



*You Had Me at Hola*  
A Novel  
by Alexis Daria  
(Avon)

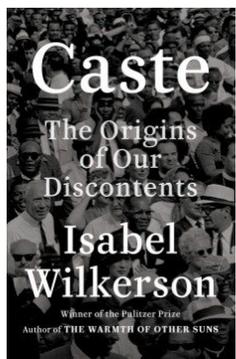
"This romance by a RITA award-winning writer is a sizzling hot and fun ode to soap operas. Jasmine, a soap opera actor, and Ashton, a telenovela actor, have been cast on a popular TV show that catapults each of them to stardom. They quickly give in to temptation and indulge in a torrid affair that means more to them than either wants to admit. When the paparazzi expose a shocking secret, Jasmine is forced to reevaluate the trust she put in Ashton, and he must come to grips with his traumatic past. Firmly rooted in Latinx culture, this novel covers issues of language, colorism, and identity while also managing to be upbeat, entertaining, and super-steamy. Recommended for fans of *Take a Hint*, *Dani Brown*, *Something To Talk About*, and *Not the Girl You Marry*."

—Migdali Jimenez, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *Would Like To Meet* by Rachel Winters



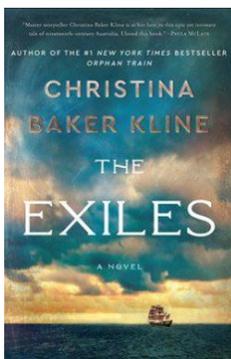
TOP PICK

August 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



**Caste**  
The Origins of Our Discontents  
by Isabel Wilkerson  
(Random House)  
"A magisterial overview of how caste has been implemented in three different places. This is an important look at how the U.S., Nazi Germany, and India implemented caste and how it affects each country. Don't think that this is a dry academic read; Wilkerson is a genius with words and incorporates her own experiences throughout the book. For readers of *Stamped* and *The New Jim Crow*."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier County Public Library, Warrenton, VA  
NovelList read-alike: *White Trash* by Nancy Isenberg



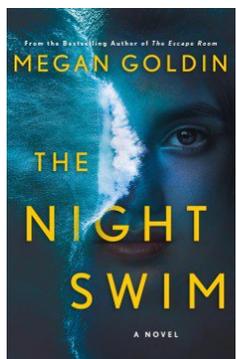
**The Exiles**  
A Novel  
by Christina Baker Kline  
(Custom House)  
"In her extremely readable fashion, Kline has created another masterpiece of historical fiction. This time she takes readers on a journey from England to Australia, where prisoners were exiled in the 19th century. The riveting story becomes personal as Kline engages readers in the individual stories of the enslaved women. Perfect for book groups and fans of Lisa Wingate and Kristin Hannah."

—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI  
NovelList read-alike: *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville



**Harrow the Ninth**  
by Tamsyn Muir  
(Tor.com)  
"This follow-up to *Gideon the Ninth* is a fantastic gothic mystery, peopled with aristocrats vying to be the Undying Emperor's new Lyctor. Muir switches up the POV, and because Harrow's body and mind are failing her, she's an unreliable narrator. The story moves around in time, so when events from the first book are revisited, the perspective changes. And there's still that looming, unwinnable battle. A rare and beautiful gem for fans of *The City We Became* and *Dune*."

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH  
NovelList read-alike: *Archivist Wasp* by Nicole Kornher-Stace



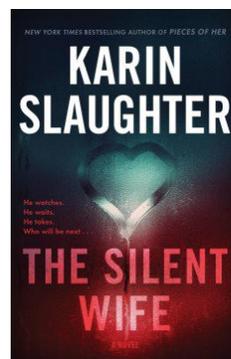
**The Night Swim**  
A Novel  
by Megan Goldin  
(St. Martin's Press)  
"The author has expertly woven the stories of two crimes that occurred in a small town 25 years apart. Rachel, an investigative podcast reporter, is covering the trial of a young man accused of the latest crime. While there, she is pulled into the past by the earlier victim's sister, Hannah, who has been haunted by it for a very long time. For fans of *Then She Was Gone* and *Sometimes I Lie*."

—Debbie Lease, Hillsdale Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ  
NovelList read-alike: *Conviction* by Denise Mina



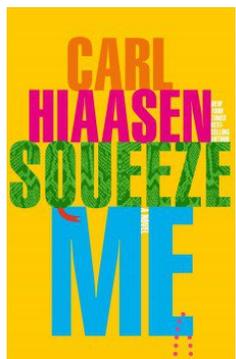
**No Offense**  
A Novel  
by Meg Cabot  
(William Morrow Paperbacks)  
"In the second book in the Little Bridge Island series, we meet Molly, a children's librarian who is new to the island, and John, the newly installed island sheriff. Their lives become intertwined when Molly finds a newborn baby in the library bathroom and the two work to find the mother. For readers who enjoy *It's In His Kiss* by Jill Shalvis and *The Best Man* by Kristan Higgins."

—Laura Hanson, Waukeg Public Library, Waukeg, IA  
NovelList read-alike: *Love Overdue* by Pamela Mosri



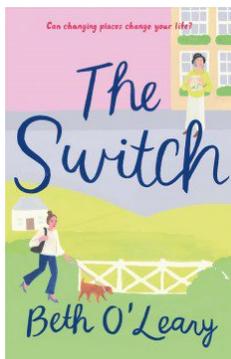
**The Silent Wife**  
A Novel  
by Karin Slaughter  
(William Morrow)  
"A brilliantly conceived story about a psychopath that preys on young women and a chance encounter that turns up a connection to another series of unsolved murders years back. A fast-paced, suspenseful thriller for fans of the Kick Lannigan series."

—Paul Lane, Palm Beach County Library, West Palm Beach, FL  
NovelList read-alike: *Prey series* by John Sandford



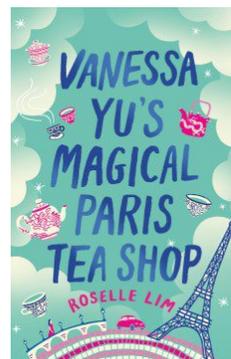
**Squeeze Me**  
A Novel  
by Carl Hiaasen  
(Knopf)  
"Angie runs her own business, Discreet Captures, in Palm Beach, FL where she traps and relocates wildlife. She receives a call from the caretaker of a local estate about a giant python and manages to remove the snake without offending party guests. But what happened to Kiki Pew, the wealthy hostess who seems to have vanished from the event? For fans of satirical thrillers and Florida."

—Linda Tilden, Mt. Laurel Public Library, Mt. Laurel, NJ  
NovelList read-alike: *Florida Man* by Tom Cooper



**The Switch**  
A Novel  
by Beth O'Leary  
(Flatiron Books)  
"Finding herself with a two-week sabbatical from work, Leeana and her grandmother Eileen decide to switch homes for the duration. In London, Eileen starts an affair and builds friendships across generations. In a Yorkshire village, Leena learns how her grandmother is the center of village activity and takes on all Eileen's projects. For fans of *Evie Drake Starts Over* and *The Love Story of Missy Charmichael*."

—Paula Pergament, Lincolnwood Public Library, Lincolnwood, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *The Happy Ever After Playlist* by Abby Jimenez



**Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop**  
by Roselle Lim  
(Berkley)  
"Vanessa is an accountant with the power of clairvoyance. She travels to a tea shop in Paris to learn to control her predictions with the help of her Aunt Evelyn. There, she finds a new purpose by connecting the people around her and just might find true love for herself. Sweet, romantic, and cozy. For readers who enjoyed *Number One Chinese Restaurant* and *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*."

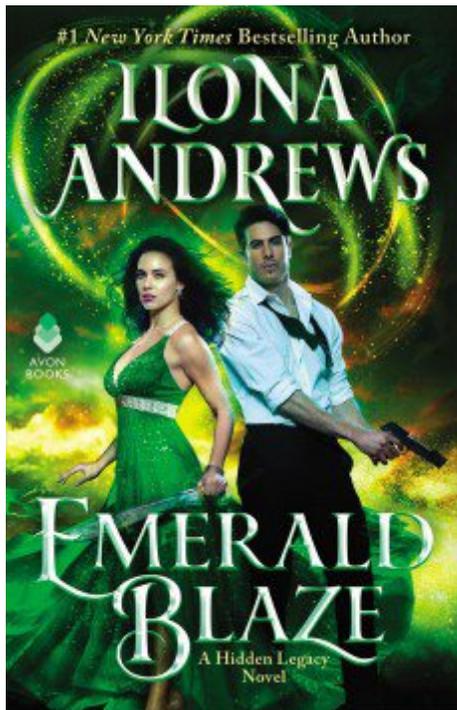
—Douglas Beatty, Baltimore County Public Library, Baltimore, MD  
NovelList read-alike: *Crazy Cupid Love* by Amanda Heger

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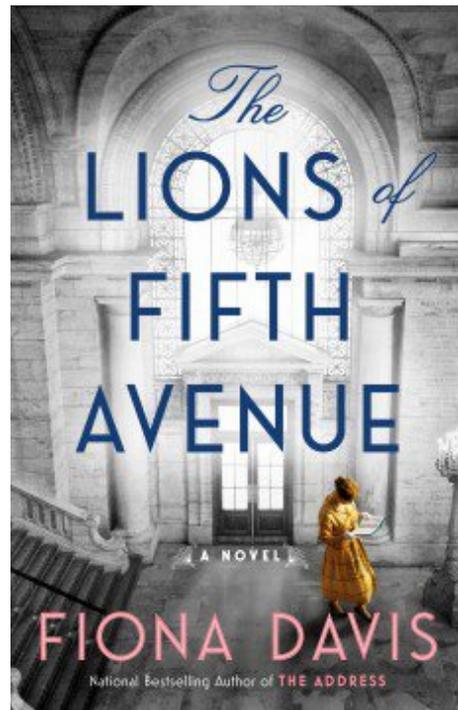
*Emerald Blaze*

A Hidden Legacy Novel  
by Ilona Andrews  
(Avon)

"While investigating a murder, Texas deputy warden Catalina Baylor must again work with handsome Alessandro Sagredo, a fellow mage who'll do anything to keep her safe. Another urban fantasy home run for Andrews—the leads are perfect together and the world-building is phenomenal."

—Caroline Quintanilla, Seminole County Public Library, Sanford, FL

Read-alike: *Kiss of Snow* by Nalini Singh  
Read-alike: *The Sea King* by C.L. Wilson  
Read-alike: *The Last Wolf* by Maria Vale



*The Lions of Fifth Avenue*

A Novel  
by Fiona Davis  
(Dutton)

"A glimpse into women's lives in 1913 and 1993, with the narrative centering on the New York Public Library. Davis always places female characters from the past and present in an iconic New York building. This book was especially wonderful as it's a love letter to librarians."

—Donna Ballard, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY

Read-alike: *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict  
Read-alike: *Magician's Lie* by Greer MacAllister  
Read-alike: *Unforgivable Love* by Sophronia Scott

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