Cackle
by Rachel Harrison
(Berkley)
“Annie is floundering after an unexpected breakup and a subsequent move to a small, quirky town. Her new friend Sophie is a little strange, but Annie is so happy to have someone who has chosen her that she ignores her concerns. This delightfully creepy fall story will work well for those who like paranormal fiction and light horror, and fans of The Year of the Witching and The Deep.”

—Rebecca Swanson, Fitchburg Public Library, Fitchburg, WI
NoveList read-alike: We Ride Upon Sticks by Quan Barry

Death at Greenway
A Novel
by Lori Rader-Day
(William Morrow Paperbacks)
“In 1952, castoffs from a Nebraska juvenile detention camp embark on a road trip that takes them in different directions than initially intended. There’s so much genuine sweetness and aching loss in this exuberant book full of characters you’ll care about deeply. For fans of John Irving and Ann Patchett.”

—Diana Armstrong, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR
NoveList read-alike: Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig

The Lincoln Highway
A Novel
by Amor Towles
(Viking)
“In 1928, castoffs from a Nebraska juvenile detention camp embark on a road trip that takes them in different directions than initially intended. There’s so much genuine sweetness and aching loss in this exuberant book full of characters you’ll care about deeply. For fans of John Irving and Ann Patchett.”

—Matthew Gallaway, Anythink Libraries, Thornton, CO
NoveList read-alike: Slide House by David Mitchell

The Death of Jane Lawrence
A Novel
by Caitlin Starling
(St. Martin’s Press)
“Jane, a sensible young woman, decides that she must get married. Her first choice is Dr. Lawrence, but she soon discovers his dark, terrifying secrets and becomes engulfed in a tangled mystery of magic, ghosts, demons, and bizarre rituals. A well-written story for fans of gothic fantasy and horror like Gideon the Ninth and Mexican Gothic.”

—Sandra Allen, South Community Library, St. Petersburg, FL
NoveList read-alike: The Silent Companions by Laura Purcell

Last Girl Ghosted
by Lisa Unger
(Park Row)
“Wren meets Adam on a dating app, and they seem to hit it off. After she tells him a secret, though, he ghosts her. She refuses to let it go and starts searching for him. What she finds is shocking, but she can match him in the secret department. Chilling, twisty, and hard to put down. Give to fans of Ghosted and The Couple Next Door.”

—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Goodrich, MI
NoveList read-alike: The Date by Louise Jensen

Payback’s a Witch
by Lana Harper
(Berkley Jove)
“Emmy reluctantly returns to her hometown to serve as arbiter of a magical tournament. But the town now seemingly has much more to offer, including a gorgeous witch. Will she be enough incentive for Emmy to stay? Romance and a well-developed magical system make this perfect for fans of TJ Klune and Seanan McGuire.”

—Alicia Atchens, Henrico County Public Library, Henrico, VA
NoveList read-alike: The Ex Hex by Erin Sterling

A Spindle Splintered
by Alix E. Harrow
(Tordotcom)
“Harrow delights with a queer fractured fairy tale novella. Zinnia Grey, forever obsessed with the Sleeping Beauty story, gets a spindle for her 21st birthday. When she picks her finger, she’s transported to another dimension and finds a princess who’d rather not marry the dashing prince. For fans of Naomi Novik and Margaret Atwood.”

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA
NoveList read-alike: Briar Rose by Jane Yolen

Once More Upon a Time
by Roshani Chokshi
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)
“In this classic fairytale with a twist, a prince and princess who became a cursed king and queen are given a second chance at a future. The storyline and characters are engaging, but it’s the beautiful, flowing writing that really stands out. Recommended for readers of Stardust and Kill the Farmboy.”

—Sandra Woodbury, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, MA
NoveList read-alike: Monkey Around by Jadie Jang

Nothing But Blackened Teeth
by Cassandra Khaw
(Tor Nightfire)
“This short, creepy haunted house tale, brimming with Japanese folklore, cleverly reveals the monstrousness in ordinary human callousness—we’re awful not from horrendous actions or beliefs, but because we just react and shout each other down. For fans of My Heart is a Chainsaw and The Toll.”

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NoveList read-alike: In Farleigh Field by Rhys Bowen

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