Sajni Patel
Read-alike: The Worst Best Man by Mia Sosa

**Every Vow You Break**
A Novel by Peter Swanson
(William Morrow)

“Abigail deeply regrets succumbing to an illicit night with a stranger on the eve of her wedding. When her husband takes her to a mysterious island for a lavish honeymoon, she’s shocked to see the man who seduced her. What follows is a horror story that will keep readers glued to the page.”

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

Read-alike: Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman
Read-alike: Diary of a Stalker by Electa Rome Parks

**The Rose Code**
A Novel by Kate Quinn
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

“Sophisticated Osla, ambitious Mab, and timid Beth become friends while working as codebreakers at Bletchley Park during World War II. The secrecy of their work has lasting effects on their lives. Years later, they are forced to forgive one another to unmask a traitor.”

—Nanette Donehue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL

Read-alike: The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
Read-alike: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

**Sunflower Sisters**
A Novel by Martha Hall Kelly
(Ballantine Books)

“Kelly ends her trilogy tracing The Lilac Girls protagonist Caroline Ferriday’s family with a story centered in the Civil War era. Kelly weaves her careful research into a compelling novel with fascinating depth and a nod toward the impactful role of women throughout history.”

—Mary Sue Waterman, Westport Library, Westport, CT

Read-alike: Wench by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Read-alike: My Name is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliveira

**Wild Sign**
by Patricia Briggs
(Ace)

“Mated werewolves Charles and Anna investigate a malevolent presence that has inexplicably made an entire community vanish in northern California. In this latest Alpha & Omega installment, Briggs again creates a vivid world where the commonplace and the supernatural reside together.”

—Linda Tilden, Mount Laurel Public Library, Mount Laurel, NJ

Read-alike: The Last Wolfby Mara Yale
Read-alike: The Iron Hunt by Warwick M. Liu

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