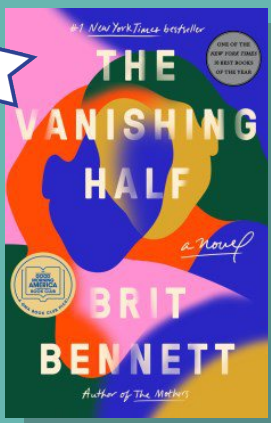




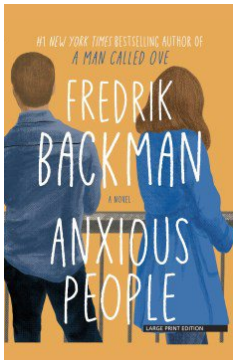
The Vanishing Half  
A Novel  
by Brit Bennett  
(Riverhead Books)

"Centering on two twin light-skinned black girls who grew up in a strange town in the Jim Crow south, this book explores racism, colorism, sexism, and familial relationships through the interweaving storylines of vivid and complicated characters. For fans of *Red at the Bone* by (Woodson)."

—Pamela Gardner, Medfield Public Library, Medfield, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *A Kind of Freedom* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton

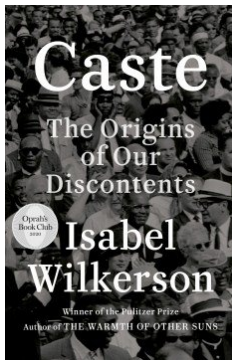


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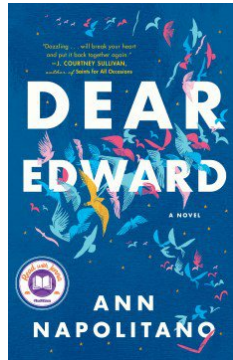
**Anxious People**  
A Novel  
by Fredrik Backman  
(Atria Books)  
"What happens when a group of house hunters is taken hostage by an incompetent bank robber? Not what you expect. Filled with quirky, troubled characters, Backman's latest shows us what most people need is kindness, understanding and one another."

—Janine Walsh, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman



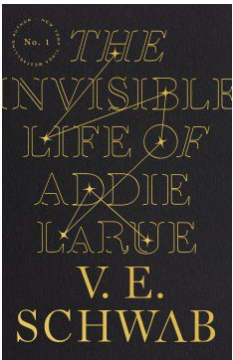
**Caste**  
The Origins of Our Discontents  
by Isabel Wilkerson  
(Random House)  
"A magisterial overview of how caste has been implemented in three different places. This is an important look at how the U.S., Nazi Germany, and India implemented caste and how it affects each country. Don't think that 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



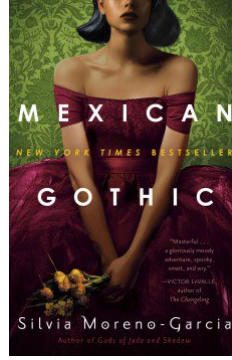
**Dear Edward**  
A Novel  
by Ann Napolitano  
(The Dial Press)  
"A dear, dear wondrous novel. Edward is The Miracle Boy, the only survivor of a plane crash. As he struggles to navigate the landscape of his new life, we hear the voices of those who didn't make it. Napolitano is an amazing writer who deserves a wider audience. For fans of *Did You Ever Have a Family* (Clegg), *The Grief of Others* (Cohen), and *The Friend* (Nunez)."

—Jennifer Dayton, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
NovelList read-alike: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt



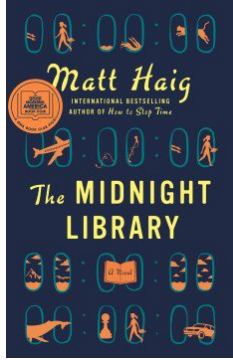
**The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue**  
by V. E. Schwab  
(Tor Books)  
"Addie is an adventurer and not ready to settle for village life, so she makes a deal with the devil. Instead of relinquishing her soul, however, she becomes immortal, and also completely forgotten by anyone who meets her. Then, after a lonely 300 years, she meets Henry. For fans of the *Shades of Magic* series, *The Time Traveler's Wife*, and *Life after Life*."

—Patti Lang, Pima County Public Library, Tucson, AZ  
NovelList read-alike: *The Sudden Appearance of Hope* by Claire North



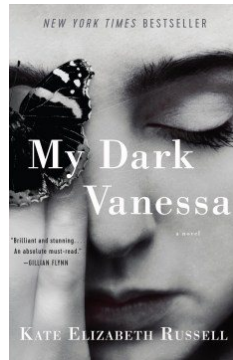
**Mexican Gothic**  
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia  
(Del Rey)  
"A perfect gothic mystery. Noem is a Mexico City socialite in the 1950s. When her father receives a letter from his niece, he sends Noem to check on her cousin at the remote house where she is living—a rotting English-style mansion, built by the colonialist eugenicist family she has married into. Lush descriptions and the creepy atmosphere make this a good choice for readers who liked *The Witch Elm*, *The Little Stranger*, or *The Haunting of Hill House*."

—Lorena Neal, Evanston Public Library, Evanston, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *The Supernatural Enhancements* by Edgar Cantero



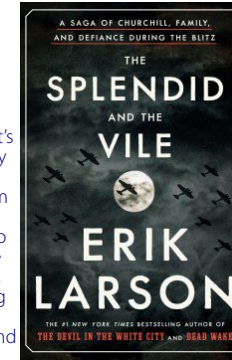
**The Midnight Library**  
A Novel  
by Matt Haig  
(Viking)  
"At a seminal moment in her life, Nora visits a unique library. Every book she chooses is one that she becomes part of and is a possible life she might have led. There are adventures, close calls, and joy. Give this totally engrossing page turner to fans of *Here and Now and Then* (Chen) and *Life after Life* (Atkinson)."

—Deborah Margeson, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, CO  
NovelList read-alike: *Or What You Will* by Jo Walton



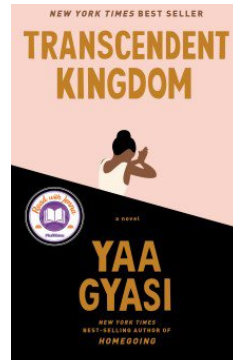
**My Dark Vanessa**  
A Novel  
by Kate Elizabeth Russell  
(William Morrow)  
"A Lolita for the #MeToo era, it's unsettling, but not necessarily for the reasons you might think. The narrative shifts from 2000, when Vanessa gains admission to a prep school, to 2017, when she tries to come to terms with her experience, her role in it, how it's affecting her present, and the choices she faces to find resolution and move forward. For fans of *Notes on a Scandal* (Heller), *Trust Exercise* (Choi)."

—Michelle Sampson, York Public Library, York, ME  
NovelList read-alike: *The Coming Storm* by Paul Elliott Russell



**The Splendid and the Vile**  
A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz  
by Erik Larson  
(Crown)  
"Once again Larson's new book is nonfiction that is as hard to put down as the best fiction. The book recounts the early days of Churchill as prime minister when France fell to Germany and the British Empire stood alone against Hitler. For readers who like *The Great Influenza* (Barry) and *Death in the City of Light* (King)."

—Celia Morse, Berkley Public Library, Berkley, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *Their Finest Hour* by Winston Churchill



**Transcendent Kingdom**  
A Novel  
by Yaa Gyasi  
(Knopf)  
"Gyasi is a force of a writer and in her new novel, *Gifty* is a Ph.D student of neuroscience fueled by the need to understand her brother's addiction and mother's depression. For fans of *Imagine Me Gone* (Haslet) and *Chemistry* (Wang)."

—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS  
NovelList read-alike: *A Particular Kind of Black Man* by Tope Folarin