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 Jordana Klapoetke

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 Jadie Jang

Death at Greenway
A Novel
by Lori Rader-Day
(William Morrow; Paperbacks)
“In this departure from Rader-Day’s usual thriller, two young women, hired as nurses to care for a group of children, are evacuated to Agatha Christie’s country estate during WWII. Then a dead body shows up, and suddenly there’s nothing to tell what is safe and who can be trusted. For fans of Agatha Christie and Louise Penny.”
—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NoveList read-alike: In Farleigh Field by Rhys Bowen

The Lincoln Highway
A Novel
by Amor Towles
(Viking)
“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 achingly 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

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.”
—Alix Alhoven, 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

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.”
—Matthew Galloway, Anythink Libraries, Thornton, CO
NoveList read-alike: The Death of Jane Lawrence by Caitlin Starling

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

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

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All the Feels
A Novel
by Olivia Dade
(Avon)
“Alex is an actor on a Game of Thrones-type TV show entering its final season. Lauren’s job is to keep him out of trouble. Their relationship develops over forced proximity, a road trip, and tons of fanfic tropes (only one bed!). This steamy romance, with flawed, genuine characters and sensitive treatment of mental health and body issues, is a delight from start to finish. For fans of Spoiler Alert, Girl Gone Viral, and One To Watch.”
—Lauren Mitchell, Neenah Public Library, Neenah, WI
NoveList read-alike: Incense and Sensibility by Sonali Dev

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The Book of Magic
A Novel
by Alice Hoffman
(Simon & Schuster)

"If you want a deep story about women, mothers, daughters and love in all its forms, look no further. We follow the Owens family as they try to break the curse that kept them from loving freely. This is a beautiful ending for these characters readers have grown to love. For fans of *The Orphan Witch* and *Cackle.*"

—Kris Hickey, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH

NoveList read-alike: *The Forbidden Garden* by Ellen Herrick

A Line to Kill
A Novel
by Anthony Horowitz
(Harper)

"Ex-D.I. Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick Anthony Horowitz face a locked-island murder at an exclusive literary festival on the island of Alderney. The author’s subtle humor and phrasing shines in this latest book in the Hawthorne & Horowitz series, which is full of brilliant misdirection, beautifully set-out clues, and a diabolically clever denouement. Readers who enjoy English detective stories that overwhelm you with characters and plot devices will be thrilled."

—Jane Easterly, Galesburg Public Library, Galesburg, IL

NoveList read-alike: *Fiction Can Be Murder* by Becky Clark

Oh William!
A Novel
by Elizabeth Strout
(Random House)

"Readers of *I Am Lucy Barton* will delight in the chance to revisit the character. The reflections on life, love and marriage are conveyed in Ms. Strout’s conversational yet concise writing. Readers will feel like they are having a personal discussion with Strout in their minds. For fans of Marilynne Robinson and Ann Patchett."

—Carol Turtle, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library, Willoughby, OH

NoveList read-alike: *The Silent Treatment* by Abbie Geaves

The Vanished Days
by Susanna Kearsley
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"In 1707 Scotland, Adam is given the task of proving or disproving Lily’s claim that she should receive a widow’s pension. Political unrest, strong women, a hint of romance and danger adds up to a sweeping historical saga. This is the book to read if you love Diana Gabaldon and the Sara Donati series."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX

NoveList read-alike: *The Island House* by Posie Graeme-Evans

Well Matched
by Jen DeLuca
(Berkley Jove)

"When Mitch asks April to pose as his girlfriend for an upcoming family event, you immediately know where this is going. If you’re a fan of Lyssa Kay Adams or Tessa Bailey, then you’ll enjoy this light, feel-good romance."

—Rosanna Johnson, Chandler Public Library, Chandler, AZ

NoveList read-alike: *The Dating Plan* by Sara Desai

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