

TOP PICK!

**ONCE UPON A RIVER**  
A Novel  
by Diane Setterfield  
(Atria/Emily Bestler Books)

"A wonderfully dark and mysterious read. Something happens one stormy winter solstice evening that triggers a chain of events that changes the lives of all the main characters. Moody and mystical. For readers who love gothic fiction like *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* and *The Clockmaker's Daughter*."

—Melanie Liechty, Logan Library, Logan, UT

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

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**AN ANONYMOUS GIRL**  
by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Struggling to stay afloat with a job as a makeup artist, Jessica signs up for a study, thinking she will earn some easy money. After the first two parts of the study, she gets invited to the professor's house for more questions and more

compensation. Fans of psychological thrillers won't want to miss this one as Jessica is a compelling character and the novel will keep you reading long into the night."

—Annice Sevett, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea, MN



**THE AU PAIR**  
by Emma Rous  
(Berkley)

"After giving birth to Seraphine and her twin brother Danny, their mother throws herself from a cliff. 25 years later, Seraphine finds a picture that makes her question everything she thought she knew about her childhood. For fans of compelling suspense

novels and family secrets."

—Selena Swink, Lake Public Library, Lake, MS



**THE CURRENT**  
A Novel  
by Tim Johnston  
(Algonquin Books)

"When two girls, trapped in a RAV4, fall into an icy river, one dies and the other barely survives. Unanswered questions and old accusations resurface as the small Minnesota town recalls another incident ten years earlier where a girl died in the same river. For

readers who love small town suspense."

—Shellie Taylor, Iredell County Public Library, Statesville, NC



**THE DREAMERS**  
A Novel  
by Karen Thompson Walker  
(Random House)

"A virus appears in the small town of Santa Lora causes its victims to fall into a deep sleep from which they cannot wake up. While this story is about a pandemic apocalypse, it also reminds us of our humanity and

how we are all connected. For fans of *The Country of Ice Cream Star* and *The Water Knife*."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH



**MY FAVORITE HALF-NIGHT STAND**  
by Christina Lauren  
(Gallery Books)

"Another delightful, contemporary rom-com from the author of *Josh and Hazel's Guide to Not Dating*. Millie and her four male friends decide to jump into the pool of online dating together. When Millie matches with one of the friends, chaos ensues. For fans of *The Kiss Quotient* and *The Wedding Date*."

—Kelsey Hudson, Middleton Public Library, Middleton, WI



**THE RED ADDRESS BOOK**  
by Sofia Lundberg  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"A ninety-six-year-old Swedish woman reflects on her life, paging through a long-kept address book. A compelling, charming and ultimately heartwarming read. For fans of *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* and *The Japanese Lover*."

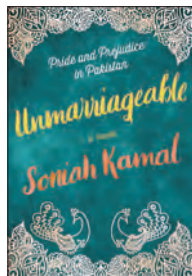
—Brenda O'Brien, Woodridge Public Library, Woodridge, IL



**THE SUSPECT**  
by Fiona Barton  
(Berkley)

"Reporter Kate Waters pursues the story of two 18-year-olds who have gone missing in Thailand. The case takes a turn when the main suspect is Kate's estranged son. For fans of twisty psychological suspense."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ

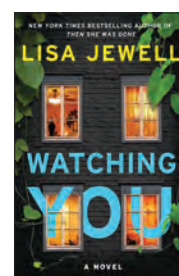


**UNMARRIAGEABLE**  
A Novel  
by Soniah Kamal  
(Ballantine Books)

"A thoroughly enjoyable retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* set in modern-day Pakistan. The characters, storyline, and dialogue are true to the original while being completely fresh. For readers who enjoy a comedy of

manners."

—Kristen Gramer, Lewes Public Library, Lewes, DE



**WATCHING YOU**  
A Novel  
by Lisa Jewell  
(Atria Books)

"Set in an upscale English neighborhood where everyone knows everyone and someone is always watching. When one of the residents is found murdered, the police investigation turns up long buried secrets. Told from

multiple viewpoints and alternating between past and present"

—Cyndi Larsen, Avon Free Public Library, Avon, CT

## Introducing the LibraryReads Hall of Fame

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## January 2019 HALL OF FAME Authors



### THE GOLDEN TRESSES OF THE DEAD:

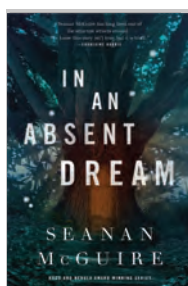
A Flavia de Luce Novel  
by Alan Bradley  
(Delacorte Press)

"Follow the delightful hijinks of the precocious Flavia and her faithful Dogger as they take on their first case as private investigators. Although this is the 10th Flavia de Luce adventure, it is one of those rare mysteries you don't have to read in series order."

—Abby Hardison, Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, NC

#### Readalikes:

Home Sweet Homicide by Craig Rice  
Rabbit Cake by Annie Hartnett  
The Case of the Missing Servant by Tarquin Hall  
The Case of the Missing Bookmobile by Ian Sansom



### IN AN ABSENT DREAM

by Seanan McGuire  
(Tor.com)

"Young Katherine stumbles into the Goblin Market, where order, friendship, and belonging carry a high price. The latest novella in the Wayward Children series shines just as bright as its kin, as McGuire spins a tale

infused with mist-covered magic and sharp and creative storytelling."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY

#### Readalikes:

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman  
The Icarus Girl by Helen Oyeyemi  
Among Others by Jo Walton  
The Book of Lost Things by John Connelly



### THE WINTER OF THE WITCH

A Novel  
By Katherine Arden  
(Del Rey)

"In this magnificent conclusion to the Winternight historical fantasy trilogy, Vasya risks everything to ensure that both medieval Russias--human and fey--can continue to live together. Exciting,

moving, and beautifully written, this is a story readers will savor."  
—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

#### Readalikes:

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik  
The Winged Histories by Sofia Samatar  
Deathless by Catherynne M. Valente  
The City of Brass by S.A. Chakrabarty



### THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM

A Novel  
by Marie Benedict  
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"A fascinating look at a famous movie star with an unexpected past: Hedy Lamarr, the Austria-born screen siren who was also a brilliant inventor. Brisk

pacing and atmospheric scenes of pre-World War II Europe round out this intriguing work of historical fiction."

—Alissa Williams, Morton Public Library, Morton, IL

#### Readalikes:

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain  
The Secret Life of Violet Grant by Beatriz Williams  
Marlene by C.W. Gortner  
The Race for Paris by Meg Waite Clayton