



## What Moves the Dead by T. Kingfisher

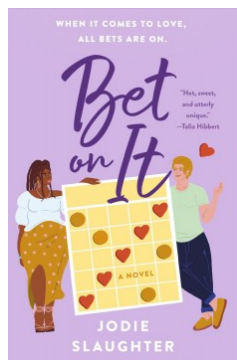
(Tor Nightfire)

"A retelling of *The Fall of the House of Usher*, Kingfisher's latest adds the creepiest of flesh to the bare-bones tale by Poe. Complete with a scary, isolated mansion and eerie behaviors of the residents, this version not only makes perfect sense within the original narrative, but adds a depth of understanding that suddenly makes all the pieces fall into place. For fans of *Mexican Gothic*, *The Haunting of Hill House*, and *The Night Stranger*."

—Sheri Stanley, Gulfport Library, Gulfport, FL  
NovelList read-alike: *The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters



July 2022 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



### *Bet On It* A Novel by Jodie Slaughter

(St. Martin's Griffin)  
"Aja meets a handsome stranger while having a panic attack. Walker's not looking for a relationship, especially in his hometown, the source of his PTSD and anxiety. But Aja is beautiful, understands him, and kisses like a dream. The bingo hall setting, the senior characters, the body-positive and steamy sex scenes—so much to love in this fun, interracial romance. For fans of Talia Hibbert and Gail Honeyman."

—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI  
NovelList read-alike: *Getting His Game Back* by Gia De Cadenet



### *Big Girl* A Novel by Mecca Jamilah Sullivan (Liveright)

"For eight-year-old Malaya who must attend weekly Weight Watchers meetings with her mother, enough of anything... especially food...is never enough. This beautifully written, heart-breaking, hopeful story follows Malaya as she navigates middle and high school, her family, and her burgeoning sexuality, told with compassion and honesty. For fans of *Queenie* and *Dominicana*."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ  
NovelList read-alike: *What the Fireflies Knew* by Kai Harris



### *Booked on a Feeling* A Novel by Jayci Lee

(St. Martin's Griffin)  
"After experiencing a panic attack during her first trial, lawyer Lizzie Chung decides to take a leave of absence and visit her childhood friend Jack. They team up to help a struggling bookstore. It brings them closer, but will their anxieties and insecurities doom their relationship? A sweet romance that deals with some serious topics. For fans of *Ten Rules for Faking It* and *Girl Gone Viral*."

—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Flint, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *A Lot Like Adios* by Alexis Daria



### *Grace Under Fire* by Julie Garwood (Berkley)

"Romantic suspense at its best. A beautiful woman who is a talented songwriter and a great listener is at her sister-in-law's awaiting a trip to Scotland. During a brief walk around the block, her whole world changes. Of course, a handsome man helps her save the day. Loads of fast-paced fun. For fans of Catherine Coulter and Karen Robards."

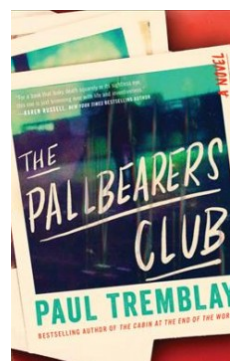
—Susan Willis, Chanute Public Library, Chanute, KS  
NovelList read-alike: Reluctant Heroes series by Suzanne Brockman



### *A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting* A Novel by Sophie Irwin

(Pamela Dorman Books)  
"In Regency London, recently orphaned Kitty Talbot is intent on finding a wealthy husband who will settle the family's debts and allow her sisters to remain in their home. Kitty is nuanced and layered, a well-developed heroine amid a cast of riveting characters. This enthralling novel is a must-read for *Bridgerton* and Jane Austen fans."

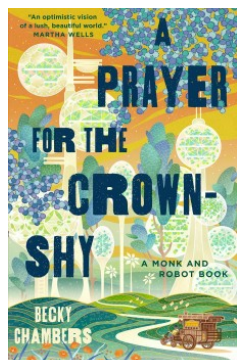
—Janet Schneider, Peninsula Public Library, Lawrence, NY  
NovelList read-alike: Regency Vows series by Martha Waters



### *The Pallbearers Club* A Novel by Paul Tremblay

(William Morrow)  
"Tremblay always knows how to tap into the deepest of emotions, and this dual-narration horror thriller is both unrelentingly creepy and filled with the bittersweet pathos of a formative, toxic, unforgettable friendship in which one participant may or may not be a vampire. For fans of Stephen Graham Jones and Samantha Schwebel."

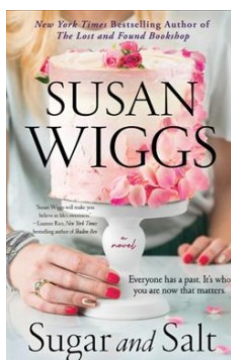
—Kate Currie, Hennepin County Library, Minneapolis, MN  
NovelList read-alike: *Jawbone* by Monica Ojeda



### *A Prayer for the Crown-Shy* A Monk and Robot Book by Becky Chambers

(Tordotcom)  
"The second volume of this series returns to a world which is both post-apocalyptic and hopepunk, focusing on the ways that both the Monk and Robot have to deal with other people now that they've re-entered society after their travels together. For those who enjoyed *The Murderbot Diaries* and the more hopeful aspects of *Station Eleven*."

—Monica Shin, Boston Public Library, Boston, MA  
NovelList read-alike: Rampart Trilogy by M.R. Carey



### *Sugar and Salt* A Novel by Susan Wiggs

(William Morrow)  
"Margot Salton, a Texas BBQ master, sets up a new restaurant in San Francisco, sharing a kitchen with Jerome's bakery. She has been running from a huge secret that eventually catches up to her. An intriguing story that addresses heavy topics of date rape and racism but is also full of hope and love. For fans of *Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake* and *Recipe for Persuasion*."

—Jaime Bink, Harford County Public Library, Whiteford, MD  
NovelList read-alike: *The Recipe Box* by Viola Shipman



### *Wash Day Diaries* by Jamila Rowser and Robyn Smith

(Chronicle Books)  
"At its core, this graphic novel is a story about four beautiful, strong black women and their friendship. Within the framework of hair wash day, we see each character dealing with her own issues, from work and relationships to mental health struggles. For readers of *Another Brooklyn* and *Queenie*."

—Aryn O'Connor, Cabarrus County Library, Concord, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *The Essential Dykes to Watch Out For* by Alison Bechdel

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*The Bodyguard*

A Novel

by Katherine Center  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Hannah, a bodyguard with an elite firm, is hired to protect Jack, a celebrity who has a crazy stalker. Predictably, their pretend relationship develops into a real one, but the twists and turns it takes are fun and interesting. A heartwarming story for fans of *The Unhoneymooners* and *The Hating Game*."

—Sandy Ruhmann, Allen Park Public Library, Allen Park, MI

NovelList read-alike: *All the Feels* by Olivia Dade



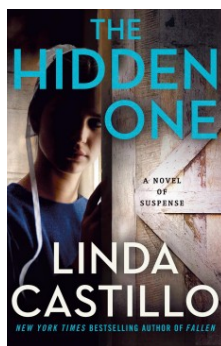
*The Daughter of Doctor Moreau*

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia  
(Del Rey)

"Carlota Moreau is the daughter of a scientist who runs morally ambiguous experiments on his jungle estate on the Yucatán peninsula. Though she lives in luxury, she has questions about her father's secrets. Her story is revealed through hallucinatory episodes from alternating perspectives. The surreal setting is infused with historical realism that conveys the opulence enjoyed by the Moreau family and their patrons. This genre blend of horror and adventure is in the spirit of the HG Wells classic that inspired it. For fans of *Chapelwaite*."

—Jeff Corber, Montgomery County Public Libraries, Rockville, MD

NovelList read-alike: *The Album of Dr. Moreau* by Daryl Gregory



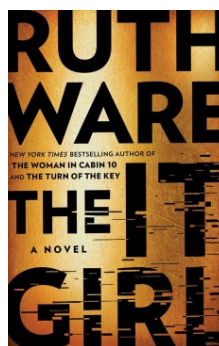
*The Hidden One*

A Novel of Suspense  
by Linda Castillo  
(Minotaur Books)

"When the skeletal remains of an Amish bishop missing for twenty years are found, Police Chief Kate Burkholder is asked by local elders of Belleville, Pennsylvania to consult on the case. Most troubling for Kate is that the prime suspect is her childhood friend and first love Jonas Bowan, charged with first-degree murder. Fourteenth in the series that just keeps getting better!"

—Evelyn Janoch, Rocky River Public Library, Rocky River, OH

NovelList read-alike: *Bell Elkins mysteries* by Julia Keller



*The It Girl*

by Ruth Ware  
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"Four college friends must revisit the murder of their friend/roommate after the convicted murderer dies claiming his innocence. Hannah, the victim's roommate, searches to find what really happened. The multiple time periods keep a high level of suspense. There is an Agatha Christie feel with several suspects and a brilliant ending. Ware has given readers of psychological fiction a real treat!"

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

NovelList read-alike: *The Girls are All So Nice Here*  
by Laurie Elizabeth Flynn



*Just Like Home*

by Sarah Gailey  
(Tor Books)

"After years of being away, Vera returns to the home her father built to take care of her dying mother. Except her father was a serial killer, and the house has its own secrets. This book is a horror genre blend of serial killer/true crime meets haunted house. What makes the novel work is how it centers on family dynamics and the relationship we have with our parents changes when we get older."

—Cal Rydzinski, Acorn Public Library, Oak Forest, IL

NovelList read-alike: *Beneath Cruel Waters* by Jon Bassoff

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*The Last to Vanish*  
A Novel  
by Megan Miranda  
(Scribner / Marysue Rucci Books)

"Visitors keep vanishing from Cutter's Pass in the North Carolina mountains. Abby thinks it's a coincidence, but when the brother of the last person to disappear checks in at the inn where she has been working for 10 years, she starts to wonder if there's more to it. A good page-turner with slightly creepy vibes."

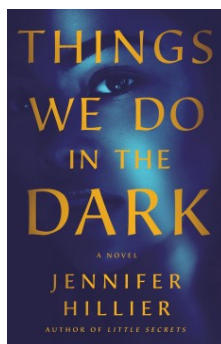
—Heidi Sandiford, Hillsdale Free Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ  
NovelList read-alike: *The Sun Down Motel* by Simone St. James



*Storm Echo*  
by Nalini Singh  
(Berkley)

"Scarred in the womb by his mother's Jax usage, Merchant family security specialist Ivan has an abnormal brain and knows he might need to be caged in the future. When he meets Soleil, a healer shifter, he finds hope for a better future. As these two characters learn what it means to be mated, the PsyNet is assaulted, and only Ivan can access the cutoff area. Amazing addition to this series!"

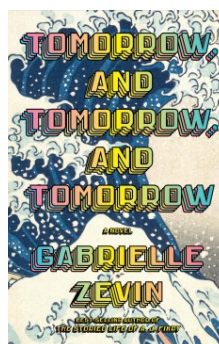
—Susana Goldman, Alamance County Public Libraries, Burlington, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *BeWere My Heart* series by MaryJanice Davidson



*Things We Do In The Dark*  
A Novel  
by Jennifer Hillier  
(Minotaur Books)

"Famous comedian Jimmy Peralta is found dead, and his wife Paris, covered in blood at the crime scene, is arrested. In the second part, Drew Malcolm, a reporter with a popular podcast, is chasing the story of Ruby Reyes, the infamous Ice Queen, who stomped her lover to death with an ice skate. As these two people become connected, the reader is drawn into a web of lies and compelling characters. For fans of *These Toxic Things* and *Blood Will Tell*."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH  
NovelList read-alike: *Conviction* by Denise Mina



*Tomorrow, And Tomorrow, And Tomorrow*  
A Novel  
by Gabrielle Zevin  
(Knopf)

"Sam and Sadie were childhood friends, but now reunited as adults, they decide to form a company designing video games. A sprawling look at friends who love each other but not as lovers and lovers who try to be friends and fail, the human need for connection, and searching for perfection. A must for fans of *Ready Player One* who want a deeper connection to the emotional lives of the characters."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *The Animators* by Kayla Rae Whitaker



*Upgrade*  
A Novel  
by Blake Crouch  
(Ballantine Books)

"In Crouch's newest sci-fi thriller Logan Ramsay works for the Gene Protection Agency and is exposed to an unknown compound. After he's released from the hospital, Logan's mind is working faster than ever before, his memory continues to improve, and he's faster and stronger too. But who could have caused these genetic upgrades in Logan and why? For fans of *The Paradox Hotel*, *Six Wakes*, and *Altered Carbon*."

—Dan Brooks, Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *Noor* by Nnedi Okorafor

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