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A Novel by Nita Prose
(Ballantine Books)
“As a maid in a posh hotel, Molly is very proud of her work and the care she takes of the guests, even though she often has difficulty navigating social cues. When she finds a wealthy guest dead, she never imagines she has the keys to uncover a killer, and finds, after the death of her beloved Gran, there are many people willing to help her. For fans of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine and How Lucky.”
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ
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A Flicker in the Dark
A Novel by Stacy Willingham
(Minotaur Books)
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NoveList read-alike: The Marriage Code by Brooke Burroughs

Electric Idol
by Katelyn Robert
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)
“A fantastic, modern retelling of the old myth of Psyche and Eros. Their romance is lovely, exploring the trope of fake relationships and forced marriage while both characters are struggling to make it out alive. For those who loved Neon Gods and Lore Olympus.”

Reckless Girls
by Rachel Hawkins
(St. Martin’s Press)
“When Lux and her boyfriend agree to ferry two women to a beautiful island near Hawaii, it seems like the perfect refuge for Lux, who’s still grieving her mother’s death. But then more people join them on the island and they find danger lurking everywhere. Give this inventive slow-burn thriller to fans of Ruth Ware and Riley Sager.”

NoveList read-alike:
—Can Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NoveList read-alike: The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley

The Roughest Draft
by Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka
(Berkeley Jove)
“In this bookish romance, two estranged co-authors are pressed into fulfilling the last book on their contract after their relationship goes haywire. It’s always fun to read about the writing/publishing process, and there’s great chemistry between the leads. For fans of Christina Lauren and Emily Henry.”

NoveList read-alike: Seven Days in June by Tia Williams

The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections
A Novel by Eva Jurczyk
(Poisoned Pen Press)
“When the director of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections suffers a stroke, Liesl is put in charge. Then a newly acquired manuscript goes missing, and Liesl’s leadership is questioned. A fast read that features older and imperfect characters, and addresses mental illness. For fans of Midnight at the Bright Idea Bookstore and The Lions of Fifth Avenue.”

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The Overnighn Guest
A Novel by Heather Gudenkauf
(Park Row)
“A violent, suspenseful page turner with a compelling plot: A young girl narrowly escapes harm when her parents are shot dead in their home and her brother and best friend (who was sleeping over) disappear. The story then toggles to follow a true-crime writer investigating the town years later. For fans of Dark Places and When You See Me.”

NoveList read-alike:
—Brenna Timm, High Plains Library District, Greeley, CO
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Must Love Books
by Shauna Robinson
(Sourcebooks Landmark)
“An inspiring romcom debut that tackles the question ‘Are you happy?’ After five years of working for a publisher, Nora gets a pay cut instead of an expected promotion. She decides to work freelance on the side for a competitor, which leads to a hectic juggling of business and personal relationships. For fans of The Bookish Life of Nina Hill and Beach Read.”

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—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Library, Austin, TX
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**The Accomplice**
A Novel
by Lisa Lutz
(Ballantine Books)

“In an expertly crafted mystery, sly in tone, and strongly character-driven with complex personalities, Luna sets out to discover who murdered the wife of Owen, her best friend from college. Unexpected twists, red herrings, and secrets unite in a completely satisfying read. For fans of Megan Miranda, Wendy Walker, and Lexie Elliott.”

—Kelly Moore, Carrollton Public Library, Carrollton, TX
NoveList read-alike: What Remains of Me by Alison Gaylin

**Her Hidden Genius**
by Marie Benedict
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

“This story takes us to the lab and shows us the internal and external struggles of Rosalind Franklin, trailblazer and a meaningful contributor to DNA research. She must deal with the objections of her family and the jealous and mean-spirited fellow scientists. For fans of The Rose Code.”

—Laura Downes, EC Scranton Library, Madison, CT
NoveList read-alike: Half Life by Jillian Cantor

**The Last House on the Street**
A Novel
by Diane Chamberlain
(St. Martin’s Press)

“After her husband’s accidental death, Kayla mourns in the family dream home, but her elderly new neighbor draws her into the house’s history in 1965 North Carolina. This terrific novel has it all: well-rounded characters; dual time periods for suspense; and an age-old mystery. For fans of Lisa Scottoline and Jodi Picoult.”

—Cyndi Larsen, Avon Free Public Library, Avon, CT
NoveList read-alike: A Good Neighborhood by Therese Fowler

**The Magnolia Palace**
A Novel
by Fiona Davis
(Dutton)

“In 1966 model Veronica and art curator Joshua discover a mystery involving a missing diamond from the Frick Museum, which is connected to Lilian, the private secretary of Helen Frick in the Gilded Age. Read if you love gorgeously written historical fiction set in New York! For fans of Park Avenue Summer or The Swans of Fifth Avenue.”

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NoveList read-alike: The Art Forger by Barbara A. Shapiro

**Where the Drowned Girls Go**
by Seanan McGuire
(Tordotcom)

“Cora transfers from Eleanor West’s Home for Wayward Children to another boarding school for children who have traveled to fantasy worlds. This is in the comfort read territory of a lengthy, excellent series – with lots of emotion and explorations of hard themes, but it took a surprising turn and opened up the world even more! Readalikes: Drowned Country or A Deadly Education.”

—Matthew Galloway, Anythink Libraries, Thornton, CO
NoveList read-alike: Scholomance series by Naomi Novik

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