



NO GOOD DUKE GOES UNPUNISHED:

The Third Rule of Scoundrels
by Sarah MacLean
(Avon)

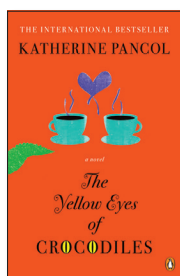
In the third book of the Scoundrel series, Mara Lowe mysteriously disappears on the eve of her wedding day. Widely believed to be responsible for her murder, Temple leaves society in disgrace. He doesn't remember what happened, until Mara returns asking for his help. Seeking vengeance, and eager to return to his Dukedom, will Temple sacrifice Mara to make it happen?

—Kim Storbeck, Timberland Regional Library, Tumwater, WA



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

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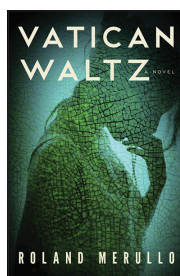
THE YELLOW EYES OF CROCODILES: A Novel by Katherine Pancol

(Penguin Books)

After Joséphine Cortès finally kicks her do-nothing, two-timing husband out of the house, she struggles to make a living for herself and her daughters. Despite the criticism and contempt of her own family members, the

mousy and insecure Joséphine gradually emerges as an entirely new creature. Entertaining and light, with touching moments and bright flashes of insight.

—Nancy Russell, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH

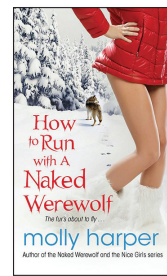


VATICAN WALTZ:

A Novel by Roland Merullo
(Crown)

Cynthia Piantadosi has always lived an interior life filled with devotion to prayer. As her world changes, the spiritual messages that she receives become more urgent, and seem counter to Church doctrine. Should she trust her faith or follow the teachings of the Church? Merullo's writing gives depth and breadth to this winning heroine. You can't help but love her and cheer her on her way.

—Jennifer Dayton, Darien Library, Darien, CT



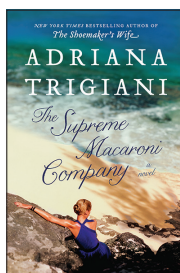
HOW TO RUN WITH A NAKED WEREWOLF:

A Novel by Molly Harper
(Pocket Books)

This third book in the Naked Werewolf series is a relatable romance with a supernatural twist. After several years hiding among werewolves in Alaska, Doctor Anna Moder runs away

— right into the arms of Caleb, who happens to be a werewolf. Light-hearted and fun, with characters who face real-life problems.

—Emily Savageau, Thief River Falls Public Library, Thief River Falls, MN



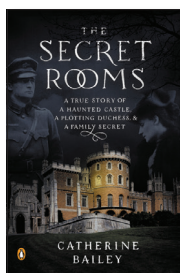
THE SUPREME MACARONI COMPANY:

A Novel by Adriana Trigiani
(HarperCollins)

Trigiani's new novel covers all the major milestones in life, from birth to death, with a wedding and much Italian family drama in the middle. As Valentine struggles to grow

her successful business while adjusting to life as a wife and partner, she learns to rely on her extended family for support. A beautifully written novel that will make you laugh and cry.

—Jean Anderson, South Central Library System, Madison, WI

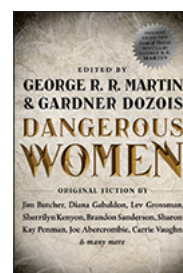


THE SECRET ROOMS:

A True Story of a Haunted Castle, a Plotting Duchess, & a Family Secret by Catherine Bailey
(Penguin Books)

A very interesting and intriguing read. The author attempted to write a book about World War I, but ended up researching a historical mystery and presenting great historical facts about the war. This is an easy book to suggest to readers who like historical fiction and nonfiction alike.

—Joni Walter, Napanee Public Library, Napanee, IN



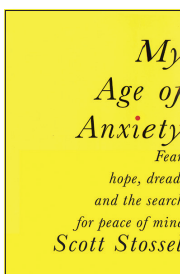
DANGEROUS WOMEN

edited by George R.R. Martin and Gardner Dozois
(Tor Books)

With a range of amazing voices — from Martin to Butcher, Abercrombie to Gabaldon — comes a range of amazing, dangerous women. Queens and bounty hunters, magicians and bandits, these 21 stories prove the adage

wrong: women are definitely not the weaker sex!

—Kristi Chadwick, Emily Williston Memorial Library, Easthampton, MA



MY AGE OF ANXIETY:

Fear, Hope, Dread, and the Search for Peace of Mind by Scott Stossel
(Knopf)

Scott Stossel, editor of *The Atlantic*, has written an all-encompassing treatise on the condition of anxiety, one of the most pervasive yet most misunderstood human conditions. Stossel not only

recounts the history of the condition itself, its causes, and its treatment, but bravely relates his own lifelong battle with anxiety. Sits well alongside Andrew Solomon's *The Noonday Demon*.

—Cristella Bond, Anderson Public Library, Anderson, IN

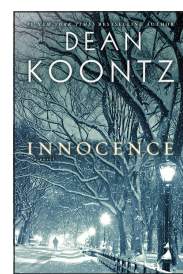


THE TRIP TO ECHO SPRING:

On Writers and Drinking by Olivia Laing
(Picador)

Laing traces the connections between alcohol and the relationships of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Tennessee Williams, John Berryman, John Cheever and Raymond Carver. Beautifully weaves together their stories, hopes, dreams, fears and failures, while exploring the history of alcohol and alcoholism.

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ



INNOCENCE: A Novel by Dean Koontz

(Bantam)

Dean Koontz's new novel brings us two unique and complex characters. What seems to be more sci-fi than horror ends with a beautiful spiritual ending that puts Koontz in a whole new light!

—Michele Coleman, Iredell County Public Library, Statesville, NC