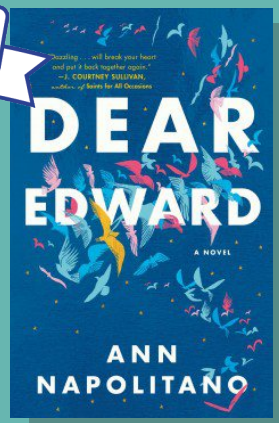




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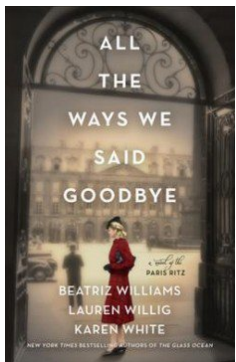
Dear Edward  
A Novel  
by Ann Napolitano  
(The Dial Press)



"A dear, dear wonderful 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* (Bill Clegg), *The Grief of Others* (Leah Hager Cohen), and *The Friend* (Sigrid Nunez)."

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

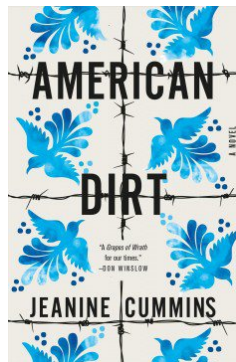
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**All the Ways We Said Goodbye:**  
A Novel of the Ritz Paris  
by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, and Karen White  
(William Morrow)

"Three time periods, three women, three authors combine for an absorbing read. Aurelie is ready to fight the Germans during WWI. Daisy, a woman with a collaborator husband, is embroiled in the fight against the Nazis. Babs, an Englishwoman in the 1960s, is anxious to find the truth about her dead husband. For readers who liked *The Alice Network* and *Sarah's Key*."

—Ellen Firer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY  
Novelist read-alike: *The Light Over London* by Julia Kelley



**American Dirt**  
A Novel  
by Jeanine Cummins  
(Flatiron Books)

"A literary thriller chronicling the migration of a mother and her young son. Under threat, Lydia and Luca leave their middle-class life in Acapulco and begin a traumatic journey to the border, evading cartels, thieves, corrupt police, and others forced into malevolent behavior by extreme violence and poverty. For readers who enjoyed *The Other Americans* (Laila Lalami) and *And the Mountains Echoed* (Khaled Hosseini)."

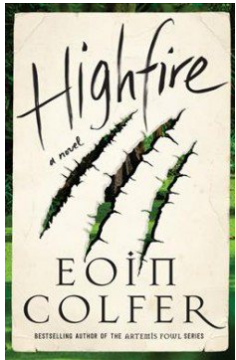
—Molly Riportella, Westwood Public Library, Westwood, MA  
Novelist read-alike: *Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli



**Followers**  
A Novel  
by Megan Angelo  
(Graydon House)

"A thrilling, satirical critique of societal values. The timeline alternates before and after "the Spill," a psychological terrorist attack using online data, and society is wildly changed. But one thing is still the same—family is complicated. For fans of *The Circle* (Dave Eggers) and *Super Sad True Love Story* (Gary Shteyngart)."

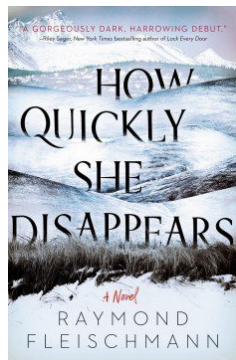
—Jessica Rodrigues, Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library, Chicago, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *Touch* by Courtney Maum



**Highfire**  
A Novel  
by Eoin Colfer  
(Harper Perennial)

"Vern, a dragon living in the Louisiana swamps, may be the last of his kind, so he tries to remain unnoticed. When teenage Squib stumbles on Vern's hideout, he ends up working for him and keeping his secret. A fantasy with suspense, humor, and danger and a heartfelt story about family and friendship. For readers who enjoyed *Anansi Boys* (Neil Gaiman) and *Bad Monkey* (Carl Hiaasen)."

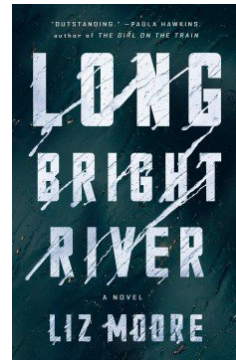
—Carolynn Waites, Manvel Library, Manvel, TX  
Novelist read-alike: *Cat Out of Hell* by Lynne Teasdale



**How Quickly She Disappears**  
by Raymond Fleischmann  
(Berkley)

"In 1941 Alaska, a woman whose twin disappeared 20 years earlier crosses paths with a sinister stranger threatening to reveal the truth of what happened. Does she dare risk what little she has left to save her sister? For readers of moody thrillers such as *Watch Me Disappear* by Janelle Brown and *The Dry* by Jane Harper."

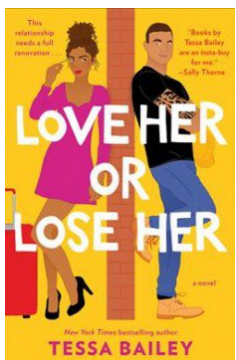
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington NJ  
Novelist read-alike: *Star of the North* by David John



**Long Bright River**  
A Novel  
by Liz Moore  
(Riverhead)

"A compelling literary police procedural set in an opioid-ravaged Philadelphia neighborhood and centered on the relationship between two sisters whose lives have taken opposite paths. Your heart will ache as you grow to love the complex, strong, and incredibly vulnerable characters. For readers of Tana French and Dennis Lehane."

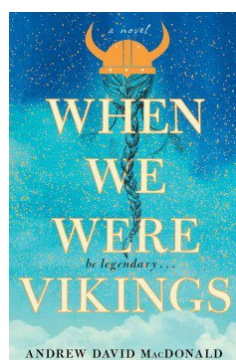
—Maggie Thomann, Northbrook Public Library, Northbrook, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *The Wolf Wants In* by Laura McHugh



**Love Her or Lose Her**  
A Novel  
by Tessa Bailey  
(Avon)

"This story of a married couple losing—and then finding—their way together is beautiful, touching and hot, with just the right touch of comic relief. For readers of Sally Thorne and Christina Lauren."

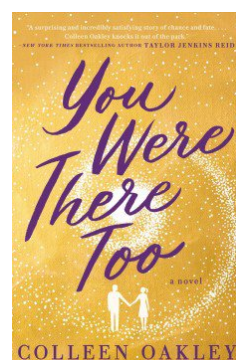
—Carole Tossman, Howard County Library System, Ellicott City, MD  
Novelist read-alike: *The Bromance Book Club* by Lyssa Kay Adams



**When We Were Vikings**  
by Andrew David MacDonald  
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"A beautifully written novel about a young woman—and unabashed Viking enthusiast—born with fetal alcohol syndrome. Zelda feels not quite 'normal,' but as she discovers through her quests, who really is? Perfect for fans of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* and *The Silver Linings Playbook*."

—Kat Neal, Tulsa Library, Tulsa, OK  
Novelist read-alike: *The One-in-a-Million Boy* by Monica Wood



**You Were There Too**  
by Colleen Oakley  
(Berkley)

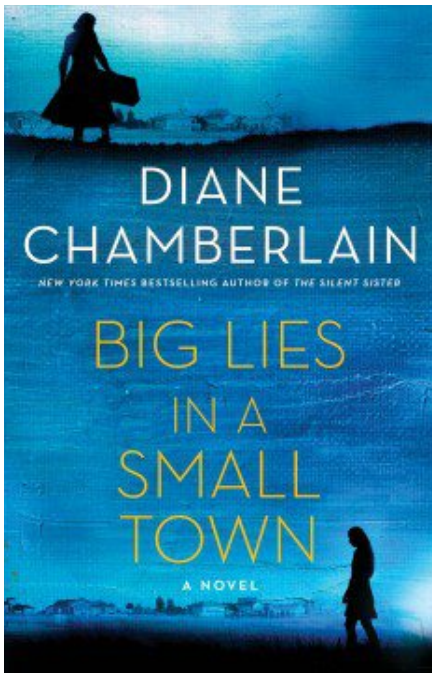
"Mia is happily married to Harrison, but keeps dreaming about another man. One day her path crosses with this mystery man, and the results are devastating. This is a realistic, engrossing love story suited for fans of Liane Moriarty and Jodi Picoult."

—Danielle Hansard, Public Library of Westland, Westland, MI  
Novelist read-alike: *One True Loves* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



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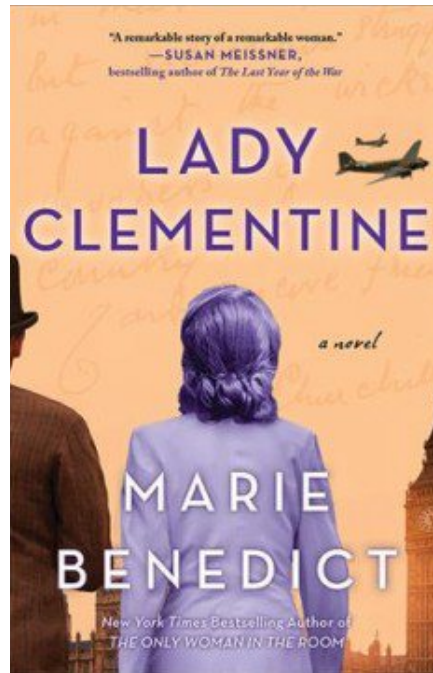


*Big Lies in a Small Town*  
by Diane Chamberlain  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Told in alternating viewpoints, this suspense tale centers on a secret involving two artists working on a mural 78 years apart. Excellent and engaging, with a twist!

—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Public Library, Lake Mills, WI

Read-alike: *Somebody Knows* by Lisa Scottoline  
Read-alike: *The Masterpiece* by Fiona Davis  
Read-alike: *Dreams of Falling* by Karen White

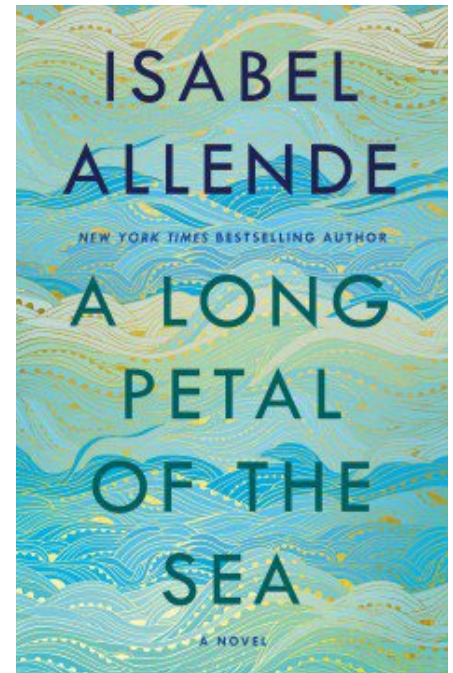


*Lady Clementine*  
*A Novel*  
by Marie Benedict  
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Clementine Hozier never expected to be the wife of a man like Winston Churchill. In her latest fictional account of an overlooked historical figure, Benedict spotlights how Clementine helped her husband maneuver through good times and bad, finding her own voice along the way."

—Chris Markley, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN

Read-alike: *The Kennedy Debutante* by Kerri Maher  
Read-alike: *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan  
Read-alike: *Mistress of the Ritz* by Melanie Benjamin



*A Long Petal of the Sea*  
*A Novel*  
by Isabel Allende  
(Ballantine Books)

"A sweeping epic grounded in fact. In 1939, a Spanish family escapes the brutal rise of Franco and is brought by poet Pablo Neruda to Chile, only to see that country fall to its own dictatorial regime. Allende shows how, in an often cruel world, refugees can find homes in the hearts of one another. A profound and satisfying novel."

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA

Read-alike: *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan  
Read-alike: *Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak  
Read-alike: *Love and Ruin* by Paula McLean

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