



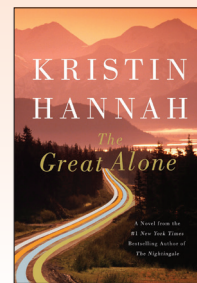
TOP
PICK!

THE GREAT ALONE

A Novel
by Kristin Hannah
(St. Martin's Press)

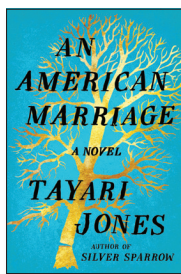
"Leni and her family embark on a new way of life in Alaska's wilderness in 1974-- hoping this is finally the solution for her troubled, POW father. In Alaska, Leni and her family are tested and when change comes to her small community, her father's anger threatens to explode and divide the town. This is a beautifully written novel, descriptive and engaging with well-developed characters and a strong sense of place."

—Alissa Williams, Morton Public Library, Morton, IL



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

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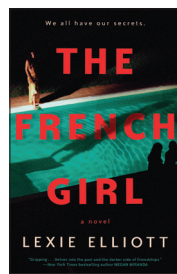
AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

by Tayari Jones
(Algonquin Books)

"Celestial and Roy are newly married professionals leaning in to a bright future when Roy is convicted of a crime he did not commit. This is not a heroes vs. villains tale with a tidy resolution. It is a complicated, messy, moving, and thought-provoking story about love,

family, and the wide-reaching effects of incarceration. Book clubs get ready!"

—Jennifer Alexander, St. Louis County Library, St. Louis, MO



THE FRENCH GIRL

by Lexie Elliott
(Berkley)

"Six friends from Oxford University spend an idyllic week in the French countryside that ends with a missing neighbor, the enigmatic Severine. Fast forward ten years and Severine turns up. Or rather her skeleton does in a well on the property. All six friends are suspects. Will

the loyalties hold and who put Severine in the well? This is a fun, taut thriller."

—Jennifer Dayton, Darien Library, Darien, CT



FORCE OF NATURE

A Novel
by Jane Harper
(Flatiron Books)

"When Detective Falk learns that an informant went missing during a corporate team building exercise in the bush, he realizes that she tried to call him in the middle of the night. Harper once again creates a compelling, fast-paced, and

atmospheric mystery set in a remote wilderness area of Australia. Perfect for fans of Nevada Barr and Paul Doiron. Highly recommended."

—Vicki Nesting, St. Charles Parish Library, Destrehan, LA



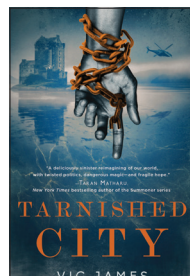
SURPRISE ME

A Novel
by Sophie Kinsella
(The Dial Press)

"Kinsella's newest heroine has met and married Mr. Right - now how to spend the next 68 years? When Sylvie launches Project Surprise Me, she just might find that there's always more to learn about the ones you love. Told in Kinsella's trademark charming,

relatable style."

—Ariel Kurst, Great River Regional Library, St. Cloud, MN



TARNISHED CITY

by Vic James
(Del Rey)

"Tarnished City, a contemporary fantasy with a healthy dose of world-building, is just as disturbing as its predecessor, *Gilded Cage*. I couldn't resist diving deeper into the dark world of Equals and Slaves. James has pushed the characters in new ways, which makes the story riveting, intense, dark, and

completely entrancing."

—Monicah Fraternal, La Porte Public Library, La Porte, IN

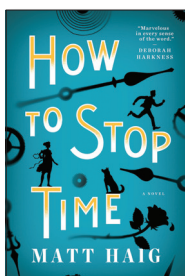


AS BRIGHT AS HEAVEN

by Susan Meissner
(Berkley)

"Beautifully written, heartbreaking story of four women in Philadelphia in 1918 during the Spanish Flu. I loved this book, as I have other books by Meissner and would highly recommend to anyone who loves historical fiction."

—Cathy Branciforte, Ramsey Free Public Library, Ramsey, NJ



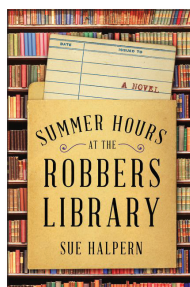
HOW TO STOP TIME

by Matt Haig
(Viking)

"Even though there is something extraordinary about Tom Hazard and his aging process, the problems and insights he experiences as he goes through life are universal. Love, memory, and time play tricks on us all as this novel

illustrates so exquisitely. This is an engaging, sweeping love story with all the elements of a great historical/time travel novel. For fans of *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *Life After Life*."

—Mary Coe, Fairfield Woods Branch Library, Fairfield, CT



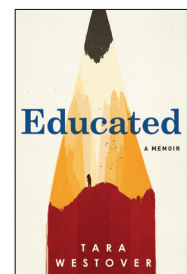
SUMMER HOURS AT THE ROBBERS LIBRARY

A Novel
by Sue Halpern
(Harper Perennial)

"Kit is a librarian who closes herself off from emotions and people until she meets Sunny, assigned to the library for community service. Add in a group of regulars in

the library and the result is an absorbing story of developing friendships and the unveiling of secrets. Kit's story unfolds as we meet many quirky characters in this story of love, loss, and hope."

—Ellen Firer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY



EDUCATED

A Memoir
by Tara Westover
(Random House)

"In her memoir, Westover recounts her childhood growing up in a strict Mormon family, ruled by an erratic father, and living off the grid in Idaho. Westover compellingly sketches her years growing up, her

relationships with siblings, encounters in the town nearby, and the events that eventually drove her to leave and pursue formal education. For fans of Jeannette Walls' *The Glass Castle*."

—Andrea Gough, Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA