



Georgie, All Along by Kate Clayborn (Kensington)

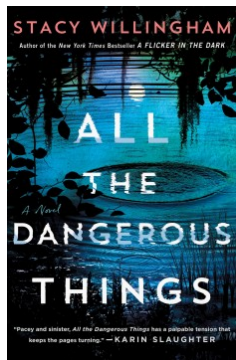
"When Georgie suddenly loses her job as a personal assistant, she heads home to her parents to regroup. While there, she comes across a teenage diary and uses it to explore her life. This is a sweet, fun novel about a genuine, competent person trying to discover her true self. For fans of *The Authenticity Project*."

—Julie Heckert, Orem Public Library, Orem, UT
Novelist read-alike: *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes



TOP PICK

January 2023 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



All the Dangerous Things

by Stacy Willingham
(Minotaur Books)

"One year after Isabelle's son was taken from his bedroom in the middle of the night, the police still have no suspects or any idea of what became of her boy. The only thing Izzy knows for certain haunts her: because she's a chronic sleepwalker, did she have something to do with her child's disappearance? For fans of Gilly Macmillan and Lisa Jewell."

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, CT
Novelist read-alike: *Stay Awake* by Megan Goldin

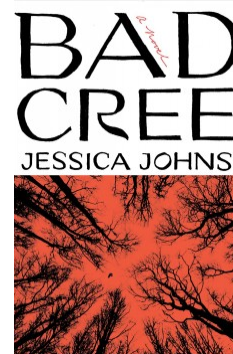


Back in a Spell

by Lana Harper
(Berkley)

"Witch Nina Blackmoore must decide who she is and what matters most when her rocky date with 'normie' Morty Gutierrez results in a magical bond between the two. With solid pacing, tremendous feats of magic, and a sweet and passionate romance, this third installment of the Thistle Grove series will knock your socks off. For fans of Ann Aguirre."

—Shannon Collins, Upper Dublin Public Library, Fort Washington, PA
Novelist read-alike: *A Letter to Three Witches* by Elizabeth Bass



Bad Cree: A Novel

by Jessica Johns
(Doubleday)

"When Mackenzie's nightmares start to bleed into her waking hours, she knows that she'll need to return to family to get the help she needs. First Nations author Johns creates a unique combination of cryptid terror and family strength in the face of horror and trauma. For readers of Silvia Moreno-Garcia and Eden Robinson."

—Erin Downey Howerton, Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS
Novelist read-alike: *White Horse* by Erika T. Wurth



The Bandit Queens: A Novel

by Parini Shroff
(Ballantine)

"An amazing debut novel about a group of women who are part of a micro-loan community in an Indian village. Everyone thinks Geeta has killed her no-good, rotten, abusive husband, so the other women want her to kill their husbands too. A story full of humor, pathos, and suspense."

—Ariel Zeitlin, Montclair Public Library, Montclair, NJ
Novelist read-alike: *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

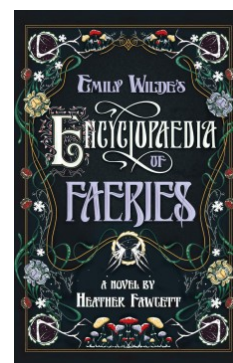


The Duke Gets Even: A Novel

by Joanna Shupe
(Avon)

"The Duke of Lockwood is visiting America to find the perfect bride—rich and scandal-free. Nellie is a wealthy heiress who purposefully ruined her reputation long ago. She uses her wealth to discreetly distribute contraceptives to women. The chemistry between Nellie and Lockwood is present from page one."

—Katie Curry, Guyandotte Branch of Cabell County Public Library, Huntington, WV
Novelist read-alike: *Bombshell* by Sarah MacLean

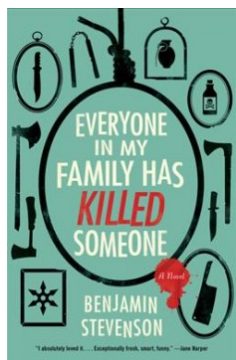


Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries

by Heather Fawcett
(Del Rey)

"Grumpy professor Emily Wilde wishes that she did not have to 'people' while researching the first complete encyclopedia of faeries. However, a handsome rival and some quirky townsfolk conspire to crack open Emily's well-guarded heart. Readers will be enchanted with the Fae and cantankerous narrator found in this fantasy tale, like a cozy version of the Lady Trent series."

—Jenna Zarzycki, King County Library System, Covington, WA
Novelist read-alike: *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness

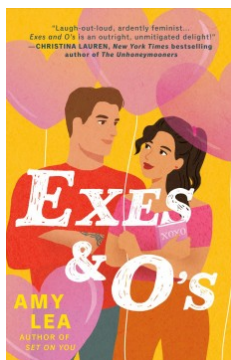


Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone: A Novel

by Benjamin Stevenson
(Mariner Books)

Ernie Cunningham writes books on how to write mystery novels for a living and is part of a family where everyone has killed someone. But the story of how and why is unraveled in the pages, and there's another murderer in the midst. The narration is perfect—a retrospective that includes lots of misdirection and breaking the fourth wall. A must-read for mystery fans."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
Novelist read-alike: *Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts* by Kate Racculia

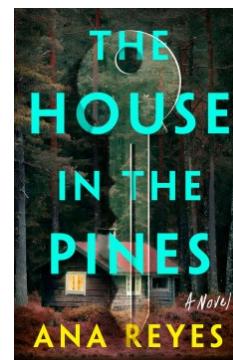


Exes and O's

by Amy Lea
(Berkley)

"Tara Chen believes one of her 10 exes must be her true love, so she enlists new roommate Trevor to help her reconnect with all of them. Cleverly written with all the tropes found in romance novels, but especially second-chance romance. Recommended for anyone wanting a feel-good story with a delightful heroine and handsome love interest! For Jayci Lee and Jackie Lau fans."

—Elizabeth Qualls, Blackwater Regional Library, Courtland, VA
Novelist read-alike: *The Singles' Table* by Sara Desai



The House in the Pines: A Novel

by Ana Reyes
(Dutton)

Maya sees a viral video of a woman in a diner dropping dead while seated across from her boyfriend. Maya knows this man, as years ago her friend also died suddenly in front of him. Reyes keeps readers guessing, creating a wonderfully sinister undertone while enriching the suspense by incorporating elements of Guatemala's history. For fans of *Behind Her Eyes*."

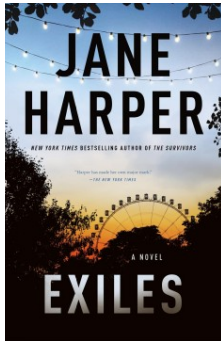
—Blinn Sheffield, Greenwood-Leflore Public Library, Greenwood, MS
Novelist read-alike: *The Sundown Motel* by Simone St. James



HALL OF FAME AUTHORS

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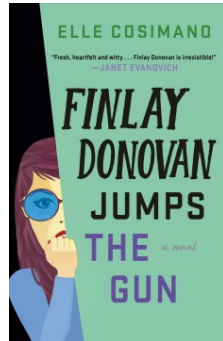


Exiles: A Novel
by Jane Harper
(Flatiron)

"Two unrelated crimes—one a disappearance, the other a hit and run—collide when Aaron Falk takes a vacation to serve as godfather at a christening. It is up to Falk to ferret out ugly truths hiding in plain sight. For those who enjoy a slow burn with a satisfying conclusion. Readers of the Cork O'Connor series by William Kent Krueger will appreciate this author."

—Lori Hench, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD

Novelist read-alike: *The Searcher*
by Tana French

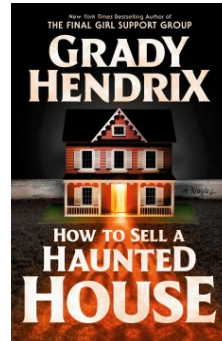


Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun
by Elle Cosimano
(Minotaur)

"Hip deep in trouble that just keeps getting deeper, Finlay and her nanny attend a citizen's police academy while trying to find out the true identity of EasyClean, the assassin who tried to kill her ex. New characters abound in this ongoing series, as does the non-stop zaniness."

—Cynthia Hunt, Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo, TX

Novelist read-alike: Sunshine Vicram series by Darynda Jones

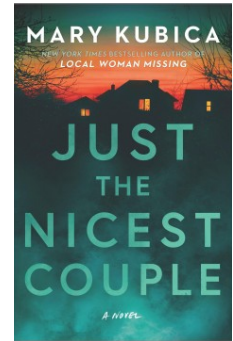


How to Sell a Haunted House
by Grady Hendrix
(Berkley)

"When the reading of a will reveals that Louise's family estate was left to her brother, known for sinking cash into get-rich-quick schemes, Louise protests, leading to a torrent of otherworldly happenings. Hendrix ramps up the tension until you feel like your nerves are guitar strings ready to snap."

—Stephanie McKenna, Horsham Township Library, Horsham, PA

Novelist read-alike: *The Shadow Glass* by Joshua Winning

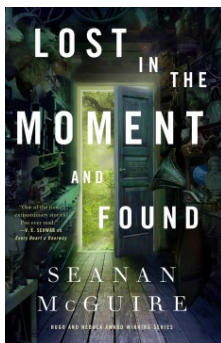


Just the Nicest Couple
by Mary Kubica
(Park Row)

"Nina and Lily work together as teachers who socialize outside of work with their husbands, Jake and Christian. However, both marriages are less than perfect, and when Jake goes missing, his disappearance changes things for all of them. This is a fast and intriguing read, great for the beach or a lazy day in bed."

—Rachelle Kuzyk, Chandler Public Library, Chandler, AZ

Novelist read-alike: *Lie to Me* by J.T. Ellison



Lost in the Moment and Found
by Seanan McGuire
(Tordotcom)

"This newest novella in the Wayward Children series packs a huge emotional punch. After Antsy's father dies, she becomes the target of a groomer. She runs away through a magical door to another world where lost things appear and magpies talk. Readers will root for this character who has lost so much yet still cares deeply for others. Hand this to fans of Roshani Choksi or Alix E. Harrow."

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH

Novelist read-alike: *Greenhollow Duology* by Emily Tesh



The Mitford Affair
by Marie Benedict
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"The Mitford sisters are the toast of 1930s British high society, but scandal erupts when Diana has an extramarital affair with the leader of the British fascists, and Unity insinuates herself into Hitler's inner circle. Eldest sister Nancy, a novelist, is torn between keeping peace in the family and speaking out about her sisters' political activities. For fans of Karen Harper and Gill Paul."

—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL

Novelist read-alike: *The Bookseller's Secret*
by Michelle Gable



The Villa: A Novel
by Rachel Hawkins
(St. Martin's Press)

"Mystery writer Emily reunites with her famous self-help guru friend Chess, who invites her to a beautiful Tuscan villa that was the scene of a brutal murder in the 1970s. The story flashes back to 1974 where Mari and her stepsister Laura try to create their own art while surrounded by a rockstar and his guests. It had a great twist ending and evoked a gothic feel with tension in both timelines."

—Kathie Jackson, Sunrise Mountain Library, Peoria, AZ

Novelist read-alike: *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager