

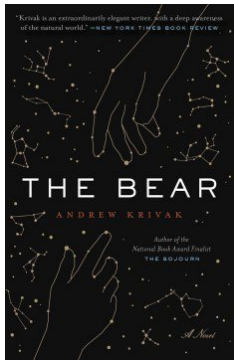
The Authenticity Project
A Novel
by Clare Pooley
(Pamela Dorman Books)

"Julian, Monica, and others present themselves publicly in one way, but their entries in an Authenticity Project notebook reveal them to be more insecure, eager to change, and ultimately more interesting. A heartwarming story about how not everyone tells the truth about who they are. For fans of *The School of Essential Ingredients*, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, and *A Man Called Ove*."

—Maggie Holmes, Richards Memorial Library, North Attleboro, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngson

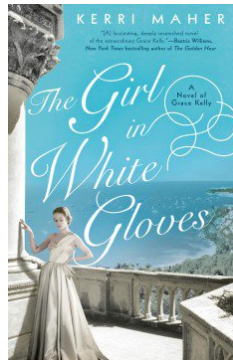


February 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



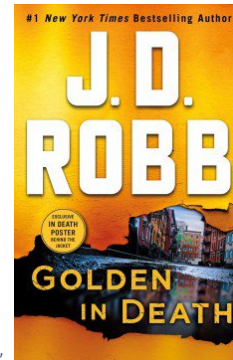
The Bear
by Andrew Krivak
(Bellevue Literary Press)
"A young girl and her father live alone in a mountain forest that fronts a lake in a devastated world. She learns from him how to live off the land, hunting for food, and finding shelter. *The Bear* is the moving story of a journey they make together to the ocean, and the bear who helps her find her way back home. For fans of *The Dog Stars* (Heller) and *The Road* (McCarthy)."

—Sandy Jones Boyd, Mountain Regional Public Library, Young Harris, GA
NovelList read-alike: *Train Dreams* by Denis Johnson



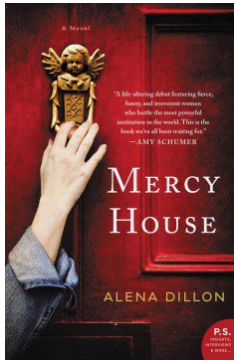
The Girl in White Gloves
A Novel of Grace Kelly
by Kerri Maher
(Berkley)
"An interesting, fictional take on the life of one of America's favorite actresses, Grace Kelly. She struggles to break free from controlling parents and forge her own life. Although she marries her prince, the confinements of her marriage contract assure that she never truly succeeds at happily ever after. For readers who liked *The Girls in the Picture* (Benjamin) and *A Touch of Stardust* (Alcott)."

—Debbie Lease, Hillsdale Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Meet Me in Monaco* by Hazel Gaynor



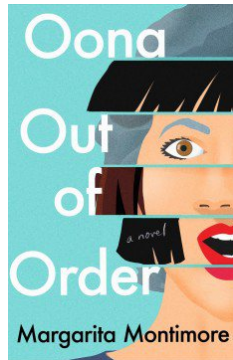
Golden in Death
An Eve Dallas Novel
by J. D. Robb
(St. Martin's Press)
"Hard to believe that this is #50 in this series. Even harder to believe that the stories remain fresh and the characters compelling, but it does not disappoint. There's a satisfying path to solving the very distressing murders, and particular pleasure in seeing the characters continue to change and grow. For fans of the In Death series, Linda Howard, and Lisa Gardner."

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY
NovelList read-alike: Rizzoli and Isles series by Tess Gerritsen



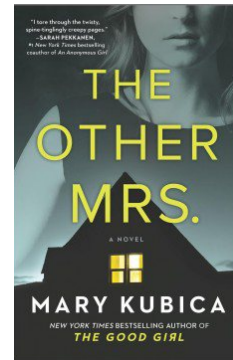
Mercy House
A Novel
by Alena Dillon
(William Morrow Paperbacks)
"Mercy House, a battered women's shelter run by nuns, is being investigated by an arrogant bishop and threatened by a violent gang leader. In a world full of predators, Sister Evelyn protects her traumatized and diverse flock of women with everything she's got. She is a rousing, radical, literary hero of heart-stirring courage. Give to fans of Elizabeth Berg and Anita Diamant."

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA
NovelList read-alike: *The Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott



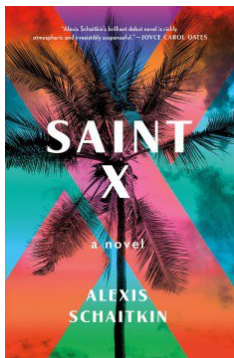
Oona Out of Order
A Novel
by Margarita Montimore
(Flatiron Books)
"During the New Year countdown, 19-year-old Oona Lockhart faints and wakes up in her 51-year-old body. I can't wait for my bookish friends to read this time-jumping debut novel so we can discuss it. For fans of Audrey Niffenegger, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Liane Moriarty."

—Darla Dykstra, Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, MO
NovelList read-alike: *The Dinner List* by Rebecca Serle



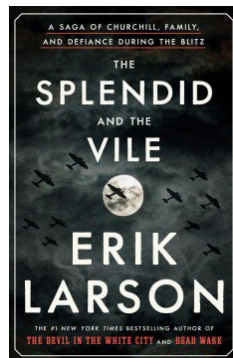
The Other Mrs.
A Novel
by Mary Kubica
(Park Row)
"Sadie, Will, and their two children move to Maine following Will's sister's suicide, to care for her teenage daughter Imogen. Soon after, a strange murder happens in the house across the street. The family's past is revealed along with the unraveling of the neighbor's murder. For fans of *You* by Caroline Kepnes (both the book and the Netflix show)."

—Christine Edgar, Farmington Libraries, Farmington, CT
NovelList read-alike: *The Hidden Girl* by Louise Millar



Saint X
by Alexis Schaitkin
(Celadon Books)
"Claire was a child when her much older sister Alison died and there are many gaps in her knowledge of who Alison was and how she died. This is a deep character study and a story about obsession, grief, and finding a path after loss. For readers who enjoyed *What We Lose* by Zinzi Clemmons and *The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami."

—Rebecca Swanson, Fitchburg Public Library, Fitchburg, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Going East* by Matthew D'Ancona



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 John M. Barry (*The Great Influenza*) and David King (*Death in the City of Light*)."

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



The Worst Best Man
A Novel
by Mia Sosa
(Avon)
"A classic enemies to lovers plot told from the perspective of both sides of the would-be couple, both likable and the chemistry between the two was well-written and believable. For fans of *Red, White & Royal Blue* and *The Wedding Party*."

—Karma Campbell, Catoosa Public Library, Catoosa, OK
NovelList read-alike: *Faker* by Sarah Smith

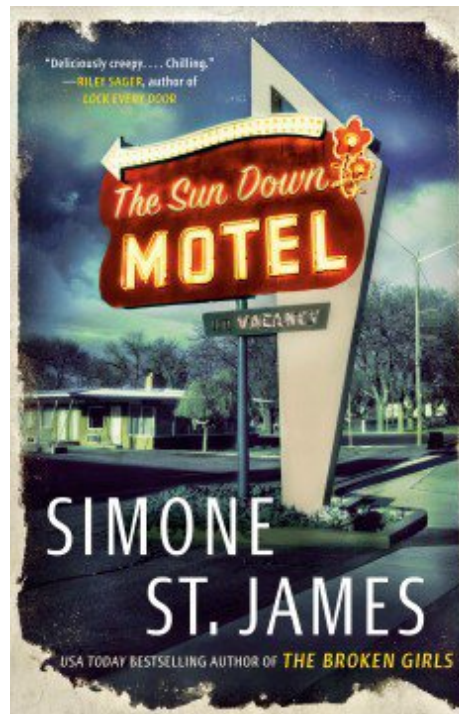
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The Sun Down Motel
by Simone St. James
(Berkley)

"Another chilling ghost story from St. James, who seems to surpass the level of shiver with each book. A young woman uncovers old secrets and stirs up vengeful ghosts when she travels to upstate New York in search of an aunt who disappeared 35 years earlier."

—Patricia Uttaro, Monroe County Library System, Rochester, NY

Read-alike: *The Night Sister* by Jennifer McMahon
Read-alike: *The Vanishing* by Wendy Webb
Read-alike: *The Ghost Orchid* by Carol Goodman
Read-alike: *An Unwanted Guest* by Shari Lapena

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