



TOP PICK!

AT THE WATER'S EDGE:

A Novel
by Sara Gruen
(Spiegel & Grau)

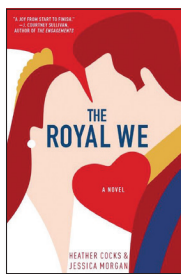
"Set in Loch Ness, right in the middle of WWII, a foolish group of rich Americans arrive in search of the famous monster. Narrator Maddie must make sense of the circumstances that have brought her to this wild locale. Only then can she discover the strength she needs to make her own decisions. Enjoy a delightfully intriguing cast of characters and the engaging style of storytelling that has made Gruen so popular."

—Paulette Brooks, Elm Grove Public Library, Elm Grove, WI



The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

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THE ROYAL WE

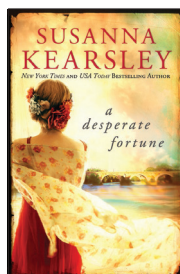
by Heather Cocks & Jessica Morgan

(Grand Central Publishing)

"This delightful spin on the story of Prince William and Kate Middleton is the perfect beachy, weekend read for anyone who loves love stories with a healthy dose of humor. Here, Will and Kate are replaced by Nick and Bex—he's

the heir to the British throne, she's the American who effortlessly steals his heart. Can they weather many obstacles to find their Happily Ever After? Part fairy tale, part cautionary tale, the novel is pure fun from start to finish."

—Donna Maturri, Pickerington Public Library, Pickerington, OH



A DESPERATE FORTUNE

by Susanna Kearsley

(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"While transcribing an old manuscript of a young girl's diary, Sara decodes an account of Jacobite spies. Long before, Mary Dundas gets involved in a mission which makes her confidante to the King of Scotland in

exile. And along the way, both women fall for men they know little about. Kearsley is a master at seamlessly blending stories from two time periods. Readers who enjoy a little puzzle solving with their historical fiction will be rewarded."

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



THE DREAM LOVER

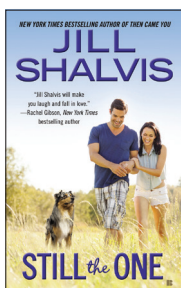
A Novel

by Elizabeth Berg
(Random House)

"George Sand leaves her estranged husband and children to embark on a life of art in bohemian Paris. A talented writer who finds monetary and critical success, Sand adopts a man's name, often dresses as a

gentleman and smokes cigars. Through her writing, politics, sexual complexities and views on feminism, Sand is always seeking love. This novel has spurred me to learn more about George Sand, a woman truly ahead of her time."

—Catherine Coyne, Mansfield Public Library, Mansfield, MA



STILL THE ONE

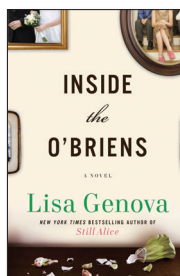
by Jill Shalvis

(Berkley)

"Oh Jill Shalvis, how I love thee! Although all the books in this Animal Magnetism series have strong heroines, this one is the absolute best. And chemistry—wowza, it's intense. The novel brings a focus on two important social issues: the lack of funding available for those who need

physical therapy, and the fact that service dogs who do not pass their certification should not be thrown away. I fell in love and learned something at the same time. Instant classic."

—Amanda Brown, Roanoke Public Libraries, Roanoke, VA



INSIDE THE O'BRIENS

A Novel

by Lisa Genova

(Gallery Books)

"The O'Briens are an Irish Catholic family living in Boston. Joe, the father, is a cop, and when he is diagnosed with Huntington's, he must somehow tell his wife and four grown children and learn to live with the disease. I

couldn't put the book down for too long. Genova made me feel as if I was part of the family. I loved the way she developed her characters with style and warmth."

—Valerie Giambona, Secaucus Public Library, Secaucus, NJ



HOUSE OF ECHOES

A Novel

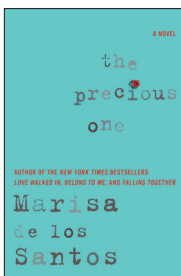
by Brendan Duffy

(Ballantine Books)

"Eager to get out of the big city, Ben and Caroline Tierney purchase a large, old house upstate hoping to renovate it into a hotel. However, their house, called The Crofts, has a dark, mysterious past, and terrifying secrets begin to

threaten the family. This wonderfully eerie and atmospheric debut novel is a great recommendation for fans of Bohjalian's *The Night Strangers* and McMahon's *The Winter People*."

—Sara Kennedy, Delaware County District Library, Delaware, OH



THE PRECIOUS ONE

A Novel

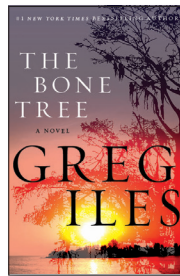
by Marisa de los Santos

(William Morrow)

"Taisy hasn't seen her father since he dumped her family and started another one 17 years ago. An unexpected invitation to write his biography returns her to her hometown, and gives her a rare chance to knit together

a broken web of relationships. Like all de los Santos' books, *The Precious One* features smart, funny characters who form an unconventional family. It's luminous and heartwarming, without an ounce of sap."

—Heather Bistyg, Anderson County Library, Anderson, SC



THE BONE TREE

A Novel

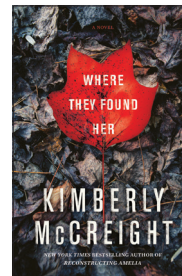
by Greg Iles

(William Morrow)

"Based on a real series of unsolved murders from the civil rights era in Louisiana, and the crusading journalist who uncovered the story, Iles' novel shines a bright light of truth upon one of America's darkest secrets.

Iles' compelling writing makes this complex tale of good versus evil a must-read for those who love thrillers, and those who want to learn a little bit of American history not normally taught in school."

—Ellen Jennings, Cook Memorial Public Library, Libertyville, IL



WHERE THEY FOUND HER

A Novel

by Kimberly McCreight

(Harper)

"Molly Sanderson is covering a feature for the Ridgedale Reader that not only stirs up her recent grief over a still-born child, but secrets that have been kept hidden for over two decades in this

northern New Jersey college town. As the stories of four different women unfold, a new piece of the puzzle is revealed. Chilling and gruesome at times, this is a novel with characters who will stay with the reader long after the final page is turned."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ