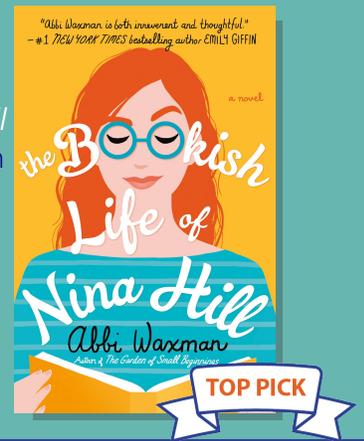


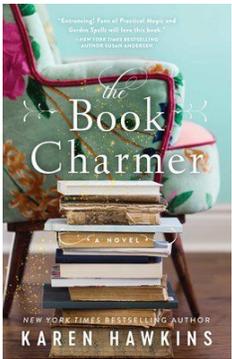


The Bookish Life of Nina Hill
by Abbi Waxman
(Berkley)

"Nina likes her bookish life just fine. She works in a bookstore and is on a highly competitive literary trivia team. Suddenly, a father she never knew dies and leaves her with a pack of brothers and sisters and Nina may be forced out of her comfortable reading chair. For readers who enjoyed *Waiting for Tom Hanks* by Kerry Winfrey and *The Bookshop* by Penelope Fitzgerald."
—Eileen Curley, Hagaman Public Library, East Haven, CT

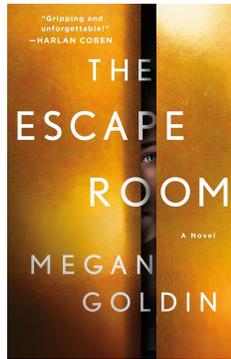


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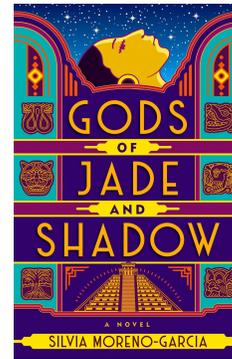
The Book Charmer
by Karen Hawkins
(Gallery Books)
"Sarah is the librarian in a small Southern town called Dove Pond. Her magic is matching the right book to the right reader at the right time in their life. Grace is a city girl, new in town and in need of a little magic herself. For readers who enjoyed *The Library of Lost and Found* and *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*."

—Tracy Babiasz, Chapel Hill Public Library, Chapel Hill, NC



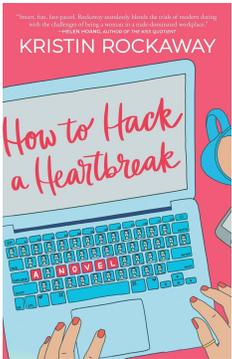
The Escape Room
by Megan Goldin
(St. Martin's Press)
"Highly successful colleagues Sam, Vincent, Sylvie, and Jules are no strangers to the competitive world of high finance but after they become trapped in an elevator escape room they find themselves having to work together. For readers of Tana French, Karin Slaughter, and Harlan Coben."

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, CT



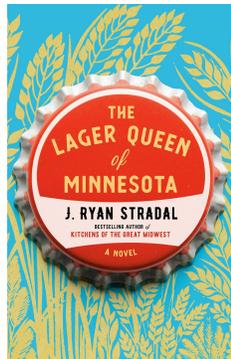
Gods of Jade and Shadow
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
(Del Rey)
"In 1920s Mexico, a young woman unwittingly awakens a Mayan god and is pulled into his quest for vengeance. The odyssey that follows takes her through the jungles to Mexico City and the underworld as she realizes her inner strength and passion. For readers who enjoyed *Uprooted* and *Circe*."

—Emily Plagens, Allen Public Library, Allen, TX



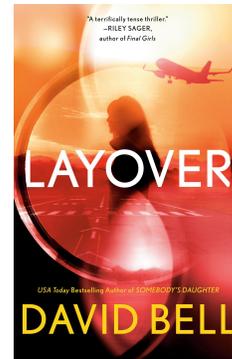
How to Hack a Heartbreak
by Kristin Rockaway
(Graydon House)
"It's no secret that women in the tech world are undervalued and have to work twice as hard for their success. This persistent problem in the tech industry is tackled here in a pithy and engaging way without diminishing its importance. For readers who liked *The Assistants* by Camille Perri."

—Josie Myers, Greenwood Public Library, Greenwood, IN



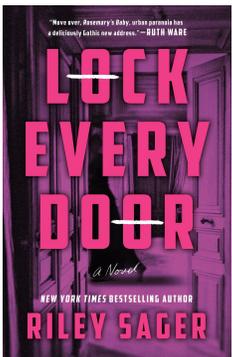
The Lager Queen of Minnesota
A Novel
by J. Ryan Stradal
(Pamela Dorman Books)
"A heartwarming and witty novel with a distinctly Minnesotan feel, the author follows two sisters and their grandmother who become involved in the brewing industry. For readers who loved *Where'd You Go Bernadette*."

—Katelyn Boyer, Fergus Falls Public Library, Fergus Falls, MN



Layover
by David Bell
(Berkley)
"Joshua's life has become a predictable pattern of departures and arrivals, a lot of his time spent in airports until he meets Morgan on a layover and there is an instant connection. The next time he sees her is on the news as a missing person. For readers who liked *Faithful Place* by Tana French and *Emma in the Night* by Wendy Walker."

—Michelle Magnotta, Mamaroneck Public Library, Mamaroneck, NY



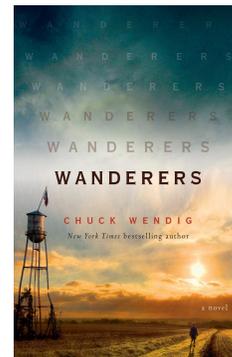
Lock Every Door
A Novel
by Riley Sager
(Dutton)
"A young woman gets a job house sitting in one of New York's oldest and most glamorous apartments. A slow-burn full of twists and turns and a shocking conclusion. For readers who enjoyed *The Wife Between Us* and *The Woman in the Window*."

—Megan Alabaugh, Rocky River Public Library, Rocky River, OH



The Nickel Boys
A Novel
by Colson Whitehead
(Doubleday)
"An incredibly powerful story about an abusive boys' reform school in the 1960s. Whitehead skillfully brings each character to life even as they suffer physical and emotional horrors. For fans of *Panopticon* by Jenni Fagan."

—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL



Wanderers
A Novel
by Chuck Wendig
(Del Rey)
"A pandemic is sweeping the nation that causes affected people to sleepwalk. They cannot be awoken and family and friends must accompany them on their journey while the CDC tries to find the cause and cure. For fans of *Cryptonomicon* and *The Windup Girl*."

—Kyle Sederstrom, Overbrook Public Library, Overbrook, KS

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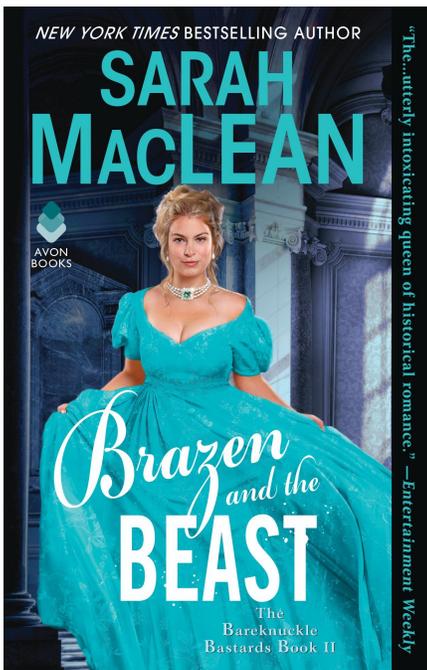
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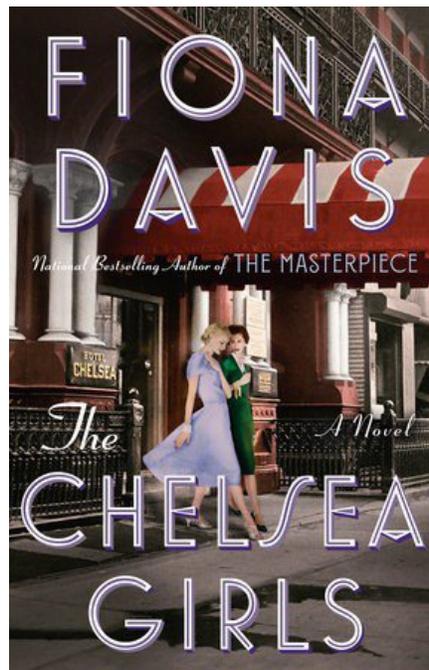
Brazen and the Beast

The Bareknuckle Bastards Book II
by Sarah MacLean
(Avon)

"Sparks fly when the brash daughter of an earl and the bastard son of a duke are thrown together in Regency London. Strong character development and sizzling love scenes combine for a swoon-worthy read."

—Rosemary Kiladitis, Queens Library, Queensboro Hill, NY

Read-alike: *Scandal in Spring* by Lisa Kleypas
Read-alike: *The Mistress* by Susan Wiggs
Read-alike: *The Perks of Loving a Scoundrel* by Jennifer McQuiston



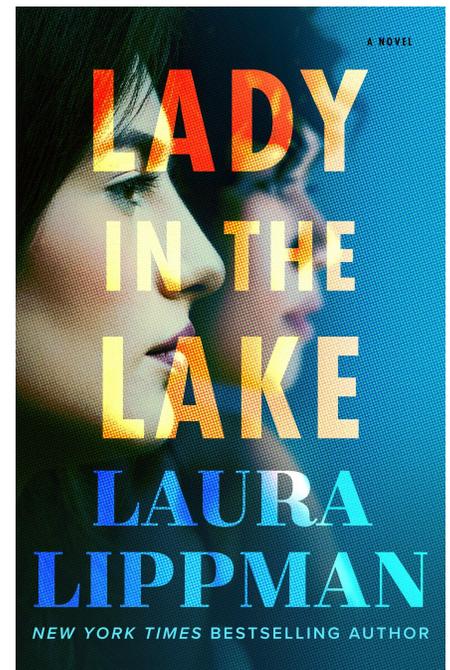
The Chelsea Girls

A Novel
by Fiona Davis
(Dutton)

"Amid the paranoia of the Red Scare, two women forge an indelible friendship. Davis' latest historical fiction gem highlights an important chapter of American history against the vivid backdrop of 1950s New York."

—Debbie Lease, Hillsdale Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ

Read-alike: *White Collar Girl* by Renee Rosen
Read-alike: *When We Left Cuba* by Chanel Cleeton
Read-alike: *The Subway Girls* by Susie Orman Schnall



Lady in the Lake

A Novel
by Laura Lippman
(William Morrow)

"Maddie Schwartz leaves her marriage in 1960s Baltimore and finds her true calling as a reporter after discovering the body of a murdered girl. Desperate for a byline, Maddie triggers a domino effect of tragic consequences when she becomes part of the story instead."

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT

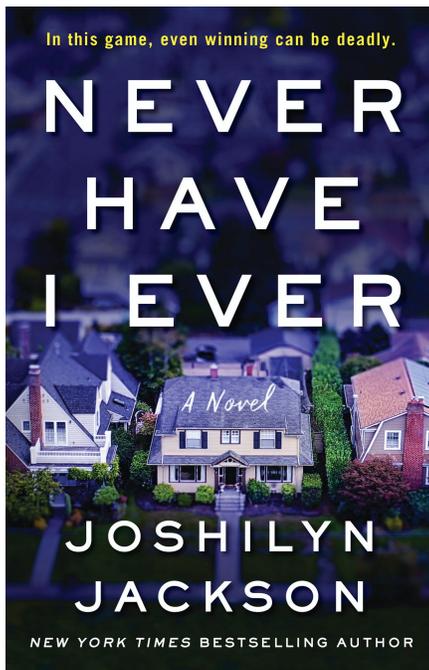
Read-alike: *Field of Blood* by Denise Mina
Read-alike: *November Road* by Lou Berney
Read-alike: *Black Water Rising* by Attica Locke



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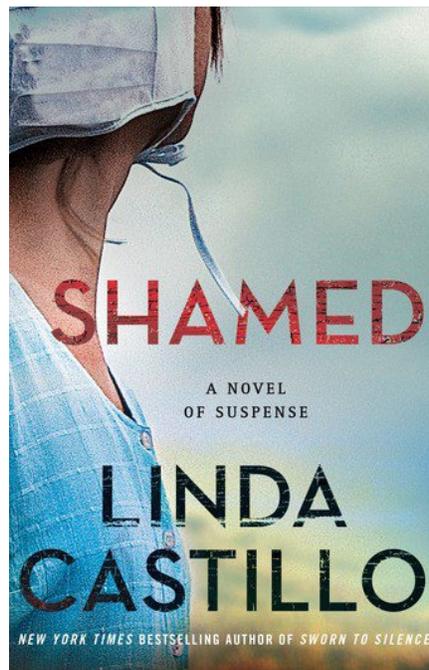


Never Have I Ever
A Novel
by Joshilyn Jackson
(William Morrow)

"Amy's seemingly perfect life is threatened when she's confronted by a stranger who knows her darkest secrets. This fast-paced thrill ride hooks you from the first page."

—Terri Smith, Cornelia Library, Mt. Airy, GA

Read-alike: *Not That I Could Tell* by Jessica Strawser
Read-alike: *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapena
Read-alike: *A Simple Favor* by Darcey Bell

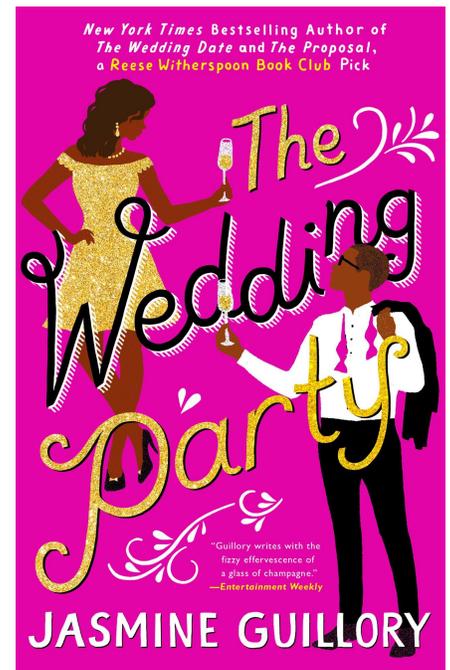


Shamed
A Kate Burkholder Novel
by Linda Castillo
(Minotaur Books)

"An Amish grandmother is murdered, a girl with special needs is abducted, and the clock ticks on police chief Burkholder's hopes of finding her alive. This thrilling page-turner explores the lengths one will go to save a child."

—Aubrey Parker, Charles B. Stewart-West Branch Library, Montgomery, TX

Read-alike: *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Fleming
Read-alike: *Blessed Be the Wicked* by D.A. Bartley
Read-alike: *Circle of Influence* by Annette Dashofy



The Wedding Party
by Jasmine Guillory
(Berkley Jove)

"Maddie and Theo love to hate each other until they find themselves together at the one place they least expected—in bed. This laugh-out-loud story is the perfect companion to Guillory's earlier romances."

—Afton Finley, Waseca Public Library, Waseca, MN

Read-alike: *Sofia Khan Is Not Obligated* by Ayisha Malik
Read-alike: *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne
Read-alike: *Intercepted* by Alexa Martin