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(in the best possible way)
by Jenny Lawson
(Henry Holt & Co.)
“Lawson is a hot mess of depression and anxiety. She is also funny as hell. In this book she lays herself open. She celebrates all those awkward and difficult parts of herself and invites you to celebrate your own. She will make you laugh until you cry, and then she wraps up the episode with some profound truth that catches you unaware. For readers who like David Sedaris and Ali Wong.”
—Beth Morrill, Canton Public Library, Canton, CT
NoveList read-alike: That’s My Brain. Painfully Funny Things That Drive Me Crazy About Being Mentally Ill by Amanda Rosenberg

Malice
A Novel
by Heather Walter
(Del Rey)
“Alyce is the sole Dark Grace in Briar, a kingdom whose people love their Graces (the magical ladies who give them special elixirs). But Briar has a problem with their princesses: they die at 21 unless they kiss their one true love. Princess Aurora doesn’t seem to be interested in any of the princes. This LGBT(-R) retelling of Sleeping Beauty is creative and funny, with a perfect ending. For fans of Spinning Silver and Gods of Jade and Shadow.”
—Carrie Minthorne, Cedar Mill Library, Portland, OR
NoveList read-alike: Tangleweed and Brine by Deirdre Sullivan

The Intimacy Experiment
by Rosie Danan
(Berkley Jove)
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—Hebah Amin-Headley, Johnson County Public Library, Overland Park, KS

Life’s Too Short
by Abby Jimenez
(Forever)
“Jimenez hits it out of the park again. She combines real-world issues with the get-the-girl, lose-the-girl dynamics of a romance. In this case, Adrian has a good chance of losing Vanessa to Joe. They both have multiple family issues including a hoarding father, an abandoning parent, a sister with addiction issues, and a baby niece that needs attention. Give to fans of Mia Sosa and Josie Silver.”
—Maggie Holmes, Richards Memorial Library, North Attleboro, MA
NoveList read-alike: Love Walked In by Maria de los Santos

Second First Impressions
A Novel
by Sally Thorne
(William Morrow Paperback)
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—Melissa Stump, Johnson County Public Library, Franklin, IN
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To Love and To Loathe
A Novel
by Martha Waters
(Atria Books)
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—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL

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(Gallery/Scout Press)

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Read-alike: The Good House by Tananarive Due

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by Sally Hepworth
(St. Martin’s Press)

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Read-alike: The End of Her by Shari Lapena

Mother May I
by Joshilyn Jackson
(A Novel)

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Read-alike: And Now She’s Gone by Rachel Howzell Hall
Read-alike: The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins

When the Stars Go Dark
by Paula McLain
(Ballantine Books)

“In 1993, troubled detective Anna returns to her hometown, where a girl has gone missing. As Anna helps search for the girl, both their pasts are revealed. A beautifully written, haunting thriller offering a fascinating look at how missing cases were handled pre-Internet.”

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