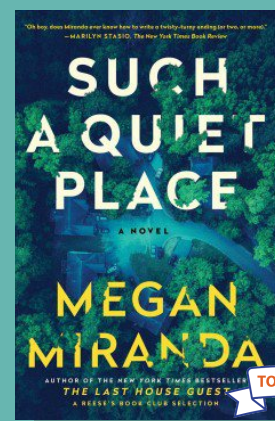




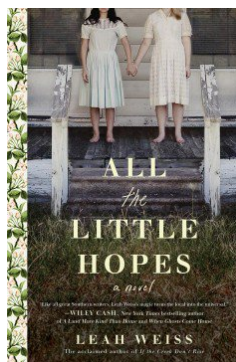
## Such a Quiet Place A Novel by Megan Miranda (Simon & Schuster)

"The tight-knit neighborhood of Hollow's Edge is supposed to be a safe, private place where the neighbors all know each other. But secrets lie behind every door. Miranda creates a vivid setting where the characters develop quickly, and the twisty plot will keep readers guessing until the end. For fans of psychological thrillers like *The Other Mrs.*, *Into the Water*, and *Every Secret Thing*."

—Leslie Hagel, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
NoveList read-alike: *A Good Marriage* by Kimberly McCreight



## July 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.

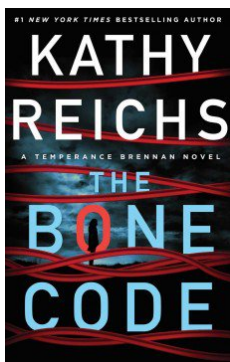


### *All the Little Hopes*

A Novel  
by Leah Weiss  
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"In WW II-era North Carolina, two best friends use their love of Nancy Drew mysteries to help find a missing man, while tending honeybees for the war effort and working on the family's tobacco farm alongside Nazi POWs. This coming of age story is heartfelt, mystical, and full of love and family. Reminiscent of *Summer of My German Soldier* and *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ  
NoveList read-alike: *The Cherry Harvest* by Lucy Sanna



### *The Bone Code*

A Temperance Brennan Novel  
by Kathy Reichs  
(Scribner)

"Set in 2021, with some references to Covid, this thrilling read has a very contemporary feel, combining current scientific and forensic terminology with a sinister plot. A waste container turns up with two bodies, similar to an old unsolved case of Brennan's. For fans of fast-paced, suspenseful mysteries like *Prime Suspect* and *Carved in Bone*."

—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI  
NoveList read-alike: *Nikki Heat* mysteries by Richard Castle

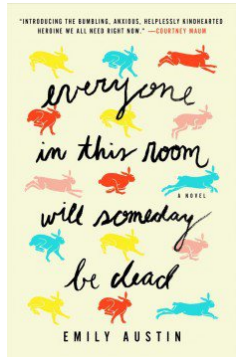


### *Devil in Disguise*

by Lisa Kleypas  
(Avon)

"In this addition to the Ravenels series, Merritt, a young London widow, shares an instant attraction with a Scottish whiskey distiller named Keir, and they begin a steamy and passionate romance. But someone wants him dead. And Sebastian, aka Lord St. Vincent, is also in the picture. For fans of the *Brides of Redemption* and the *Hellions of Havisham* series."

—Leah Cummings, Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale, IA  
NoveList read-alike: *Seduction Diaries* series by Jennifer McQuiston

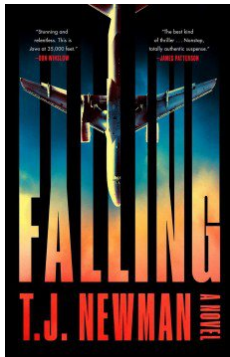


### *Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead*

A Novel  
by Emily Austin  
(Atria Books)

"In need of a short novel with a unique and lovable character, genuine LOL moments, and an ending that is richly deserved, hopeful, and joyful? Then this is for you. It's brilliantly written and also a brutally honest depiction of what it's like to have severe anxiety. For fans of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* and *Mostly Dead Things*."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA  
NoveList read-alike: *Goodbye, Vitamin* by Rachel Khong

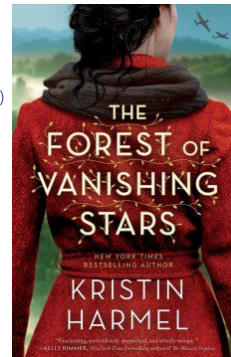


### *Falling*

A Novel  
by T. J. Newman  
(Avid Reader Press/Simon & Schuster)

"A pilot is given an impossible choice: crash the airplane that he is flying, killing everyone on board, or his family will be murdered. A tense, white-knuckle thriller with all the makings of a summer blockbuster. Perfect for fans of *The Chain*."

—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL  
NoveList read-alike: *Flight or Fright* eds. Stephen King and Bev Vincent

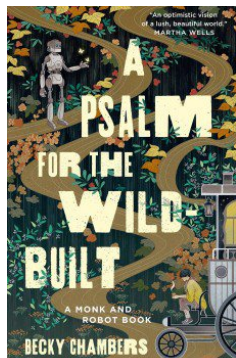


### *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*

A Novel  
by Kristin Harmel  
(Gallery Books)

"Stolen from her parents at two years old, Yona learns to survive in the forest. Years later, Yona teaches Jews fleeing the Holocaust to survive in the forest. A tale of personal responsibility, betrayals, loss, and love that stays with you long after you've read it. For readers who enjoyed *The Nightingale*, *Salt to the Sea*, and *The Baker's Secret*."

—Cynthia Hunt, Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo, TX  
NoveList read-alike: *The Last Train to London* by Meg Waite Clayton

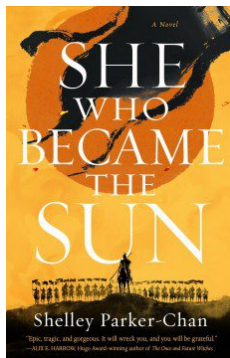


### *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*

by Becky Chambers  
(Tordotcom)

"The quiet life of a tea monk is interrupted when a robot arrives after centuries to honor a promise to check in. The robot cannot return to the wilderness until the question of 'what do people need?' is answered. This is a book I will be recommending to everyone! For readers who enjoyed *The Bear and The House in the Cerulean Sea*."

—Liz Aleshunas, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO  
NoveList read-alike: *The Sol Majestic* by Ferrett Steinmetz

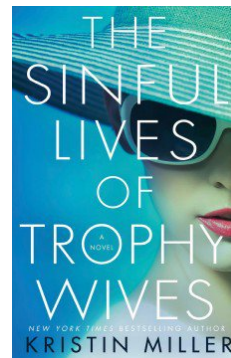


### *She Who Became the Sun*

by Shelley Parker-Chan  
(Tor Books)

"In her intense, wonderfully written, and completely absorbing debut, Parker-Chan gives 14th century China a stunner of a rewrite. When her father and brother die as a consequence of a brutal attack, Zhu leaves her impoverished village and takes on her brother's identity and his fate. For readers who enjoyed *Priory of the Orange Tree*, *Gideon the Ninth*, and *The Poppy War*."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington, NY  
NoveList read-alike: *Empire of Sand* by Tasha Suri



### *The Sinful Lives of Trophy Wives*

A Novel  
by Kristin Miller  
(Ballantine Books)

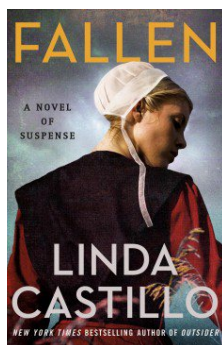
"When Brooke moves to the exclusive California neighborhood of Presidio Terrace, she befriends both Erin and Georgia. She finds out much more than she ever expected. Readers will be so wrapped up in the drama, privilege, and mystery, they might finish in one sitting. For readers who enjoyed *Big Little Lies* and *Never Have I Ever*."

—Danielle Aronowitz, South Plainfield Public Library, South Plainfield, NJ  
NoveList read-alike: *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins



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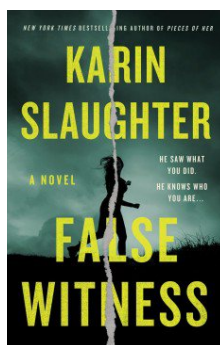
*Fallen*

A Novel of Suspense  
by Linda Castillo  
(Minotaur Books)

"Get ready to drop everything to read the newest Kate Burkholder thriller, as Kate returns to Amish country after the brutal murder of a woman she knew as a child. All of Castillo's trademarks are here—smarts, suspense, twists and turns—making this 13th series entry feel as fresh as the first."

—Heather VanFleet, Genesee District Library, Mt. Morris, MI

NovelList read-alike: *Kate Shugak series* by Dana Stabenow



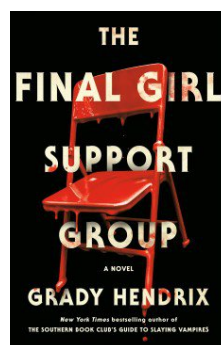
*False Witness*

A Novel  
by Karin Slaughter  
(William Morrow)

"Leigh is a successful Atlanta attorney while her estranged sister, Callie, is a drug addict. When Leigh defends a serial rapist, she and Callie are forced to confront their traumatic past and complicated future. This is a thrill ride with satisfying depth and two main characters worth rooting for."

—Donna Ballard, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY

NovelList read-alike: *The Eleventh Victim* by Nancy Grace



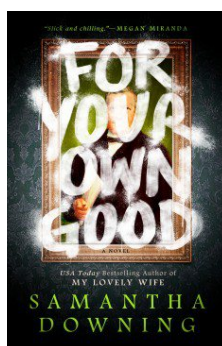
*The Final Girl Support Group*

by Grady Hendrix  
(Berkley)

"In the horror genre, the final girl is the last one standing at the end. Now imagine a group of them being targeted by a killer on the loose. Who will survive this time? Hendrix scatters plenty of twists and horror references throughout his latest novel."

—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OH

NovelList read-alike: *Final Girls* by Riley Sager



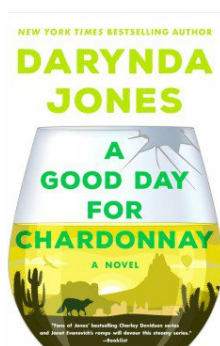
*For Your Own Good*

by Samantha Downing  
(Berkley)

"Belmont Academy is one of the most prestigious prep schools in the country. However, teacher Teddy Crutcher despises many of the elitist parents and entitled pupils, and he plans to do something about it. This nonstop roller coaster ride will have readers turning pages deep into the night."

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, CT

NovelList read-alike: *Gentlemen & Players* by Joanne Harris



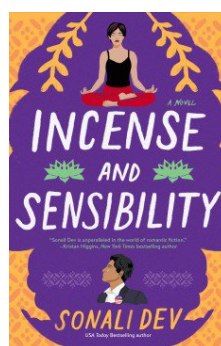
*A Good Day for Chardonay*

A Novel  
Darynda Jones  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Sheriff Sunshine Vicram returns with a new case involving old flame Levi, while also having her hands full with her independent daughter who can't seem to avoid dicey situations of her own. Another delightful entry in this series of zany mysteries set in New Mexico."

—Emily Chandler, Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis, IN

NovelList read-alike: *Detective Betty series* by Kathleen Kent



*Incense and Sensibility*

A Novel  
by Sonali Dev  
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Yash, a rigid political up-and-comer, must work with India, a stress coach and family friend, after being shot at at a rally. The two must overcome their shared past, secrets, and mental roadblocks to succeed in life and love. For fans of Jasmine Guillory and Helen Hoang."

—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS

NovelList read-alike: *Take a Hint, Dani Brown* by Talia Hibbert

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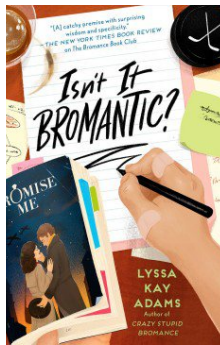
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*Isn't It Bromantic?*  
by Lyssa Kay Adams  
(Berkley Jove)

"It's refreshing to read a romance featuring men with healthy friendships who discuss mental health and how to combat toxic masculinity. This installment of the Bromance series focuses on hockey player Vlad and his wife Elena and also celebrates their Russian heritage."

—Jennifer Sullivan, Sno-Isle Libraries, Marysville, WA

Novelist read-alike: *Playbook series* by Alexa Martin

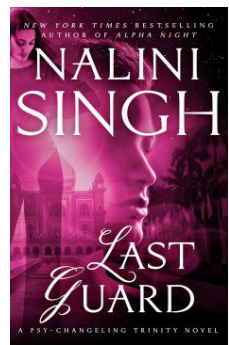


*It Happened One Summer*  
A Novel  
by Tessa Bailey  
(Avon)

"Piper lands in a remote Pacific Northwest town lacking the glamour of her superficial 'It-girl' lifestyle. But her determination to accomplish something real leads to a budding romance with a gruff fisherman. Don't be fooled by the spoiled heroine—Bailey's fans will fall in love with this book."

—Jessica C. Williams, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin, OH

Novelist read-alike: *Sweet Tea and Sympathy* by Molly Harper

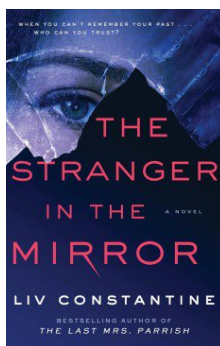


*Last Guard*  
by Nalini Singh  
(Berkley)

"As the Psy-Changeling series gets longer, Singh still focuses on great world-building and fresh characters. The latest installment introduces new protagonists and expands the setting to India. While the book may not be the best entry point for new readers, longtime fans will find lots to enjoy."

—Jessica Werner, The Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA

Novelist read-alike: *Burn for Me* by Ilona Andrews

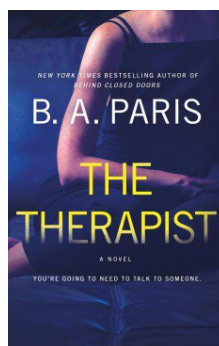


*The Stranger in the Mirror*  
A Novel  
by Liv Constantine  
(Harper)

"Addison is an amnesiac ready to move on with a new life when her past catches up to her. Readers of Constantine's other books as well as those who crave a fast paced thriller will be very satisfied with this twisted ride into buried memories and uncertain futures."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX

Novelist read-alike: *Have You Seen Me?* by Kate White

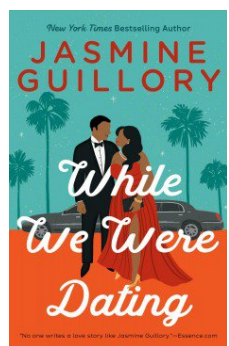


*The Therapist*  
A Novel  
by B. A. Paris  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Alice and Leo move to a posh London neighborhood and soon learn a woman was murdered in their home. Unnerved, Alice grows obsessed with the homicide. It drives a wedge between her and Leo, but will it lead to finding the killer? This is a well-constructed thriller with solid character development."

—Kelly Verheyden, San Diego Public Library, San Diego, CA

Novelist read-alike: *Her Every Fear* by Peter Swanson



*While We Were Dating*  
by Jasmine Guillory  
(Berkley)

"Ben and Anna begin as colleagues and end as lovers in this sweet and steamy romance. Anna is an up and coming actress trying to make a name for herself. When Ben swoops in to help her in a family emergency, they become close quickly. But will their Hollywood romance last?"

—Michelle Magnotta, Mamaroneck Library, Mamaroneck, NY

Novelist read-alike: *You Had Me at Hola* by Alexis Daria

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