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PICK!

## ONE KICK

A Novel  
by *Chelsea Cain*  
(Simon & Schuster)

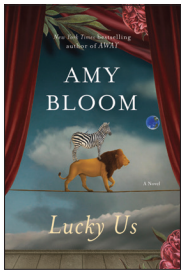
"Kick Lannigan survived being kidnapped as a child. Now, at twenty-one, determined never to be a victim again, she has reinvented herself. Martial arts and weapons handling are just a few of the skills she has learned over the years. Kick catches the attention of John Bishop, a mystery man with access to unlimited funds, and together they go after a cabal of child pornographers. A read-in-one-sitting, edge-of-your-seat thriller."

—Elizabeth Kanouse, Denville Public Library, Denville, NJ



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

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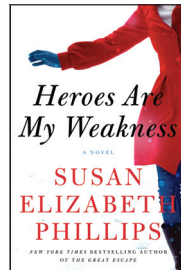
## LUCKY US

A Novel  
by *Amy Bloom*  
(Random House)

"Is a family the people you are born to, or the people who you find along the way? That's what Bloom explores in this novel set in pre- and post-WWII Ohio, Los Angeles, New York and Germany. The story follows resourceful Eva, who

was abandoned by her mother at an early age, and her sister Iris, an aspiring actress who tries to find love at a time when her kind of love must be secretive. Every character is beautifully drawn, warm, and believable."

—Kathryn Hassert, Henrietta Hankin Branch Library, Chester Springs, PA



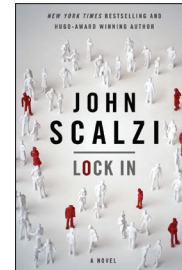
## HEROES ARE MY WEAKNESS

A Novel  
by *Susan Elizabeth Phillips*  
(William Morrow)

"Any Susan Elizabeth Phillips novel is going to make it onto my must-read list, but this one is particularly wonderful, and here's why: she creates, then cheerfully destroys, the romance cliché of the

brooding hero with a dark secret who lives in a crumbling mansion and captivates a plucky heroine. The hero is a horror novelist, and the heroine a failed actress-turned-puppeteer. This warm, witty, comedy-drama is a perfect summer read."

—Donna Matturri, Pickerington Public Library, Pickerington, OH



## LOCK IN

by *John Scalzi*  
(Tor)

"There's been a good run of fantasy and science fiction books this year. Joining the list of great fantastical reads is John Scalzi's *Lock In*. Scalzi is best known for his military SF (especially the Old Man's War series), so his latest is a change of pace.

A blending of SF and police procedural that hits every note just right."

—Jane Jorgenson, Madison Public Library, Madison, WI



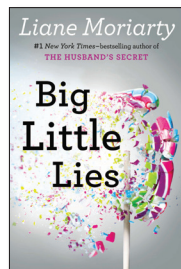
## THE MINIATURIST

A Novel  
by *Jessie Burton*  
(Ecco)

"A dollhouse whose figures and furnishings foretell life events, mysterious notes, family secrets and the powerful guild and church of 1686 Amsterdam. All these elements combine for an engaging story of a

young bride's struggle to be the 'architect of her own fortune.'"

—Elizabeth Angelastro, Manlius Library, Manlius, NY



## BIG LITTLE LIES

by *Liane Moriarty*  
(Amy Einhorn/Putnam)

"A horrible act of violence occurs at the Pirriwee Public School's trivia night fundraiser for parents, but what happened and who was involved? The novel begins six months before that fateful evening and lets us in on the lives of single mother Jane,

twice-married Madeline, and Celeste, who secretly suffers from domestic abuse. *Big Little Lies* is another page-turning read from Moriarty that had me gasping with surprise at the end."

—Lora Bruggeman, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL



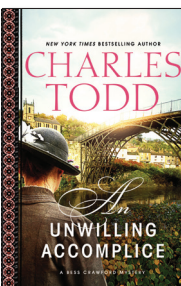
## THE TRUTH ABOUT LEO

by *Katie MacAlister*  
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)

"I always adore Katie MacAlister! Her sense of humor is outstanding, and her heroines have real bodies. This is another installment in the delightful historical Noble series, and it doesn't disappoint. Fans of humor with their romance are sure

to enjoy this regency romp."

—Jessica C. Williams, Westlake Porter Public Library, Westlake, OH



## AN UNWILLING ACCOMPLICE

by *Charles Todd*  
(William Morrow)

"Bess Crawford, a courageous World War I battlefield nurse, is faced with another complex mystery. A patient about to receive a high honor from the King manages to disappear on Bess's watch, sending her life into a tailspin. In order to clear her name, she must find the

missing patient and find out why he is now accused of murder. Intelligent and fantastic, just like the others in this series!"

—Monicah Fratena, La Porte County Public Library, La Porte, IN



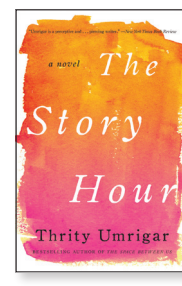
## THE MAGICIAN'S LAND

A Novel  
by *Lev Grossman*  
(Viking Adult)

"Even if you haven't read the first two books in the wonderful Magicians Trilogy, you will enjoy the escapades of Quentin Coldwater. Now 30 years old, Quentin finds himself back at Brakebills,

experiencing school from the teacher's side of the desk. But his adventures are far from over! Although I'm not generally a fantasy reader, I've been rooting for Quentin ever since I first picked up this series and am sad to see it end."

—Kelly Currie, Delphi Public Library, Delphi, IN



## THE STORY HOUR

A Novel  
by *Thrity Umrigar*  
(Harper)

"Another beautifully written novel by Thrity Umrigar. A relationship develops between Maggie, a psychologist, and Lakshmi, a troubled Indian woman. As their stories develop, it is hard to figure out which woman does more to impact

the other's life. Highly recommended."

—Ellen Firer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY